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DECEMBER 7-9, 2014

CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS

ASSOCIATION NEWS

FULTON COUNTY TO HOST NW DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

Join Fulton County Commissioners Paul Barnaby, Perry Rupp, and William Rufenacht, County Engineer Frank Onweller and the 180th Fighter Wing Air National Guard for the NW District Commissioners and Engineers Quarterly Meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2014. Registration, lunch, 180th Fighter Wing Briefing, the quarterly meeting, and 180th Fighter Wing facilities tour will take place at the 180th Fighter Wing Air National Guard, 660 Eber Road in Swanton.

For more information, please contact Teri Suarez, Fulton County Commissioners Office at (419) 337-9255 or tsuarez@fultoncountyoh.com. [Read more....](#)

LEVERAGING NON-PROFIT ASSISTANCE & PUBLIC RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN SERVICES

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour “Leveraging Non-Profit Assistance and Public Resources for Children Services” webinar on September 10, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. Given Ohio’s heavy reliance on local funds for child welfare, CCAO is fortunate to have John Fisher, a leader in human service planning, share his ideas for maximizing opportunities for public and private resources in support of children services, including non-profit assistance for the benefit of children services. This webinar is an excellent opportunity for commissioners and leaders in the human services field to learn some of the best ideas for improving resources and programming for at-risk youth.

Topics to be addressed include:

- Expanding Adoptive Recruitment Activities—Wendy’s Wonderful Kids
- Community Support Teaming—Family & Children First Council
- Expanding Alcohol & Drug Case Management Services
- Utilizing TANF/PRC funds to serve families & maintain family units

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](#). 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...](#)

AFFILIATE NEWS

CCC/EAPA REGIONAL TRAINING – FRANKLIN COUNTY – SEPTEMBER 12

The County Commissioners Clerks and Engineers Administrative Professionals Association (CCC/EAPA) will hold the last of three regional training sessions on September 12, 2014, at the CCAO Offices, 209 East State

Street, in Columbus. Jenny Griffin, Office Manager, Pickaway County Engineer, is hosting the meeting. RSVP your attendance to Jenny at (740) 474-3360 or jgriffin@pickawayengineer.org. [Read more...](#)

All the county commissioners' and engineers' office support staff members are encouraged to attend. These regional meetings and the CCAO/CEAO Winter Conference are excellent opportunities for networking. The topics discussed at the regional meetings vary from the daily operations of the office to recent legislative updates. All meetings will be held on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. There is no charge to attend. Lunch is provided by CCAO/CEAO.

Information about the CCC/EAPA is available at <http://www.ccc-eapa.org> and there is also a Yahoo group that is a resource for questions and answers. You can sign up [here](#). For more information, please contact 2014 CCC/EAPA President Linda Reigle, Administrative Coordinator, Union County Engineer's Office, 233 West Sixth Street, Marysville, OH 43040, (937) 645-3018 or lreigle@co.union.oh.us.

STATE ACTIVITIES

REGISTER FOR LEAN OHIO BOOT CAMP

The Lean Six Sigma Black Belts public sector team has designed sessions to help make government simpler, faster and less costly. LeanOhio Boot Camp, tailored to public-sector workplaces and processes, is an intensive week-long training that gets people learning and using Lean methods and tools.

After LeanOhio Boot Camp participants complete their week of training, they will be equipped to scope an improvement project, make invisible processes visible so they can be dramatically simplified, be an effective improvement team member, identify the leading causes of waste, eliminate batching and other enemies of speed, decrease the complexity of processes and eliminate unneeded steps, develop requirements for an efficient process before implementing IT solutions and create a dashboard of visual data to easily measure progress.

Session Options:

- Ashtabula: Monday - Friday, September 15 through 19, 2014 – The Lodge at Geneva On-the-Lake
- Warren: Monday - Friday, November 17 through 21, 2014 – Kent State University at Trumbull
- Canton: Tuesday - Thursday, January 20 - 22 and Thursday - Friday, January 29 - 30, 2015 – The University Center, Kent State University at Stark
- Kent: Tuesday - Thursday, February 10 - 12 and Thursday - Friday, February 19 - 20, 2015 – Student Center, Kent State University

The cost for participant is \$2,000, which includes the LeanOhio Boot Camp Manual, Lean Tool Kit, Certificate of Participation, Access to the LeanOhio Network and lunch each day. Space is limited to the first 20 registrants in each program. To register, call 330-672-8698 between 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. weekdays or email YourTrainingPartner@kent.edu. Scholarships are available through the Local Government Efficiency Program. Click [here](#) for information.

For more information, contact Corianne Kocarek at 330-672-8698 or ckocarek@kent.edu.

ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS GO IN THE MAIL TODAY

More than six million voters Ohio voters were mailed absentee ballot applications today, and those applications should be arriving in mailboxes across the state within the next few days. Voters who complete the ballot and mail it back will have their ballot delivered to them once the early voting period begins on October 7. A second mailing will be sent in early October to include those individuals who registered to vote or update their voting information after August 1.

