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### DATES TO REMEMBER

- MARCH 31, 2014** **NW DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS QUARTERLY MEETING**, BUCYRUS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, CRAWFORD COUNTY (BUCYRUS)
- APRIL 2014** **NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH**
- APRIL 1, 2014** **CCAO AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
- APRIL 3, 2014** **CCAO SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SOLID WASTE**, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
- APRIL 9, 2014** **FAMILY & MEDICAL LEAVE ACT – A SECOND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR**
- APRIL 9, 2014** **OHIO NATIONAL GUARD REGIONAL INTER-SERVICE FAMILY ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – REGION 6 (DELAWARE, FRANKLIN, KNOX, LICKING, MADISON & UNION COUNTIES)**, OHIO 4-H CENTER, COLUMBUS
- APRIL 11, 2014** **CEBCO ANNUAL MEETING**, DOUBLETREE COLUMBUS-WORTHINGTON, WORTHINGTON
- APRIL 25, 2014** **CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETING**, WOOD COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, WOOD COUNTY (BOWLING GREEN)
- MAY 9, 2014** **PROJECT DELIVERY MODELS & BIDDING FOR PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS IN OHIO**, THE CONFERENCE CENTER AT OCLC, FRANKLIN COUNTY (DUBLIN)
- MAY 15-16, 2014** **OHIO COURTHOUSES SYMPOSIUM**, DOWNTOWN COLUMBUS
- JULY 11-14, 2014** **NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION**, ORLEANS PARISH (NEW ORLEANS), LOUISIANA
- DECEMBER 6-8, 2014** **CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE**, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### SURVEY ON COUNTY PUBLIC DATA ONLINE

As you may recall, there is legislation being discussed about what county data should be made available

online, in what format and to what extent. In order to better understand how Ohio government can make better use of public data, what barriers may exist, and the cost implications, the General Assembly requested a study be conducted. OSU has been charged with conducting a survey to gather data for the study. The results of this survey are important to legislation now being considered in the Ohio legislature and capturing your county's perspective.

CCAO strongly encourages you to take the few minutes necessary to complete the survey to ensure that your county's valuable perspective is heard as part of the study. The survey deadline is April 16, 2014. Your responses are anonymous. OSU will only report totals. No individual responses will be published. The survey will take between 5-14 minutes to complete. Click on this survey link: [https://glennschool.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_0AgG2IC5gJSyNpP](https://glennschool.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_0AgG2IC5gJSyNpP)

If you have any questions about the survey, please email David Landsbergen, Survey Director, John Glenn School of Public Affairs at The Ohio State University, at [Landsbergen.1@osu.edu](mailto:Landsbergen.1@osu.edu). [Read more...](#)

### OHIO COUNTY COURTHOUSES SYMPOSIUM – REGISTRATION OPEN



OHIO COUNTY  
COURTHOUSES  
SYMPOSIUM

County co CCAO, the Ohio Historical Society, the Supreme Court of Ohio, Heritage Ohio, AIA Columbus, and others are working together to host a special **Ohio County Courthouses Symposium** on **May 15-16, 2014** in downtown Columbus. Join us as we celebrate the economic and symbolic value of our

historic courthouses and learn how to overcome the challenges of funding and maintaining Ohio's courthouses in the 21st century.

#### **Thursday, May 15, 2014 – 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

Thomas J. Moyer Ohio Judicial Center, 65 South Front Street, Columbus

***All registrants must bring a photo ID to the reception at the Ohio Judicial Center.***

County Courthouses Video Presentation and Keynote Address

#### **Friday, May 16, 2014 – 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

The Columbus Athenaeum, 32 North Fourth Street, Columbus

General Session - American Identity and Legacy: Courthouses

Breakout Sessions (3 sessions in each track)

Track 1 - Design Topics Associated with Courthouse Projects\*

Track 2 - Addressing Today's Technology Needs in Historic Courthouses\*

Track 3 - Administering a Successful Courthouse Project\*

Plenary Sessions

Funding the Courthouse Rehabilitation Panel Discussion\*

The Economic Development Value of the Courthouse\*

\* AIA credits pending

[Click here](#) for more registration, program, and hotel information.

