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DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY 4, 2015	CCAO TAXATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE WEBINAR
MAY 7-8, 2015	CEBCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS RETREAT, CHERRY VALLEY LODGE, LICKING COUNTY (NEWARK)
MAY 13, 2015	SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGES FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYERS , A CCAO SECOND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR
MAY 13, 2015	CCAOSC WORKERS' COMP GROUP RETRO PLAN SAFETY TRAINING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MAY 14, 2015	CCAO GENERAL GOVERNMENT & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE (<i>LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED</i>)
MAY 20-22, 2015	NACo WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION CONFERENCE , KAUA'I COUNTY (HI)
JUNE 24-25, 2015	COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM, HYATT REGENCY, COLUMBUS
JULY 10-13, 2015	NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE, MECKLENBURG COUNTY , CHARLOTTE CONVENTION CENTER, CHARLOTTE, NC
DECEMBER 6-8, 2015	CCAO/CAEO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS

ASSOCIATION NEWS

COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM – REGISTER YOUR TEAM!

CCAO is hosting a unique economic development training experience. County commissioners, county executives and county council members are asked to extend an invitation to some of their economic development partners (approximately 4 or 5, but if you would like to invite more, we can make accommodations) to join them and attend a [County Economic Development Symposium](#) on June 24-25, 2015, at the Hyatt Regency, 350 North High Street, Columbus.



Our [planning committee](#) asks you to consider inviting some of your key economic development team members such as: local business leaders, key economic development partners (i.e., port authorities, planning commissions, sanitary engineers, OSU Extension, etc.), mayors, higher education

leaders, chamber of commerce members, workforce development partners, county engineers, treasurers, recorders, or school superintendent/ESC/JVS.

The kick-off reception will be held on Wednesday, June 24 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Symposium sessions begin on Thursday, June 25 at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m.

Keynote Speakers

- **Jeff Finkle**, International Economic Development Council
- **Kenny McDonald**, Chief Economic Officer, Columbus 2020
- **Mark Partridge**, C. William Swank Chair of Rural-Urban Policy and Professor in the Agriculture, Environment and Development Economic Department, The Ohio State University

Sessions

- What Do I Need to Know about My Community?
- What Do I Do with the Information?
- Economic Gardening
- Land Banks
- Structural Models for Economic Development
- Energy as an Economic Development Strategy
- Water and Sewer: Leveraging Grants and Loans
- Water and Sewer: Shared Resources
- Broadband
- Roads and Bridges
- Incentives
- Workforce Development
- Working with State Partners
- Jobs in the Aerospace and Military Sector

[Online registration](#) is open! **Attendance is limited to the first 300 to register.** Registration fee (includes Wednesday kick-off reception (hor d'oeuvres) and Thursday continental breakfast, breaks and lunch): \$100 (by June 10), \$125 (after June 10) and \$150 (at the door, provided space is available.) Register soon – the planning committee is expecting a sell-out crowd!

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Make your room reservations at the Hyatt Regency Columbus by May 27 to get the discounted room rate of \$139/single or \$149/double. [Click here](#) or call (800) 463-1234 for reservations.

Contact [Mary Jane Neiman](#), CCAO Public Relations Associate, for symposium and sponsorship information at (614) 220-7979 or (888) 757-1904. [Read more...](#)

CCAO TAXATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE WEBINAR - MAY 4

The CCAO Taxation and Finance Committee extends an invitation to all county commissioners, county executives, county council members, and county auditors to attend a webinar on Monday, May 4 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on 1) [Ohio Checkbook.com](#) recently announced by Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel and 2) county permissive sales and use tax data listing active vendors for each county, collections by county, by number of reporting entities, and by industrial classification. The Treasurer of State's Office has graciously agreed to host this webinar from their offices for the convenience of CCAO and the Ohio Department of Taxation. Any participants who have issue the day of the event can call Frank Kohstall at (614) 915-2215. [Read more...](#)

To sign up for this educational opportunity please log-in with the instructions below. To ensure a timely meeting please log-In at least 10 minutes prior to the start.

1. Please join my meeting. <https://www.gotomeeting.com/join/510218597>
2. Use your microphone and speakers (VoIP) - a headset is recommended. Or, call in using your telephone.

