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SEPTEMBER 19, 2014	CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
DECEMBER 7-9, 2014	CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS

ASSOCIATION NEWS

CCAOSC NATURAL GAS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL

Lenny Eliason, Athens County Commissioner and CCAOSC Natural Gas Program President, has scheduled a conference call for the program executive committee on August 5, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. Please note this is an important meeting and a quorum is necessary for the approval of natural gas suppliers as per the RFP. Executive Committee members have received agenda information. Please RSVP your attendance to Amanda Jones, CCAO Program Assistant, at (614) 220-7985 or ajones@ccao.org by July 29.

ROADS, BRIDGES & OTHER SEXY THINGS: UPDATE OF THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION PROGRAMS WEBINAR



CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour “Roads, Bridges and Other Sexy Things: Update of Ohio Public Works Commission Programs” webinar on August 13, 2014 at 9:30

a.m. The Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) was created initially in 1987 to administer the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP), which was soon joined by the Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP). These programs, which run concurrently, are solicited, scored and selected by the 19 District Integrating Committees according to each district's schedule. In 2000, the OPWC became responsible for the administration of the Clean Ohio Conservation Green Space Program in which applications are solicited, scored, and selected by the 19 Natural Resource Assistance Councils (NRACs). Topics to be addressed at the webinar include:

- State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP),
- Renewal of the SCIP,
- Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP), and
- Clean Ohio Program.

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/296432286>. If you experience difficulty in connecting to the link above and you wish to register for the webinar, please email Amanda Jones, CCAO Program Assistant, at ajones@ccao.org and provide her with your name, title, and email address. **Webinar participation is limited to the first 100 to sign-on to the webinar that morning.** For additional information regarding the topic for this webinar, please contact Brad Cole, CCAO Managing Director of Research at bcole@ccao.org. [Read more...](#)

IN MEMORIUM:

RON LANE

Former Paulding County Commissioner Ron Lane passed away July 10, 2014. He was a self-employed coatings specialist in addition to serving as a Paulding County Commissioner. Ron was very active in the state association, serving on the CCAO Board of Directors as well as serving on the CORSA Board of Directors.



Ron Lane

CCAO extends sympathy to the Lane family. A memorial service will be held 11 AM Tuesday, July 29 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Visitation will be 2-8 PM Monday, July 28th at the Funeral Home as well as one hour prior to services on Tuesday.

STATE ACTIVITIES

POLL WORKER TRAINING DIRECTIVE ISSUED

All poll workers, regardless of experience, will be required to take a training course prior to working the fall election, Secretary of State Jon Husted announced. The secretary is issuing \$760,000 in grants to the 88 county boards to help cover the cost of the [directive](#). The money comes from state and federal funds. State law requires new poll workers to train on various aspects of the law prior to working an election. For experienced workers, they are usually mandated to redo the training a minimum of once every three years.

Mr. Husted's office said the funding would be split among counties based on the number of registered voters in each county. Aaron Ockerman, executive director of the Ohio Association of Election Officials, said he hasn't heard of any negative feedback on the directive and expects local officials to be cranking up training anyway given all of the recent law changes.

Feel free to contact CCAO Staffer Cheryl Subler at csubler@ccao.org or 614-220-7980 if you have questions on this matter.

SALUTE YOUR COUNTY FLAG

In celebration of the Ohio State Fair, which kicked off this week, the Ohio Statehouse has raised all 88 county flags outside the Senate Annex building. Each county is represented in the simple and effective celebration of Ohio unity.

For a closer view of each flag, go to [CCAO's web site](#) and click on the counties listed. The county flag along with contact information for the county commissioners or the county's executive and county council will appear.



OHIO VETERANS SERVICES MOBILE APP

The Ohio Department of Veterans Services has launched an upgraded mobile app to bring more job and education information to those who have served. Originally launched in November 2013, the app provides veterans a variety of information about state and federal benefits in the palm of their hands. The free app is available from the Windows, Google Play and iTunes store, by searching the key words "Ohio veteran." The department's website, www.ohiovet.gov contains a link to the stores. In addition, the app is also available as a mobile web site.

STATE MLK COMMISSION SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS

Nominations are being sought for awards honoring Ohioans who carry on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The following awards will be given at the 2015 Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration being held January 15, 2015: Governor's Humanitarian Award, Community Building Award, Cultural Awareness Award, Economic Opportunity Award, Educational Excellence Award, Health and Equity Award, Social Justice Award, and Youth: Capturing the Vision of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award. Nomination deadline: September 2, 2015. [Read more...](#)

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE PRETTY STEADY

Ohio's unemployment parameters fluctuated only slightly last month, resulting in an unchanged rate of 5.5%, the Department of Job and Family Services [reported](#). Over the last 12 months Ohio's rate has dropped 1.9 percentage points as the number of unemployed decreased by 114,000 and the job total rose by 50,200, the state reported.

