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Upcoming Events

[Register of Deeds Workshop](#)
Kearney, October 7, 2009

[NACO Legislative Conference](#)
Kearney, October 8, 2009

[NACO 115th Annual Conference](#)
Lincoln, December 9-11, 2009



**The NACO/MIPS
offices
will be closed
Monday, October 12
in observance of
Columbus Day**

4th Annual Legislative Conference

This Thursday, October 8th...

Walk-in registrations will be accepted for NACO's 4th Annual Legislative Conference - to be held this Thursday, October 8, at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center in Kearney. This year's speakers include State Auditor Mike Foley and Senators Dennis Utter and Lavon Heidemann, as well as legislative aides and NACO legislative counsel.

Over five hours of educational sessions and networking have been planned for this year's conference. This is also the forum where you will have the opportunity to provide your input into establishing NACO's platform and legislative priorities.

Registration for the conference is only \$30 and includes luncheon, breaks, and handout material. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center. Rates are \$69 single/double. Reservations can be made by calling the Holiday Inn at 308-237-5971. Let them know that you are with the NACO Legislative Conference to receive the special rate.

A complete agenda can be found online at www.nacone.org.



NACO's 115th Annual Conference

[Registration](#) and [tentative agenda](#) information are now available on the NACO website at www.nacone.org. Registration is \$120 on or before November 27th. Registrations received after that date will be \$135. The fee for the guest program is \$65 and will be limited to 52 people. A full conference agenda and guest program itinerary will be available in the November issue of the *CountyLine*.

"Energy Block Grant Implementation and Reporting" Webinar Scheduled for October 8

More than 450 counties were eligible for direct formula grants from the U.S. Department of Energy under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program (EECBG). In the early fall, counties will begin implementing their energy saving projects. This webinar will explore implementation and reporting requirements for counties receiving direct formula grants. The EECBG program was funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and counties must therefore adhere to reporting requirements under both ARRA and the Department of Energy. A county case study will demonstrate project implementation. The Department of Energy will use the same case study to demonstrate accurate and complete reporting requirements.

To register: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/119392514>



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2011—2014 Minimum Salary Recommendations for County Officials Report

The salaries of all elected officers of the county shall be fixed by the County Board prior to January 15 of the year in which a general election will be held for the respective offices; therefore, the salaries of a majority of the elected county officials must be fixed prior to January 15, 2010.

The *2011-2014 Minimum Salary Recommendations for County Officials* report will be distributed and presented at the 2009 NACO Legislative Conference in Kearney. Additionally, the report and supporting documents will be e-mailed to each of the county clerks following the 2009 Legislative Conference. The report compiles the results of the 2009 Salary Study Committee. Information about the Salary Study Committee, its members and its recommendations is included in the report.

If you would like to see the report and the results of a survey compiled by the county clerks, please see your county clerk first and/or contact Elaine Menzel at elaine@nacone.org.



National Save for Retirement Week, created by Congress to boost awareness for the need for everyone to save for retirement, is October 18-24, 2009. For information on the need for supplemental retirement plans and ways your county can promote supplemental retirement click [here](#).

Reminder: County Official of the Year nominations must be received by Friday, November 13th, 2009. The nomination form is available by [clicking here](#) or visiting the NACO website at www.nacone.org.

News Across the State...

Links are to outside sources and may not be available indefinitely

[Hall County vying for satellite voting project](#)

The Grand Island Independent, 10/1/09

Grant Writing & Grant Management Training Opportunities in Nebraska

The Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA) and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day **Grant Writing Workshop** in Omaha on October 19-20, 2009. Beginning and experienced grant writers will learn how to write winning grant proposals and find grant funders. Tuition is \$425 and includes class workbook and accompanying resource CD that's packed full of tools and more than 200 sample grant proposals.

If your office already receives government grants, then consider the two-day **Grant Management Workshop** presented in partnership with LifePoint by BryanLGH, in Lincoln on November 19-20, 2009. If you don't know what to do, staying in compliance with federal grant requirements can be daunting, however, experienced Grant Writing USA instructors teach attendees compliance steps in an organized, comprehensive, and easy to understand manner. Tuition is \$595 and includes Grant Writing USA's 450-page grant management workbook and reference guide.

Attend both the writing *and* management class and receive \$100 off combined cost of tuition. Multi-enrollment discounts are also available. Seating is limited, online reservations are necessary.

For more information please call 800-814-8191 or visit:

<http://www.grantwritingusa.com/events.html>

If you are aware of any news that may be of interest, please let us know



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