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DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER 27, 2014	CCAO METROPOLITAN & REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, CONFERENCE CALL
OCTOBER 28, 2014	OHIO NATIONAL GUARD REGIONAL INTER-SERVICE FAMILY ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – REGION 4 , AMERICAN LEGION POST, SHELBY COUNTY (SIDNEY)
OCTOBER 29, 2014	CCAOSC NATURAL GAS PROGRAM BOARD OF PARTICIPANTS MEETING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
NOVEMBER 12, 2014	SOCIAL IMPACT BONDS: A NEW APPROACH FOR ADDRESSING SOCIAL PROBLEMS – A 2 nd WEDNESDAY SERIES WEBINAR
NOVEMBER 14, 2014	CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
NOVEMBER 20, 2014	TOP GUN CONSTRUCTION CLAIMS SEMINAR , THE CONFERENCE CENTER AT OCLC, DUBLIN
NOVEMBER 21, 2014	CEBCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
NOVEMBER 21, 2014	CORSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
DECEMBER 7-9, 2014	CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW , GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS
FEBRUARY 21-25, 2014	NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE , MARRIOTT WARDMAN PARK HOTEL, WASHINGTON, DC

ASSOCIATION NEWS

REMINDER: ALL MEMBERS WELCOME TO ATTEND CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

This is a reminder that all county commissioners, county executives and county council members are welcome and invited to attend the CCAO Board of Directors meetings. The next CCAO Board of Directors meeting will be held on Friday, November 14 at the CCAO Office. So that we may include everyone who plans on attending in the lunch count, please RSVP [Kathy Dillon](#), Office Manager & Boards' Liaison, on or before November 7. Also, please feel free to contact Kathy should you have any questions.

CCAO/CEAO WINTER CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPENS

Join CCAO/CEAO for our Annual Winter Conference to be held on December 7-9, 2014 at the Greater

Columbus Convention Center (GCCC), 400 North High Street, in downtown Columbus. All meetings and the trade show will be held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Registration materials were emailed to county commissioners, county executives, county council members, county engineers and their staff, CCAO/CEAO affiliate members, and vendors. CCAO/CEAO encourages all attendees to [register for the conference online](#).

The conference is designed to help county officials and staff share ideas, gain knowledge and develop new and effective ways to deliver county services. CCAO/CEAO is building on last year's success and incorporating your feedback to host a productive conference. An agenda will be available next week. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

The headquarters hotel will be the [Hyatt Regency Columbus](#), which is connected to the GCCC. The Sunday night reception, hospitality suites, and a block of hotel rooms have been reserved at the Hyatt. An additional block of hotel rooms have been held at the [Drury Inn](#) (Drury group access code – 2209510). Click on the hotel reservation links above or see the hotel information on the conference registration form.

[Click here](#) for more conference information.

SOCIAL IMPACT BONDS: A NEW APPROACH FOR ADDRESSING SOCIAL PROBLEMS

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour “Social Impact Bonds: A New Approach for Addressing Social Problems” webinar on November 12 at 9:30 a.m.

Each year, governments spend hundreds of billions of dollars addressing social problems. But in most cases, we have no idea how effective this spending is. Performance is rarely assessed, and measurement tends to focus on tracking the number of people served and the amount of service provided rather than the outcomes that are achieved. Welcome the social impact bond model, a promising new approach that combines performance-based payments and market discipline. This webinar will include an explanation of social impact bonds and provide detailed information regarding the Cuyahoga County Program.

Webinar participants 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 wish to register for the webinar, please email [Amanda Jones](#), CCAO Program Assistant, 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. [Read more...](#)

STATE ACTIVITIES

CHILDREN SERVICES EFFICIENCY & INNOVATION FUND ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS *COUNTIES CAN APPLY FOR UP TO \$250,000*

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) has announced that it is now accepting applications from public children services agencies for the Children Services Efficiency and Innovation Fund. Applications for this competitive one-time grant are due to ODJFS by November 7.

County agencies may apply for up to \$250,000 out of a total \$6.8 million. The fund is the result of the mid-biennium budget review bill passed earlier this year, HB 483, which created a workgroup to examine the current children services delivery system and make a recommendation around how to invest the one-time \$6.8 million appropriation.