The national unemployment rate for June was 6.1%, a drop of 0.2 percentage points over the month and 1.4 points lower than in June 2013.

What is your county's unemployment rate? The unemployment rate, not seasonally adjusted, for each county can be viewed at: <http://ohiolmi.com/laus/ColorRateMap.pdf>. Five counties have an unemployment rate higher than 8.0%; they include the following: Monroe (11.7%), Meigs (8.9%), Pike (8.7%), Morgan (8.6%), and Scioto (8.3%).

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

WORKFORCE REAUTHORIZATION SIGNED BY PRESIDENT

On July 22, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (H.R. 803, as amended) was signed by President Obama. Prior to winning his approval, the U.S. Senate overwhelmingly passed the measure on June 25th by a 95 to 3 vote.

The Senate also rejected by a 33 to 63 vote, Senator Jeff Flake's (R-Ariz.) amendment #3379 that would have given Governors the authority to sanction local workforce boards after one year of poor performance. In addition, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the measure by a 415 to 6 vote.

Thank you so much for your calls and letters of support of the bipartisan, bicameral legislation, H.R. 803, as amended and also for your calls in opposition to Senator Flake's amendment! The National Association of Counties (NACo) had been urging grassroots support for the legislation and opposition to the amendment. H.R. 803, as amended maintains local governance authority while adding needed flexibility for training opportunities to meet the needs of business and jobseekers.

The Department of Labor (DOL), in coordination with the U.S. Departments of Education (ED) and Health and Human Services (HHS), is working to ensure that states, counties, other grantees, and stakeholders are prepared for implementation of WIOA. The [WIOA Resource Page](#) will provide information and resources to assist with implementation of the Act, including a [frequently asked questions handout](#).

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: MARKETPLACE FAIRNESS ACT AND THE INTERNET TAX FREEDOM ACT

On July 15, Sens. Enzi (R-Wyo.), Durbin (D-Ill.), Alexander (R-Tenn), Heitkamp (D-N.D.), Collins (R-Me.) and Pryor (D-Ark.) introduced the Marketplace and Internet Tax Fairness Act (MITFA). The bill (S. 2609) includes the Marketplace Fairness Act (MFA), which allows state and local government to enforce existing sales taxes on remote sellers, as passed by the Senate in 2013 with minor technical corrections. For example, the original Senate-passed MFA would not allow state and local governments to collect existing sales taxes on remote sellers for six months after the states go through a sales tax simplification process. MITFA, on the other hand, would not allow a collection for one year after the date of enactment and from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31 in the first calendar year after enactment.

The bill also extends the Internet Tax Freedom Act (ITFA) temporarily for 10 years and preserves the status of grandfathered states. ITFA prohibits counties from collecting a tax on Internet access, typically a subscription service, until Nov. 1, 2014.

MITFA has already garnered bipartisan support, as 13 senators (10 democrats and three republicans) joined as cosponsors less than a week after its introduction.

NACo ACTIVITIES

A WORKFORCE THAT WORKS: COUNTY INNOVATIONS IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

There is mounting agreement among economists, policymakers and researchers that in order for local communities, counties and regions to stay competitive in a global economy, workers need to be educated, highly skilled and quickly adaptable to fast-paced economic trends. Such a workforce will help support current and future business and industry needs while enhancing employment opportunities and quality of life for residents. Counties across the



country are realizing that a quality workforce is one of the single most important factors for promoting county economic competitiveness. From investing in sector-based education and training programs that prepare workers to meet employer demands to prioritizing data-driven methods that improve knowledge of local demographic trends, county leaders and their partners are marrying economic development and workforce development efforts in innovative new ways. [Read more...](#)

JOIN THE COUNTY INNOVATION NETWORK

Earlier this year, the National Association of Counties (NACo) launched the County Innovation Network (COIN), a partnership between NACo and Solutionize. COIN will enable counties to share best practices and share expertise to solve problems. COIN is organized by key subject areas to you can sign up for the topics that are of interest to your county. Membership is open to all 3,069 counties. COIN community features:

- A **simple registration process** with rules that ensure and maintain the security of the membership and defines their information needs
- **Member-to-Member Connection** to search and communicate with local government members locally or nationally
- **Information Exchange** to share relevant documents and media files
- **Helping Hands** get local government's questions answered online by subject-matter experts
- **Groups** that organize subject-specific sub-communities to support NACo practice areas and special interest groups
- **Community Hot Topic Conversations** to foster open discussions among local government members about practice areas and special interest topics
- **Top of Mind** public discussions between counties and the corporate community
- **Supplier Zone** for suppliers to present relevant products, services and solutions in storefronts to engage with prospects in a standardized way
- Link to the **NACo Application Store** (a partnership between NACo and Oakland County, Mich.) to share knowledge about deployed IT solutions across counties.
- NACo's **County Intelligence Connection (CIC) 2.0** to obtain a wealth of county data to help make accurate, informed and publicly justifiable decisions.

