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DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 8-10, 2015	NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION SEMINAR, SHERATON COLUMBUS AT CAPITOL SQUARE, COLUMBUS
FEBRUARY 11, 2015	THE BASICS OF THE PREVAILING WAGE LAW – A CCAO 2nd Wednesday Webinar
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FEBRUARY 17, 2015	CCAO SMALL COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, CONFERENCE CALL
FEBRUARY 20, 2015	CCAO JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
FEBRUARY 21-25, 2015	NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, MARRIOTT WARDMAN PARK HOTEL, WASHINGTON, DC
FEBRUARY 25, 2015	CEBCO AFFORDABLE CARE ACT REGIONAL SEMINAR, HOWARD JOHNSON INN, LIMA
FEBRUARY 27, 2015	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, RED PIG INN, PUTNAM COUNTY (OTTAWA)
FEBRUARY 27, 2015	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, BASS PRO SHOP, WOOD COUNTY (ROSSFORD)
MARCH 2, 2015	CCAO WATER QUALITY TASK FORCE MEETING, TOLEDO AREA (LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED)
MARCH 2, 2015	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, PUMP HOUSE CENTER FOR THE ARTS, ROSS COUNTY (CHILLICOTHE)
MARCH 3, 2015	CEBCO AFFORDABLE CARE ACT REGIONAL SEMINAR, THE GALAXY RESTAURANT, WADSWORTH
MARCH 4, 2015	STATEHOOD DAY, STATEHOUSE ATRIUM, COLUMBUS

MARCH 9, 2015	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, EAGLE STICKS, MUSKINGUM COUNTY (ZANESVILLE)
MARCH 9, 2015	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, THE BRIDGE, SHELBY COUNTY (SIDNEY)
MARCH 10, 2015	CCAO TAXATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MARCH 10, 2015	CEBCO AFFORDABLE CARE ACT REGIONAL SEMINAR OHIO UNIVERSITY INN, ATHENS
MARCH 11, 2015	GOVERNMENTAL ENERGY AGGREGATION – A CCAO 2 nd Wednesday Webinar
MARCH 16, 2015	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, ROSA & ROCCO'S, MARION COUNTY (MARION)
MARCH 17, 2015	CEBCO AFFORDABLE CARE ACT REGIONAL SEMINAR, THE ROBERTS CENTER, WILMINGTON
MARCH 23, 2015	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, THE NEW CENTER AT NE OHIO MEDICAL UNIVERSITY, ROOTSTOWN
MARCH 24, 2015	CEBCO AFFORDABLE CARE ACT REGIONAL SEMINAR, CCAO, COLUMBUS
MARCH 27, 2015	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, JOHN S. KNIGHT CENTER, AKRON
MARCH 27, 2015	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, BENDER'S TAVERN, CANTON
MARCH 30, 2015	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, JAKE'S RESTAURANT, ASHLAND COUNTY (ASHLAND)
MARCH 30, 2015	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, CELEBRATIONS II, MONTGOMERY COUNTY (DAYTON)
JUNE 24-25, 2015	COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM, HYATT REGENCY, COLUMBUS

ASSOCIATION NEWS

ANTHEM CYBER-ATTACK REPORTED

For counties who obtain health insurance for their employees through Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield, it is important to know they were the target of a very sophisticated external cyber-attack affecting millions of Anthem clients. Anthem has established a [website](#) where members can access information about the breach. Current and former Anthem members can call (877) 263-7995. Customers whose information has been stolen should report any suspected instances of identity theft to the [FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center](#).



THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT – WHAT'S NEXT?

CCAO/CEBCO invites you to attend one of our 2015 ACA training sessions on the "Cadillac Tax" and some specific, new employer reporting requirements of the Affordable Care Act. These provisions will affect what you do in 2015 and beyond. Marc Fishel of Fishel Hass Kim Albrecht LLC will present and answer your questions on these and other ACA-related topics.

Sessions will begin at 10:30 a.m. We welcome staff and elected officials from all counties to participate. Choose the location and date that works for you:

- February 25 Howard Johnson Inn, 1920 Roschman Avenue, Lima
- March 3 The Galaxy Restaurant, 201 Park Centre Drive, Wadsworth
- March 10 Ohio University Inn, 331 Richland Avenue, Athens
- March 17 The Roberts Center, 123 Gano Road, Wilmington
- March 24 CCAO, 209 E. State Street, Columbus

There is no charge to attend the training sessions. Lunch will be served following the session. To help us have proper seating and refreshments, please RSVP your attendance five days before the session to [Melissa Bodey](#) at (614) 220-7997 or [Wendy Dillingham](#) at (614) 220-7992.

REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFINGS SCHEDULED IN FEBRUARY & MARCH

As the 131st General Assembly convenes, CCAO is scheduling regional legislative briefings for commissioners, county executives and council members, and legislators at locations across the state. Meetings have been organized around legislative district lines. These events are designed as an opportunity to allow you to meet with your legislators and your fellow commissioners to articulate and explore the common problems and concerns that county and state government have in serving their constituents, the people of Ohio.

The 11 events which have been scheduled as of today are listed above in Dates to Remember. Last week, commissioners, county executives and county council members received a [memo](#), [briefing schedule](#), and [sample press release](#) from CCAO. CCAO will be sending an invitation to each legislator. We also encourage you to invite other county elected officials and your key staff to attend.

THE BASICS OF THE PREVAILING WAGE LAW WEBINAR – FEB 11

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour “The Basics of the Prevailing Wage Law” webinar on February 11, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. This webinar will highlight the following:

- What are prevailing wages?
- What are prevailing wage thresholds for new construction and reconstruction?
- What are public authority responsibilities?
- What are the responsibilities of the prevailing wage coordinator?
- What are the requirements for certified payroll reports?
- What are contractor responsibilities and requirements?

Webinar participants may pose questions to the presenters who will respond during and after the power point presentation. There is no charge to attend. To register for this exceptional educational opportunity, please [click here](#). 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...](#)

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, February 13, 2015 at the CCAO Office. So that we may include everyone who plans on

attending in the lunch count, please RSVP to [Kathy Dillon](#), Office Manager & Boards' Liaison at on or before February 9. Also, please feel free to contact Kathy should you have any questions.

STATE ACTIVITIES

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES FUNDING APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) has information on both planning funds and innovation funds available to county departments of job and family services for purposes of adult protective services (APS). (Click [here](#) to view the full packet.) Note – the deadline to apply for program innovation funds, the largest available award, is February 16th.

The two types of funds are the result of a recommendation made by an APS workgroup created in HB 483 charged to both recommend the expenditure of \$10 million for APS appropriated in HB 483, as well as to identify long-term program improvements.

In addition to information around the funds and their respective application processes, the packet contains the workgroup report as well as proposed statutory language that is designed to create a core minimum service level in every county in order to ensure an appropriate response to cases of elder abuse. [Read more...](#)

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

NACo TESTIFIES BEFORE RARE JOINT SENATE & HOUSE HEARING ON "WATERS OF THE U.S." PROPOSED RULE & THE IMPACTS ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

On February 4, the National Association of Counties (NACo) testified before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (EPW) and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) at a hearing, "Impacts of the Proposed Waters of the United States Rule on State and Local Governments." NACo [testimony](#) focused on the importance of the local, state and federal partnership in crafting practical rules to ensure clean water without impeding counties' fundamental infrastructure and public safety functions.

At the hearing, NACo discussed the main reasons that contributed to their call for withdrawal of the rule, including the proposal's impacts on counties; an inadequate consultation process with state and local governments; ambiguous and inconsistent terminology; and ongoing delays with the current permitting process.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) indicated the proposed rule was in response to stakeholder requests for a rulemaking and will make it easier to determine what waters fall under federal jurisdiction. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers stressed the rule was based on science and would give regulators in the regional offices greater clarity on jurisdictional waters.

In April 2014, The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) jointly released a new proposed rule that would amend the definition of "waters of the U.S." within the Clean Water Act and dramatically expand the range of public safety infrastructure that falls under federal permitting authority. The public comment period for "waters of the U.S." closed on November 14, 2014. The agencies are currently reviewing over one million comments and plan to release a final rule by late spring of 2015. Since the proposal was unveiled in April, NACo has advocated for greater clarity and launched an [online resource hub and action center](#).

- To read NACo's testimony, click [here](#).
- To read NACo's press release, click [here](#).

- To view a recorded webcast of the hearing, click [here](#).
- For more information on the proposed "waters of the U.S." rule, click [here](#).

PRESIDENT’S BUDGET: PROPOSALS IMPACTING COUNTIES



On Monday, President Obama released his [Fiscal Year 2016 Budget](#), a \$4 trillion proposed budget that includes spending increases on infrastructure, education, tax incentives for low-to-moderate-income people, and other incentives. The 2015 federal fiscal year starts on October 1. Here are some highlights:

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) – The President calls for \$200 million less for the CDBG Program, after national associations have been fighting to keep the program funded at \$3 billion a year. CDBG grants go to roughly 1,200 units of state and municipal government across the country to pay for a wide range of local needs, such as water infrastructure, affordable housing and meal programs for seniors. While the grant program saw a brief funding surge when Obama first took office, the long-term trend has been less money over time. Total federal disbursements already declined by about 30 percent between 2004 and 2014.