Registered voters in all 88 counties will receive an absentee ballot application, marking only the second time in the state's history that all Ohioans will have the same level of access to the ballot.

Applications have been personalized to each registered voter and prepopulated with their name and address on file. Voters need to provide only valid identification, date of birth and signature to complete the form.

For more information about the 2014 election, visit www.MyOhioVote.com.

OHIO MEANS JOBS GIVES STUDENTS CHANCE TO PLAN FOR THEIR FUTURES

OhioMeansJobs released a new online tool to help students get an early start on job and career decisions. OhioMeansJobs K-12, a no-cost career planning resource that focuses on opportunities available in Ohio, allows students to create a profile of their interests and offers career information, a plan and budget for education and training, possible occupations and potential salaries.

Anyone looking to use the tool should visit OhioMeansJobs and click on the K-12 icon. Once on the site, click the "Explore It" menu, which includes an interest survey, a profile for the student's interests, a search feature for occupations, earnings and training and a budget tool for independent living.

ANOTHER BILLION BACK WOULD SEND \$126 MILLION TO OHIO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Following last week's CIDS story about the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC)'s Another Billion Back program, the agency sent out its statement on the initiative:

"The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) would return an estimated \$126.1 million to 3,800 local public employers under Another Billion Back, a proposal announced by Governor John Kasich and Administrator/CEO Steve Buehrer Aug. 13.

Within the news release, there are searchable lists, including a [list](#) for rebate totals by county and entity type.

The amount each eligible public employer would receive equals approximately 60 percent of their billed workers' compensation premium from the 2012 policy year. Out of the \$126.1 million that could be returned, cities would receive the largest portion of the rebate - approximately \$46.2 million - followed by schools receiving \$44.3 million, **counties receiving \$18.7 million** and townships receiving \$7.8 million."

CCAO would like to remind our members that it is crucial that counties who opted to submit half their premiums in May pay the remainder on-time by Sept. 2, 2014, in order to qualify for the rebate. Most of the parameters around the announcement remain the same as last year, but the dates have changed. Public employers must

be in an active or reinstated status as of Sept. 5 to qualify for the rebate. This date provides three days following the premium due date (Sept. 2) to come into compliance.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

COUNTIES LEADING CHARGE FOR OPEN-SOURCE VOTING

Counties nationwide will eventually face a replacement of their election management systems, and California and Texas counties are championing an alternative that could not only save counties a lot of money but change an industry.

Open-source voting would use software designed by counties, which could run on inexpensive computer terminals to design, print and count paper ballots. Most of the savings would come from eliminating the software license fees charged for management system vendors' proprietary programs.

The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) mandated new voting technology 12 years ago, and the machines and software are reaching the end of their usable lives in counties nationwide. Voting officials are feeling pressure.

Voting machines in Travis County, Texas have generally been reliably operational — though a few have begun freezing — but County Clerk Dana DeBeauvoir said she is worried they won't remain in working order for long. HAVA's \$3.5 billion that helped fund the new election management systems will likely not be replenished to help replace them.

Inyo County, Calif., populated with less than 19,000 residents, is partnering with several other small California counties to release a request for proposals to build an open-source system for their use.

The key to open-source voting systems' savings is that the software has the potential to be run on any computer, and Kammi Foote, Inyo County court recorder, registrar of voters and president of the California Association of Voting Officials and the National Association of Officials, estimates that the \$4,000 to \$5,000 price tag for Inyo's voting machines could be cut to a \$200 to \$300 cost for a tablet computer. Likewise, DeBeauvoir compared wholesale replacement of Travis County's election management systems — a \$14 million cost — to an estimated \$8 million to put an open-source system in place.

How this could happen varies by state. Travis County did not need any statutory changes to pursue its system in Texas, but the California Assembly had to pass Senate Bill 360 for Inyo and Los Angeles counties to pursue theirs. Now, only the secretary of state needs to approve new voting systems, eliminating required approval from state regulators and the U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

The secretary of state's requirements are similar to the federal approval process, so Foote said the change eliminated extra layers of bureaucracy while retaining attention to security.

All of this puts counties in a position to change an entire industry. As administrators of the country's elections, the direction counties take will determine the fate of the election management system vendors.

Though the county-vendor relationship would change as more counties adopt open-source voting systems, it would not necessarily end the relationship. Vendors aren't expendable, DeBeauvoir said, and she expected many of them to respond to various RFPs from different counties.

“We’ll still need someone to take over management of upgrades and testing,” she said. “You can’t just remove the vendor. We don’t want to throw away that base of knowledge.”

Foote said it rearranges the power dynamic in holding elections.

“There are only a few vendors that were selling voting machines when HAVA went into effect,” she said. “They were building systems and hoping election districts bought them, they were looking for a return on investment. Now we’ll be in a position where we’ll be part of a fee-for-service model and dictating what we need. Government can be in a leadership role in how those systems operate.”