United States: +1 (872) 240-3412
Access Code: 510-218-597
Audio PIN: Shown after joining the meeting
Meeting ID: 510218597

SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGES FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYERS

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour “Social Media Challenges for Public Employers” webinar on May 13 at 9:30 a.m. The session, presented by Jonathan Downes, an attorney with Zashin and Rich, will include case studies, the discipline of employees and the possible exposure for employers and the following points:

- Core principles to avoid social media liability,
- How to control public record requests of social media,
- New privacy laws on personal accounts,
- Using a friends list without liability,
- Hidden traps of personal blogs,
- Workplace speech not protected under the First Amendment,
- New legal rulings that change the way you send texts,
- Identifying the trip-wires for personal liability, and
- Avoiding liability from social media on personal devices.

Participants in the webinar may pose questions to the presenters who will respond during and after the power point presentation. [Click here](#) to register for this exceptional educational opportunity. There is no charge to attend the webinar.

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...](#)

2014-15 NACo BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

[NACo's 80th Annual Conference and Exposition](#) is rapidly approaching and one of the most important events is the election of officers and Board of Directors members. State associations are asked to nominate representatives to serve on the NACo Board of Directors. The NACo Nominating Committee will review the nominations and prepare a report to be presented at the Annual Business Meeting to be held during the Annual Conference on Monday morning, July 13 in Mecklenburg County (Charlotte), North Carolina. The one-year term on the NACo Board of Directors begins the last day of the current annual conference and ends the last day of the next annual conference.

Ohio is entitled to two representatives on the NACo Board of Directors. Currently, the positions are filled by Commissioners Daniel Troy (Lake) and Gary Lee (Union).

Commissioners interested in serving on the NACo Board of Directors should submit a letter of interest to Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at mjneiman@ccao.org or fax (614) 221-6986 by May 29, 2015.

STATE ACTIVITIES

DESIGNATION OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREAS

This week, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) sent out a memo and sample resolution to commissioners, county executives, and county council members concerning the “Designation of Workforce Development Areas”. The federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) charges local chief elected officials with requesting appropriate workforce development area designations for their regions, as part of the transition from WIA to WIOA.

After an area’s chief elected officials make a decision regarding the designation, they must submit a formal application (JFS 00512), which can be found at <https://jfs.ohio.gov/owd/WIOA/index.stm> or <http://www.odjfs.state.oh.us/forms/inter.asp>.

If you have any questions, please contact [John Weber](#) at (614) 466-9494. [Read more...](#)

ODA TO BEGIN GYPSY MOTH TREATMENTS IN SOUTHERN OHIO



The Ohio Department of Agriculture will soon begin aerial treatments designed to control the gypsy moth population in Ohio. Treatments on 2,186 acres in Athens, Clermont, Hocking, Pickaway, Ross, and Vinton counties will begin in early May, as larva and leaf development reaches the optimal threshold for treatment. In total for the state, 3,779 acres in 14 counties will receive treatment. Gypsy moths are invasive insects that defoliate over 300 species of trees and shrubs. In Ohio, 51 counties are currently under gypsy moth quarantine regulations.

Treatments are administered using a low-flying aircraft that flies just above tree tops. High humidity, low temperature and minimal wind are crucial for a successful application. Treatment will most likely take place during early morning hours. These treatments are not toxic to humans, pets, birds, or fish.

The department uses three programs: suppression, slow-the-spread, and eradication to detect and control isolated populations to slow the overall advancement of the gypsy moth infestation. [Click here](#) to view maps of treatment blocks. Daily updates on treatment progress across the state are available by calling (614) 387-0907 or (800) 282-1955 ext. 37, any time after 5:00 p.m. [Read more...](#)

LEANOHIO BOOT CAMP TRAINING COURSE

The LeanOhio Boot Camp is part of the Ohio Local Government Innovation Fund’s (LGIF) Local Government Efficiency Program (LGEP). The Local Government Efficiency Program is the newest program to be funded through the LGIF. The LGEP has the following funds available:



- 1) Process Improvement Grants: Up to \$100,000 in grant funding for local governments to learn and use Lean Six Sigma to improve processes and make services simpler, faster, better and less costly. Projects should be focused on improving an identified process to make it faster, better or less costly, and

- 2) \$2,000 scholarships for local government or other political subdivision leaders or staff to attend the one-week LeanOhio Boot Camp training course, which was developed by [LeanOhio](#) and available through local colleges, universities and other certified partners. Scholarship money will only pay for the standardized LeanOhio Boot Camp training course. The Development Services Agency is partnering with the Department of Administrative Services to develop and manage this program.

Deadlines to apply for a LeanOhio Boot Camp scholarship are June 8, September 14, and December 7, 2015. [Read more...](#)

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

SENATE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING LEGISLATION

The [Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015 \(S.178\)](#) passed in the U.S. Senate on April 22 by a vote of 99 to 0. This bill would provide grants to counties to develop, improve or expand domestic child human trafficking deterrence programs. S. 178, introduced on January 13, would not only provide additional resources to federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to combat human trafficking but also provide assistance to victims of trafficking.