Tax-Exempt Municipal Bonds - The Budget would limit the value of most tax deductions and exclusions to 28 cents on the dollar on higher-income earners, which would likely raise rates for governments. Currently, interest earned on municipal bonds is not taxed - a benefit to bondholders that allows governments to finance their bonds at a lower interest rate and save money. Governmental associations estimate that total borrowing costs for cities, counties and states could increase by more than 50 percent if municipal bonds' tax-exempt status was repealed entirely.

Earned Income Tax Credit – The President proposed to extend eligibility to the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) to adult workers with no dependent children, a segment of the working poor mostly excluded by the current program.

Early Childhood Initiatives – The President called for tens of billions to fund a universal pre-kindergarten program along with \$750 million in preschool development grants for states.

Workforce Development – The Budget includes a \$6 billion, four-year program of grants to partner with community colleges to create apprenticeships for students in new fields.

Competitive Grants for Energy Efficient Infrastructure – The Energy Department would provide \$200 million in a one-time performance grant to support state governments to cut energy waste and modernize power grids.

Transportation – The budget would almost double public transit investments and provide funding for buses, subways, light rail, and commuter trains. Also included was \$302 billion to “repair and modernize” highways and bridges. This would be funded by eliminating deductions and exemptions in the corporate tax code.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

THE EXCISE TAX ON HIGH-COST HEALTH INSURANCE AND YOUR COUNTY

Join NACo to learn what the excise tax on high-cost health insurance (also known as the “Cadillac Tax”) is and what it means for your county. With constrained county budgets and rising health care costs, the tax may significantly impact your county employees, budgets and taxpayers. Counties cannot afford to wait until 2018 to develop a strategic solution. The webinar will be held on February 12, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. to learn strategies counties can begin to take to mitigate their liability. [Register here...](#)

DENYING CELL TOWER SITING APPLICATIONS

In *T-Mobile South v. City of Roswell*, the Supreme Court held that when a local government denies a cell tower application, it must provide the applicant with written reasons for the denial, and those written reasons must be available contemporaneously with the local government's written denial of the application. Join the State and Local Legal Center on February 13, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the practical implications of this case with Tim Lay, Spiegel & McDiarmid, who wrote the SLLC's amicus brief. [Register here...](#)

GRANTS TRAINING IN CINCINNATI - MARCH 9-10

The Cincinnati Police Academy and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day grants workshop in Cincinnati, on March 9-10, 2015. This training is applicable to grant seekers across all disciplines, including county entities. Attend this class and you'll learn how to find grants and write winning grant proposals. Beginning and experienced grant writers are encouraged to attend. The training is focused on learning how to find grants and write winning grant proposals. There is a cost to participants. [Click here](#) for event details.

OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

[SYLLABUS - 2015-003](#)

Pursuant to R.C. 5126.0221(B)(3), a classified employee of a county board of developmental disabilities who was employed on or after October 31, 1980, is subject to dismissal from employment when that employee's immediate family member is elected as a county commissioner of a county that is served by the county board of developmental disabilities that employs the classified employee.

[SYLLABUS - 2015-004](#)

1. A board of county commissioners and a municipal corporation may establish a regional council of governments (1) to operate a public safety answering point under R.C. Chapter 128 and, (2) if the regional council of governments is authorized to act on behalf of the board of county commissioners pursuant to R.C. 167.03(C) or R.C. 167.08, to operate a countywide public safety communications system pursuant to R.C. 307.63.
2. A regional council of governments that operates a public safety answering point under R.C. Chapter 128 may not receive funding through contracts for dispatch services provided to other political subdivisions when the dispatch services are provided in association with the public safety answering point. A regional council of governments may, however, receive funding for the costs of establishing, equipping, furnishing, operating, or maintaining a public safety answering point operated by the regional council of governments as set forth in the formula in the county's final 9-1-1 plan adopted pursuant to R.C. 128.03 and R.C. 128.07.
3. A regional council of governments has no authority pursuant to R.C. Chapter 128 to receive funding through contracts for dispatch services provided to other political subdivisions when the dispatch services are not provided in association with a public safety answering point.
4. A regional council of governments has no authority pursuant to R.C. 307.63 to receive funding through contracts for dispatch services provided to other

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
IT Manager	Henry County February 10, 2015
County Planner	Athens County February 16, 2015
Planner I	Lake County February 20, 2015
Investigator I	Clark County February 20, 2015
Engineer	Geauga County Until position is filled
Assistant Operations Superintendent	Licking County Until position is filled
Technical Study Director	Licking County Until position is filled
Student Help	Clark County Until position is filled
Building Code Inspector	Wayne County Until position is filled
Deputy Director of Program Integrity	Lucas County Until position is filled
Building and Electrical Safety Inspector	Logan County Until position is filled