### FAMILY & MEDICAL LEAVE ACT WEBINAR

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday webinar on the "Family and Medical Leave Act" on April 9, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. Marc Fishel, Esq. of Fishel Hass Kim Albrecht LLP will discuss the following topics relating to the FMLA: determining a serious health condition, rules concerning coordination of paid leave with FMLA, abuse of FMLA, eligibility requirements, rules for military related leave, and medical certification.

Participants in the webinar may pose questions to the presenters who will respond during and after the power point presentation. To register for this exceptional educational opportunity, please click on this link: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/662000454> If you experience difficulty in connecting to the link and you wish to register for the webinar, please email Amanda Jones, CCAO Program Assistant, at [ajones@ccao.org](mailto:ajones@ccao.org) and provide her with your email address. Space is limited for this webinar, so register early. If you have questions regarding registering for the webinar, please contact Amanda at the email address listed above. For additional information regarding the topic for this webinar, please contact Brad Cole, CCAO Managing Director of Research at [bcole@ccao.org](mailto:bcole@ccao.org) [Read more...](#)

## CEBCO 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL MEETING – ALL COUNTIES WELCOME



The County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO) invites all member and non-member counties to attend at the 2014 Annual Meeting, Luncheon and 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on Friday, April 11, 2014 at the Doubletree Columbus-Worthington Hotel, 175 Hutchinson Avenue, in Columbus.

CEBCO started on January 1, 2004 with commitments from six counties and grew to ten counties within the first year. Today, CEBCO serves 30 counties. To date, no county has left CEBCO...a true testament to the value member counties find in their CEBCO membership.

CEBCO encourages all county commissioners and appropriate administrative staff to attend and learn from these topical healthcare presentations to include:

- Managing Your Pharmacy Benefit Plan
- The Affordable Healthcare Act in 2014
- Case Studies in Managing Employee Wellness
- Integrating successful wellness programs into the workplace and cost management

All counties are invited to celebrate and attend the meeting and educational sessions! There is **no registration fee** for either CEBCO member or non-member counties to attend. RSVP your attendance by April 4 to Amanda Jones, CCAO Program Assistant, at (614) 220-7985, (888) 757-1904 or [ajones@ccao.org](mailto:ajones@ccao.org). [Read more...](#)

## STATE ISSUE 1: CCAO DISTRIBUTES CAMPAIGN INFORMATION TO COUNTIES

Last week, the CCAO Board of Directors voted unanimously to support State Issue 1 and join the bi-partisan Strong Ohio Communities campaign. On May 6, voters will decide whether to approve Issue 1, renewal of the State Capital Improvements Program, which has helped local communities all over Ohio complete 11,500 road, bridge, sewer, and other infrastructure projects in all 88 counties. First approved in 1987, the program has twice been renewed by voters overwhelmingly, in 1995 and 2005.



On Tuesday, CCAO sent Issue 1 Campaign Information to all counties. CCAO encourages that all counties become involved in the Strong Ohio Communities campaign in the following ways:

1. Adopt a [county resolution](#) in support of State Issue 1.\*
2. Fill out the Strong Ohio Communities [endorsement form as an individual](#).\*
3. Distribute copies of the endorsement form and sample resolution to other local elected officials within your county (a more generic resolution for others to use is available on the campaign website at <http://www.strong-ohio.com/action-center/>)

4. Work with your county campaign coordinator to help with public speaking. Yard signs are coming soon! The estimated arrival date to county coordinators is April 4, so please pitch in and help get the signs out in your community. Remember: Early voting starts April 1.

Updated information on State Issue 1 will be posted frequently on the CCAO website at [www.ccao.org](http://www.ccao.org). Click on the Strong Ohio Communities button on the front page.