For additional information, please [click here](#). For further clarification or information, please contact [Laura Abu-Absi](#), CCAO Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7996 or (888) 757-1904.

OHIO'S UNIFIED PLAN: PUBLIC COMMENTS ACCEPTED THROUGH NOV 21

Existing job training and career exploration programs are often fragmented and uncoordinated. As a result, businesses struggle to find qualified candidates, even as many adults struggle to secure employment. The Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation (OWT) received approval from the Ohio General Assembly under HB 486 (130th General Assembly) to submit a single unified state plan. The plan aligns three federal programs – the **Workforce Investment Act (WIA)**, which funds county OhioMeansJobs Centers and job training and job search assistance programs for adults, dislocated workers and low-income youth; **Adult Basic and Literacy Education (ABLE)**, which funds GED preparation, adult math, reading and literacy courses and English for speakers of other languages; and the **Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act (Perkins)**, which provides funding for career technical training for secondary and post-secondary students.



**Governor's Office of
Workforce Transformation**

The goal of Ohio's unified workforce plan is to improve outcomes for students, adults and employers by better coordinating local workforce administrators, caseworkers and K-12 educators. Ohio will be just the fourth state to submit a unified plan, and the first to submit a plan that includes Perkins-funded programs. The unified plan will have three goals:

1. Help more Ohioans compete for quality jobs that pay a living wage and lead to career advancement;
2. Help Ohio employers find the talent they need to succeed and grow; and
3. Provide effective and efficient job training aligned to high-demand occupations and employer needs resulting in workplace-valued credentials.

Public comment for Ohio's unified plan will take place from October 21 through November 19, 2014. During this time, you may submit comments directly to the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation (OWT) office website or attend one of the following five regional hearings. All hearings begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 noon.

- November 10 - Shawnee State University, Portsmouth
- November 12 - Great Oaks, Cincinnati
- November 13 - Terra State Community College, Fremont
- November 14 - Eastland Fairfield Career Center, Groveport
- November 17 - Tallmadge High School, Tallmadge

[Click here](#) for more information about the plan, comments and five regional meetings. For additional information, or to share comments you submit, please contact CCAO Policy Analyst [Laura Abu-Absi](#) at (614) 220-7996 or (888) 757-1904.

TELECOMMUNICATION CONTRACT INFORMATION ADDED TO STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING WEBSITE



The Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Cooperative Purchasing Program offers Ohio counties, townships, municipalities, school districts, public libraries, regional park districts and other political subdivisions the benefits and costs savings of buying goods and services through state contracts. [Click here](#) for more information about the

program. Recently, the telecommunication contract information was added to the DAS Cooperative Purchasing Program website making it easier to find the potential cost saving information.

Network Contract Management Services assists DAS to procure computer network-delivered information services, including but not limited to, voice, data, and video cloud services for state and local government. The unit assists DAS in superintending service providers' contracted services under ORC 125.04.

DAS staff has been meeting with county commissioners across the state about the telecommunication contracts, in particular, the Ohio Voice Over IP (VoIP) Program. Portage County JFS and Noble County have adopted the program and will be on the solution by the end of the year. Other counties in process are Ottawa JFS, Holmes and Highland counties. [Read more](#) about DAS Telecommunication Services.

For more information about the DAS telecommunications contracts, please contact Eric Schmidt, IT Architect, Enterprise IT Architecture & Policy, Office of Information Technology, Ohio Department of Administrative Services, (614) 466-2741 or eric.schmidt@das.ohio.gov.

ODNR AWARDS CLEAN OHIO GRANTS TO EXPAND TRAILS IN 15 COUNTIES



The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) has approved \$6.1 million in Clean Ohio Trails Fund grants to improve outdoor recreational opportunities in 15 counties. The Clean Ohio Trails Fund, administered by ODNR, is one of four components of the Clean Ohio Fund, which restores, protects and connects Ohio's natural and urban places. Ohioans approved the establishment of the \$400 million bond program in 2000. This is the ninth round of funding to be awarded through the Clean Ohio Trails Fund.