(Material contributed by NACo)

REGISTER NOW FOR NACO's FALL GRASSROOTS WEBINAR

When members of Congress return in early September from their annual summer recess, the 113th Congress will enter its "home stretch." This is a crucial time for county officials to engage their members of Congress on issues important to counties across America.

NACo's legislative staff will host a webinar on Tuesday, September 9 at 4:00 p.m. EDT to provide county leaders with the most up-to-date information on counties' pending federal legislative priorities, including:

- The Environmental Protection Agency's proposed "Waters of the U.S." rule
- The Payment in Lieu of Taxes and Secure Rural Schools programs
- Transportation reauthorization and the Highway Trust Fund
- Online sales tax legislation / Marketplace Fairness Act
- Tax-exempt municipal bonds

Click here to [register](#). For more information, contact Hadi Sedigh at hsedigh@naco.org or 202-942-4213.

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

AG ISSUES OPINION ON ACA & IN-TERM CHANGES IN ELECTED OFFICIAL COMPENSATION

In an opinion requested by the Adams County Prosecuting Attorney, the Ohio Attorney General determined that changes in the county's health care insurance plan in order to comply with the Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act (ACA) are permissible with respect to county elected officials because the ACA preempts the Ohio Constitution's provision prohibiting in-term changes in compensation. To read Opinion No. 2014-033 in its entirety, [click here](#).

AG ISSUES OPINION ON SETTING HEALTH CARE PREMIUMS BASED ON TOBACCO USE

In a second opinion requested by the Adams County Prosecuting Attorney, the Ohio Attorney General advised that a group of county commissioners that purchases group health care insurance for county employees and their spouses may set premium rates on the basis of the use of tobacco by a county employee or the employee's spouse. The board of county commissioners must have a reasonable basis for making that

distinction and all similarly situated county personnel must pay the same insurance premium and receive equal benefits under the policy of group health care insurance. To read Opinion No. 2014-034 in its entirety, [click here](#).

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

GRANT WRITERS TRAINING

Grant Writing USA provides training to help improve grant writing skills and increase the odds for a successful grant application. The Euclid Police Department is bringing them to Ohio for a two-day grants workshop in Cleveland, on October 21-22, 2014. For class objectives please click on the following [link](#). There are slots available for counties to send staff if you are interested. This training is for grant seekers across all disciplines. There is a cost to attend. More information, including learning objectives, class location, graduate testimonials and online registration is available [here](#).

CYBER SECURITY DAY CONFERENCE

Join the Ohio Department of Administrative Services' Office of Information Technology for lectures and timely discussions of cyber security topics at the annual Cyber Security Day Conference on Thursday, October 9 at the Ohio Department of Agriculture in Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

Attendees will stay current on cyber security threats, vulnerabilities, exploits; and industry developments; capitalize on peer networking opportunities; and find the professionals who can help with an array of information security issues

The event provides an opportunity for Ohio cyber security professionals to network with peers and industry experts. It promises to be a thought provoking day of highly informative speakers including the following:

- Bradford Willke - Cyber Security Advisor Initiative – Program Manager, Office of Cybersecurity & Communications, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Brent Huston - Security Evangelist and CEO of MicroSolved, Inc.
- Brian D. Kelley – CIO, Portage County
- Corey Collins – Acting Supervisor, Cyber & Technical Services Squad, Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Matt Curtin - Interhack
- Patrick Sprague - McAfee
- Richard Schmahl – CIO, City of Akron
- Tony Sager - Chief Technologist, The Council on Cyber Security

Business leaders and government agency directors, CIOs, CISOs, IT administrators, security and other IT staff are encouraged to attend. Registration opens September 2. For presenter updates and registration details, visit: <http://www.InfoSec.Ohio.gov>.

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.

CCAO ANNOUNCES EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - MANAGING DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

The County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) is seeking an experienced and qualified individual to serve as our Managing Director of Operations. This individual will perform complex professional responsibilities managing the CCAO Service Corporation, assist in the development and administration of the Association budget, assist the Executive Director in meeting the operational needs of the Association, oversee facility management, and related work as apparent or assigned. Qualifications include: Bachelor's Degree in Business, Office Management, or related field; 5 years or more of experience in any or all of the substantive areas listed above including at least 3 years of management experience.

CCAO is an equal opportunity employer. Salary is commensurate with experience. Please send resume and cover letter to Amanda Jones at ajones@ccao.org on or before September 26, 2014. To view the complete job description [CLICK HERE](#).

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
Health Care Administrator	Wood County September 4, 2014
Building Inspector	Greene County September 5, 2014
Staff Attorney	Fairfield County September 19, 2014
Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager	Lucas County September 19, 2014
Director of Human Resources	Lucas County September 19, 2014
Public Information Officer	Lucas County September 19, 2014
Engineer	Geauga County Until position is filled