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#### **COUNTY ACTIVITIES**

##### NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH



Since 1991, CCAO has encouraged counties to actively promote county government programs and services. National County Government Month (NCGM) is celebrated each April by the nation's counties to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of county government. This year's theme, established by the National Association of Counties (NACo), is “Ready and Resilient Counties: Prepare. Respond. Thrive.” Counties may focus on how they prepare and respond to natural disasters and emergencies or any situation that the counties may face, such as economic recovery or public health and safety challenges.

*Your county may establish another theme to celebrate NCGM.* The ultimate goal is to celebrate NCGM and host a variety of community outreach events and activities to include: leading county facility tours, recognizing county employees and volunteers, distributing information about county programs and services, sponsoring student essay or art contests, meeting with business and community leaders, and adopting resolutions. Send information about your NCGM activities to Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at [mjneiman@ccao.org](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org).

#### **STATE ACTIVITIES**

##### MEIGS COUNTY EMS RECEIVES BWC SAFETY GRANT

The Meigs County EMS recently received a Safety Grant from the Ohio BWC for the purchase of three Life-Stat Automatic Chest Compression devices – or “Thumpers” – which give CPR to patients. Use of the device will allow CPR to be given continuously from the site of the emergency to the hospital.

Safety Grants are awarded for equipment that will reduce workplace injuries and help reduce workers' comp claims. "CPR is a difficult process, which takes a lot out of the person administering it," said Capt. Eric Rock of Meigs EMS. Using this device will reduce the chance of injury to the EMT while improving survival rate for patients.

The BWC has increased funding and availability of Safety Grants through the Billion Back program. For approved safety equipment, the BWC will provide three dollars for each dollar of the employer's matching funds. Counties should contact their BWC service representative or [click here](#) for more information on the BWC website.

### PUCO LAUNCHES NEW ENERGY WEBSITE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) has launched the new [Energy Choice Ohio](#) website dedicated to consumer education regarding electric and natural gas choice in Ohio. The new website was developed specifically to educate consumers by providing information and offering comparisons regarding electric and natural gas supplier choices. More than four million customers in Ohio now purchase their electric and/or natural gas supply from a competitive retail supplier rather than from the utility.

When you check out the new website, look at the revamped, popular [Apples to Apples](#) comparison charts. The PUCO Apples to Apples charts provide residential and small commercial customers with a snapshot comparison of current electric and natural gas supplier offerings and contract terms. Apples to Apples will be updated daily and consumers will have the ability to filter and sort offers to better compare the cost.

### SOS ISSUES ADVISORY BULLETIN ON SB 200 CHANGES

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted has issued [Advisory Bulletin 2014-03](#) describing the changes in the local administration of elections resulting from the recent passage of [Am. Sub. SB 200](#) (effective 3/20/14). Those changes include maintaining a required number of direct recording electronic voting machines (DREs) for inventory purposes, expanding the use of records from the National Change of Address (NCOA) service for the state's general program of voter registration list maintenance, and receiving information on deceased electors.

CCAO and the Ohio Association of Elections Officials lobbied for the formula change to calculate the minimum number of DREs that a county must have in inventory, if the county uses DREs for its primary voting system. In determining the total number of registered voters in a county, the SOS must subtract the number of absentee ballots cast and counted in the last presidential election. That sum is then divided by 175. This statutory revision does not impact the number of DREs deployed on Election Day nor should the county reduce inventory if they have more than the minimum number of DREs.

### OHIO MEANS JOBS WEBSITE & HB 2 UNEMPLOYMENT CHANGES INFORMATION SESSIONS

The Ohio Department of Job & Family Services (OFJFS) Office of Workforce Development will be holding six information sessions in early April for local partners about the enhanced version of the OhioMeansJobs website. The session will also cover the new unemployment requirements of H.B. 2, such as registering on OhioMeansJobs and performing other tasks on the system.