The \$6.1 million of funding will be used to develop 25 miles of new trail and for the construction of trail head facilities and a bridge for bike riders and pedestrians. [Grant recipients](#) will provide a 25 percent local match for their projects. [Read more...](#)

EBOLA-RELATED EMERGENCY FUNDING APPROVED; MONITORING FOR NEW CASES SLATED TO END NOV 4

State officials have indicated they have identified and are monitoring all 164 Ohioans who may be at risk for contracting the Ebola virus, per the recent visit of an infected Texas nurse to Northeast Ohio. The three Ohioans who had direct contact with the Ebola patient are being quarantined, with the remaining 161 being monitored in one of three ways for symptoms. The 21-day incubation period will be over on November 4.

Despite none of the Ohioans currently being monitored for Ebola symptoms testing positive for the virus, the Controlling Board Monday approved an Ohio Department of Health (ODH) emergency request to spend \$300,000 on protective equipment for medical personnel. The Board approved the personal protection equipment request and granted permission to waive competitive selection so that the department can contract with a Cincinnati bio-recovery company for contamination clean-up services at a cost of up to \$500,000. Both requests were added to the agenda late last week as emergency items following confirmation that a Dallas nurse who had contracted Ebola had visited Ohio from October 10-13. The majority of the spending approved will come from existing federal emergency preparedness grants.

The additional equipment, which is at or above the current federal safety standards, will more than quadruple the state's current supply of items that would be used by health care workers if an Ebola patient were to be admitted to an Ohio hospital. All Ohio hospitals have completed Ebola preparedness training.

Prior to learning that the nurse had been visiting Northeast Ohio immediately before being diagnosed, the state hosted a day-long exercise on Ebola preparedness, which included a simulation. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention team stationed in Ohio applauded ODH and local health departments and hospitals on their quick response to ensure containment of the virus, crediting the emergency response foundations that were already in place for the state's ability to jump into collaborating at the state, local and federal levels while keeping residents informed.

For additional information, please contact CCAO Policy Analyst [Laura Abu-Absi](#) at (614) 220-7996 or (888) 757-1904.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

OHIO RECEIVES FEDERAL FUNDS TO FIGHT ALGAE

U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown and U.S. Rep Marcy Kaptur (Dist. 9-Toledo) joined the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 5 to announce that \$8.6 million in federal Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) grants will fund projects in Ohio, Michigan and Indiana to reduce the amount of phosphorus entering Lake Erie. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) was awarded roughly \$5.9 million, including a \$1.68 million grant for local soil and water conservation districts to pay farmers in the Maumee watershed up to \$25 per acre to plant phosphorus-absorbing cover crops on vulnerable land, according to U.S. EPA's fact sheet. A separate \$1.5 million grant will help ODNR and soil and water conservation districts pay farmers in the lower Maumee Watershed \$65 per acre to incorporate precision soil testing and fertilizer management techniques. Another \$1.5 million award will enable the agency to fund livestock manure storage structures and advance development of comprehensive nutrient management plans.



The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency was awarded \$1.55 million for a three-year program to increase monitoring of Maumee River Watershed tributaries.

In August, the U.S. EPA met with state officials to identify ways to reduce harmful algal blooms in the western Lake Erie basin. At the time, the task force overseeing the GLRI, announced that \$12 million would be made available for priority projects. U.S. EPA said it will soon announce additional funding for projects that will be implemented by federal agencies. GLRI was launched in 2010 to accelerate efforts to protect and restore the lakes by strategically targeting the most serious threats to the ecosystem. [Read more...](#)

USDA CLIMATE HUBS WEBSITE LAUNCHED

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Climate Hubs web site was launched on Wednesday. The new site provides a portal for farmers, ranchers, forest landowners, and others to find useful, practical information to help cope with the challenges and stressors caused by a changing climate. The site provides resources related to drought, fire risks, pests and diseases, climate variability, and heat stress, and links users to the network of USDA conservation programs and resources that provide producers with technical and financial assistance to manage risks. Each region also has its own site. [Read more...](#)



NEW STATE-BY-STATE "MADE IN RURAL AMERICA" REPORT RELEASED

As part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) commitment to strengthening rural economies, a new state-by-state "Made in Rural America" report illustrating the impact of USDA investments in rural communities has been released. Each state factsheet highlights specific USDA investments in rural businesses, manufacturing, energy, water and other infrastructure development. They also outline how USDA is helping rural communities attract businesses and families by investing in housing and broadband.