The Senate's unanimous passage of anti-human trafficking legislation last week drew accolades from several members of Ohio's congressional delegation. Senator [Rob Portman](#) said the Senate passed his "Bringing Missing Children Home Act of 2014", which would improve the way we find missing children, strengthen the prosecution against buyers of sex acts from trafficking victims, define victims of child sex trafficking as victims of child abuse and ensure that children who are sex trafficked or sexually exploited are treated as victims, not criminals.

Senator [Sherrod Brown](#) stated that three amendments he sponsored that were included in the bill to provide grants to local law enforcement for tracking down homeless youth and runaways; encourage states to allow rape victims to petition for the termination of their attacker's parental rights; and provide for human trafficking prevention training for Foreign Service Officers serving abroad.

Representative [Joyce Beatty](#) (Dist. 3-Columbus), who sponsored similar legislation in the House, said it would address child sex trafficking by de-criminalizing the behavior of victims and making it easier for people to report potential violations to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children Cyber Tip Line. [Read more...](#)

LATTA REINTRODUCES "PROTECTING OUR GREAT LAKES ACT"

Last week, Representative [Bob Latta](#) (Dist. 5-Bowling Green) reintroduced the [Protecting Our Great Lakes Act of 2015 \(H.R. 1135\)](#) legislation to help mitigate harmful algal blooms by prohibiting the discharge of dredged material into the waters of the Great Lakes. During the dredging process, material is discharged back into the lake, re-suspending buried harmful material as well as disturbing existing bottom sediments and the resting stages of harmful algal bloom species. H.R. 1135 prohibits the discharge of dredged material into the waters of the Great Lakes. [Read more...](#)

NACo ACTIVITIES

NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION – EARLY REGISTRATION ENDS MAY 29

NACo's 80th Annual Conference and Exposition will be held July 10-13 at the Charlotte Convention Center, in Mecklenburg County, (Charlotte) North Carolina. The Annual Conference provides county officials with a great opportunity to vote on NACo's policies related to federal legislation and regulation; elect officers; network with

colleagues; learn about innovative county programs; find out about issues impacting counties across the country; and view products and services from participating companies and exhibitors.

Registration is open. Register online to save \$25! The largest hotel blocks are at the Westin Charlotte Hotel (headquarters) and the Hilton Charlotte City Center Hotel. Room blocks have been held at seven other downtown hotel properties. Downtown Charlotte is a very walkable city with many dining opportunities. NACo will be encouraging walking throughout the conference. Shuttle service will be available running on a 20-25 minute schedule with stops at multiple hotels. The discounted **early bird registration deadline is May 29**, but waiting until this date will not guarantee your hotel reservation at your first choice hotel. For more information and to register online, [click here](#).



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

USING TECHNOLOGY TO CONNECT HEALTH CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

Join NACo on May 7, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. for a webinar on “Using Technology to Connect Health Care for People with Mental Illness”. The push to integrated care, particularly for those with serious mental illness, led a comprehensive community provider and more than 30 North Carolina counties to explore their fragmented health care landscapes and transform them by effectively leveraging technology. By enhancing the interoperability of their counties’ services and hospitals and working with law enforcement and the courts, the counties are helping to keep people with serious mental illness in cost effective treatment and out of hospitals and jails by improving care and outcomes. [Register here...](#)

GETTING STARTED WITH STEPPING UP: A NATIONAL INITIATIVE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES IN JAILS

Join NACo on May 14, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. for a webinar to learn more about “Stepping Up: A National Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails”. Partners at NACo, the Council of State Governments Justice Center and the American Psychiatric Foundation will discuss the benefits of signing on to the initiative, how to get started, technical assistance opportunities and activities, and will answer any questions about the initiative. Presenters will also provide recommendations for who to include on your county team or how you can leverage existing teams to move forward with the initiative. They will describe experiences from counties that have successfully established teams of stakeholders and kept them engaged throughout reform efforts. Counties can sign on to the Initiative starting on May 5, 2015. [Register 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
Mapping Technician 1	Holmes County May 9, 2015
Building Inspector 3	Union County May 12, 2015
Design Engineer	Medina County May 29, 2015

LSC Telecommunications Fellowship	Ohio General Assembly (Legislative Service Commission) May 31, 2015
County Administrator	Sandusky County Until position is filled