OhioMeansJobs.com is the state's job and resume bank. This free site serves Ohio businesses and individuals and provides up-to-date information on all of Ohio's in-demand jobs. Some of the new enhanced features include an online guide, career planning and exploration, an online training center, information on Ohio's employment programs, and a virtual backpack to store resumes and other documents. This Fall, a special K-12 version of OhioMeansJobs will be available, which will offer comprehensive, career development tools and resources specifically for K-12 students and their teachers.



All sessions begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. Plan to attend one of the information sessions: April 1 – Toledo, April 2 – Parma, April 3 – Lisbon, April 8 – Cincinnati, April 9 – Cambridge, and April 10 - Columbus.

[Register here...](#)

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY PROGRAM GRANT & TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The Local Government Efficiency Program (LGEP), sponsored by the Development Services Agency (DSA), is offering grants, training, and support to local political subdivisions to learn and apply Lean strategies to innovate, provide better service and save money. Using Lean methods State agencies in Ohio have made thousands of improvements to better serve customers by cutting red tape, removing inefficiencies, improving customer service, and achieving measurable results. Lean methods provide an alternative path to navigating tough budget pressures and demands on public agencies.

Grant funding of up to \$100,000 is available to local governments for Lean improvement projects using Lean Six Sigma tools and methodologies. Grants can be applied for and will be reviewed on a quarterly basis.

LeanOhio Boot Camp training is an intensive exposure to the hands-on use of Lean methodologies and tools applied to public-sector processes. This one-week standardized, public-sector focused training was developed by LeanOhio. Scholarships are available through LGEP.

Support will be available through a public/private network that mentors, coaches and provides experience for public sector employees learning and using Lean tools and strategies.

For more information:

- [Establish a LGEP grant or scholarship account](#)
- [Scholarship and grant information](#)
- [LGEP program information](#)
- [Training information](#) and [schedule](#)

## WELCOME TO MEDICARE: 2014

The Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OHSHIIP) at the Ohio Department of Insurance provides free, unbiased, information and counseling to people covered by Medicare. OSHIIP and the Department of Insurance are hosting free “Welcome to Medicare” events throughout the state. Many people who join Medicare have questions and concerns about their new, different type of health insurance. In addition, important deadlines exist for certain new benefits. New and soon-to-be beneficiaries can meet with OHSHIP’s staff and learn about Medicare benefits, supplemental insurance policies, Medicare Advantage plans, and prescription drug coverage. “Welcome to Medicare” events will be held from April 3 to May 27 around Ohio. Seating is limited. [Click here](#) for a schedule of events. [Read more...](#)

## **FEDERAL ACTIVITIES**

### NACo INVITED TO GIVE INPUT ON THE ROAD AHEAD FOR TRANSPORTATION

NACo Executive Director Matt Chase was invited to offer input into the next surface transportation reauthorization bill to members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in Washington, D.C. Chase noted that counties invest more than \$106 billion in public works and public facilities, including transportation infrastructure. He noted that 43 states have limits on how much money counties can raise via taxes, and the two-thirds public approval needed to raise local taxes. “We really do need to rely on the federal-state-local partnership,” Chase said.

The nearly two-year-old MAP-21, which provides federal funding for roads, bridges and public transportation, expires September 30, just as the federal Highway Trust Fund coffers are expected to be almost empty. Without a way to replenish the Highway Trust Fund, states and counties won't be reimbursed for some work already completed, contractors may go unpaid, or both may occur. Chase said funding shortfalls would leave counties with two options for transportation projects: don't do them or borrow on your future to do something today. NACo hopes to secure a six-year reauthorization. [Read more...](#)

## U.S. CENSUS MARCH MADNESS...POPULATION BRACKETOLOGY?

When you are watching basketball the next two weekends, why don't you play "[Population Bracketology](#)" during the commercials? Test your knowledge of the relative populations of different geographic areas by participating in the U.S. Census Bureau's version of "March Madness." The Census Bureau's Population Bracketology is an interactive data visualization allowing you to fill out your own bracket based on comparisons of state and metro area population. The objective is to pick the larger population between two metro areas or states and see how close you can come to a perfect score of 63. At the end, visitors can mouse over the choices to see the actual population numbers or view the data table. The population statistics used in the matchups are from the 2012 population estimates. Other data visualizations can be viewed in the Census Bureau's [online gallery](#).