These fact sheets reflect USDA's efforts to strengthen the "four pillars" of a new economy in rural America: 1) developing a robust bio-based economy; 2) promoting exports and production agriculture fueled by increased productivity and research; 3) encouraging conservation including land management, stewardship and outdoor recreational opportunities; and 4) building a strong local and regional food system to harness entrepreneurial innovation and help small and medium-sized family farms succeed in rural America. The report's state by state fact sheets are available at www.usda.gov/opportunities.

BUILDING BLOCKS FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites communities to apply for technical assistance to implement smart growth development approaches. EPA is offering this technical assistance through the [Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities](#) program to help communities across the country, including underserved communities, coastal communities, small cities and rural areas, adopt sustainable growth strategies. The program aims to increase resilience to natural disasters and strengthen the economy while protecting human health and the environment. Applications will be accepted between October 23 and November 20, 2014. EPA will host a [webinar](#) to discuss the program and the application process on Thursday, October 30, 2014, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. [More information...](#)

NACo ACTIVITIES

2015 NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE – REGISTRATION OPENS NOV 10

The NACo Legislative Conference will take place February 21-25, 2015 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, 2660 Woodley Rd NW, in Washington, D.C. NACo is excited to announce confirmed speakers Jason Grumet, founder and president of the Bipartisan Policy Center, and David Gregory, journalist and former moderator of Meet the Press. Grumet is respected on both sides of the aisle for his innovative approach to improving government effectiveness. His first book *City of Rivals: Restoring the Glorious Mess of American Democracy* — just released in September 2014 — will be his focus. Gregory will reflect and share a look at the Obama Administration, Congress and politics in America. Registration opens on November 10. [More information...](#)

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

CYBER CRIME, CYBER BULLYING AND LAW ENFORCEMENT WEBINAR

The ever-increasing threat of cyber-crimes is a reality for most individuals and organizations. Particularly as counties, there have been a number of cyber-attacks in recent years. With the increasing presence of social media, cyber-crimes have grown steadily. The goal is to help bring awareness to and educate local governments on how to combat cybercrimes. Join NACo on Wednesday, October 29 at 2:00 p.m. for a webinar on cyber bullying and its impact on counties. [Register here...](#)

TOP GUN CONSTRUCTION CLAIMS SEMINAR

Bricker & Eckler will present the Top Gun Construction Claims Seminar on Thursday, November 20 at The

Conference Center at OCLC, 6600 Kilgour Place, in Dublin. Attendees will learn about important contract language, best practices for project documentation, the risks of unforeseen site conditions, delay and lost productivity claims and the design professionals standard of care; understand damages and claims; learn to analyze, prepare for and defend against claims for additional compensation or damages; and learn how to management and resolve construction claims efficiently.

CCAO is a seminar co-sponsor and our members are eligible for the discounted registration fee. AIA and Supreme Court Continuing Legal Education credits (7.25) are pending. [Click here](#) for more information or contact [Traci Graham](#), Bricker & Eckler LLP, at (800) 750-1525, (614) 227-4941.

GREAT LAKES PLANNING GUIDE PODCAST

The Great Lakes Planning Guide provides Great Lakes region stories, data, tools and other resources related to flooding, bluff erosion, invasive species and other coastal concerns. Jeff Stone of the Association of State Floodplain Managers shares the impetus for creating the guide, a bit about the process, as well as how users can best benefit from the resource. [Listen here...](#)

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.

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
Superintendent – Central Ohio Youth Center	Union County October 27, 2014
Attorney, Child Support Division	Knox County November 1, 2014
Executive Director	Canton/Stark County Convention & Visitors Bureau November 10, 2014
Deputy Director, Emergency Management Agency	Stark County November 14, 2014
Engineer	Geauga County Until position is filled
Children Services Administrator	Licking County Until position is filled
Business Administrator	Clark County Until position is filled
Contract Development/Compliance Officer (2 positions available)	Clark County Until position is filled
Performance Analyst	Clark County Until position is filled
Assistant Operations Superintendent	Licking County Until position is filled
County Administrator	Franklin County Until position is filled
Technical Study Director	Licking County Until position is filled
County Administrator	Medina County Until position is filled