[Click here](#) to register for COIN.

GRANTS

EARLY HEAD START EXPANSION GRANTS ANNOUNCED

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families announces the availability of \$500 million to expand services and establish Early Head Start partnerships with child care providers. County governments, current Early Head Start and Head Start grantees, public housing agencies, public institutions of higher learning and independent school districts are eligible applicants. Application deadline: August 20, 2014. [Click here](#) for the grant application.

OHIO EPA AWARDS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FUND MINI GRANTS



The Ohio Environmental Education Fund (OEEF) provides funding each year for environmental education projects targeting kindergarten through university students, the general public and the regulated community. Recently, eight mini

grant projects throughout the state were funded for \$34,513.

- Clark County - [City of Springfield and the Clark County Solid Waste District](#)
- Cuyahoga County - [Great Lakes Science Academy](#)
- Delaware County - [Stratford Ecological Center](#)
- Montgomery County - [Regional Air Pollution Control Agency](#)
- Ottawa County - [Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center](#)
- Seneca County - [Soil and Water Conservation District](#)
- Summit County - [Combined General Health District](#)

The [Ohio Environmental Education Fund](#) administers eight different grant programs. Please call (614) 644-2873 or email oeef@epa.ohio.gov to be added to the interested parties list for any of these grant programs.

GRANTS TO SPUR INNOVATION IN JOB TRAINING, AID GROWTH INDUSTRIES

Five regional economic and workforce development organizations have won two-year grants from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) and the Governor’s Office of Workforce Transformation (OWT) to help unemployed and underemployed Ohioans find work and build careers in growing industries.

“Aligning state education and training programs with the needs of business is one of our primary, ongoing goals,” said ODJFS Director Cynthia C. Dungy. “These regional training programs will combine classroom instruction, on-the-job training, internships and co-ops to bridge the gap between Ohioans looking for work and businesses looking to hire.”

Called the Industry Workforce Alliance Pilot Initiative, the program will be funded with \$729,000 in incentive funding from the U.S. Department of Labor and matching funds from the Governor’s Office of Health Transformation Innovation Fund. Ohio was one of only 15 states to receive the federal incentive dollars, which are awarded to states based on the performance of their adult education and job training programs.

Each of the following grant recipients will receive up to \$243,000 and will focus on a local growth industry:

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| Northeast: | Mahoning Valley Manufacturing Coalition Manufacturing |
| Northwest: | Allen County Economic Development Group Manufacturing |
| West: | Montgomery County Department of Community and Economic Development Logistics |
| Southwest: | Partners for a Competitive Workforce Logistics |
| Central: | Insurance Industry Resource Council Insurance |

The state plans to award a sixth and final grant in southeastern Ohio. More information on that opportunity is available at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/rfp>.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

CELEBRATING RECYCLING IN OHIO

Are you involved in recycling or solid waste in Ohio? Then you don’t want to miss the 2014 Association of Ohio Recyclers (AOR) and the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) Buckeye Chapter Conference. “Celebrating Recycling in Ohio” will be held October 20-21, 2014 at Maumee Bay Lodge and Conference Center, 1750 Park Road 2, in Oregon. The Organization Solid Waste Districts of Ohio (OSWDO), a CCAO affiliate organization, is a conference sponsor. The [conference agenda](#) outlines the conference session topics,

speakers, and keynote addresses. Find conference details, sponsorship opportunities, Maumee Bay information, and registration form go to www.OhioRecycles.org.

CLASSIFIEDS

CCAO publishes classified ads on our website and in CIDS. Classified ads will be published free of charge as a service to counties. Ads will be published on the website until the application deadline and for several weeks in CIDS. When submitting your ad to CCAO, please provide a link to the online job posting and a deadline date. Email your classified ad to Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at mjneiman@ccao.org.

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
Executive Director, Regional Planning Commission	Seneca County August 15, 2014
Transit Director	Geauga County Open until filled
Regional Planning Commissioner Director	Logan-Union-Champaign Regional Planning Open until filled
Transit Director	Geauga County Open until filled