## **NACo ACTIVITIES**

### ANNUAL ARTS & CULTURE AWARD PROGRAM

The NACo Arts and Culture Commission is pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual County Arts and Culture Program. This award is designed to recognize county governments for their efforts in enriching American cultural and intellectual life, promoting life-long learning and protecting of national heritage by supporting local museums and other cultural institutions, supporting historic preservation, helping children succeed in school, work, and life through the arts education and supporting America's nonprofit arts organizations. [Application](#) deadline: April 18, 2014. For more [information](#) about the Arts & Culture Award Program, contact Dan Gillison, NACo Director of County Solutions and Innovation, at (202) 942-4278 or [dgillison@naco.org](mailto:dgillison@naco.org).

### ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS PROGRAM

The National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Awards Program is a non-competitive program that recognizes innovative county government programs in a variety of categories. Applications are based on their own merits according to the criteria outlined in the application. Outstanding programs from each category may be selected as the Best of Category. If the program has won an award in the past, that program is not eligible for another award unless the program has made substantial and significant changes since the previous award was received. Application deadline: April 14, 2014 at 11:59 p.m. For more information on the Achievement Awards program, please contact Yael Lazarus, NACo CSI Project Coordinator, at (202) 661-8819 or [ylazarus@naco.org](mailto:ylazarus@naco.org) [Click here](#) for application information.

## **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

### CREATING LASTING WEALTH: NEW TOOLS & APPROACHES TO ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Counties across the country are seeking innovative ways to build more self-reliant and robust economies that increase jobs for residents and strengthen emerging industries. An initiative of the Ford Foundation, the WealthWorks approach helps local communities identify business opportunities and engage a wide range of

partners to help turn those opportunities into on-the-ground realities that build and capture wealth. County leaders can apply WealthWorks tools and principles to provide a framework for market-based economic development that enhances quality of life and livelihoods. Join NACo on Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. for a webinar that introduces the principles of the WealthWorks initiative, with an emphasis on how county leaders can apply the approach to advance their own economic development goals and increase local livelihoods. [Register now...](#)

**PROJECT DELIVERY MODELS & BIDDING FOR PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS IN OHIO**

Join Bricker & Eckler LLP for a full-day, interactive workshop to learn about the project delivery models available to public owners and the competitive bidding process for public projects. This program blends a traditional morning session of instruction with an interactive afternoon session during which attendees work in groups to experience the delivery model selection and competitive bidding process through a mock project, immediate feedback from the speakers, and questions and answers form the entire class. CCAO is a seminar co-sponsor.

The seminar will be held on Friday, May 9, 2014 at The Conference Center at OCLC, 6600 Kilgour Place, in Dublin. Registration fee: \$199 (by April 25 or for CCAO members) or \$239 (regular registration). For more information, please contact Traci Graham at (614) 227-4941, (800) 750-1525 or [tgraham@brickler.com](mailto:tgraham@brickler.com) or [click here](#) for more information.

**CLASSIFIEDS**

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
<a href="#">Workforce Investment Board Administrator</a>	Clermont County April 3, 2014
<a href="#">Regional Planning Director</a>	Ottawa County April 7, 2014
<a href="#">Design Engineer</a>	Geauga County Open until filled
<a href="#">Senior Manager/Sanitary Engineer Dept.</a>	Greene County Open until filled
<a href="#">HR Director</a>	Portage County Open until filled
<a href="#">Child Support Enforcement Program Administrator</a>	Clark County Open until filled (first reading of resumes was March 17, 2014)