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Don't Miss NACO's 5th Annual Legislative Conference!

There is still time to register for NACO's 5th Annual Legislative Conference - to be held Thursday, October 14, at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center in Kearney. This year's speakers include Governor David Heineman, Speaker Mike Flood, and Senator Greg Adams, as well as NACO legislative staff. This is a 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 a break, luncheon, and all handout materials. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center. Rates are \$71 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.

Upcoming Events

Legislative Conference

Kearney, October 14, 2010

NWCA Fall Training

Hastings, October 26-27, 2010

Nebraska Digital Government Summit

Lincoln, November 1, 2010

GIS Day

Norfolk, November 17, 2010

Omaha Police Dept. Grant Writing Workshop

Omaha, November 18-19, 2010

116th Annual Conference

Lincoln, December 8-10, 2010

GIS Day to be held November 17, 2010

In commemoration of GIS Day, a Professional Development Session will be held in Norfolk at the Lifelong Learning Center at Northeast Community College on November 17, from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. This event is free to the public. For those interested in attending contact Michael C. Murphy, GIS Manager, Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District at mmurphy@lenrd.org or by telephone at 402-371-7313.

1:00-1:50	LIDAR and its Applications – Doug Hallum, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and Nolan Little, Tri-Basin Natural Resources District
2:00-2:50	HAZUS –MH for ArcGIS – Arnold Radloff, Lincoln Water System, Public Works
3:00-3:50	National Hydrography Dataset (NHD) – Josh Lear, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
4:00-4:50	Mapping H1N1 / Traffic Injuries / West Nile - Kim Schultz, Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department

Darnall Ranch v. Banner County Board of Equalization

Today, the Nebraska Supreme Court issued *Darnall Ranch v. Banner Cty. Bd. of Equal.*, 280 Neb 655, -- N.W.2d – (2010). In this case, the Court concluded that the Tax Equalization and Review Commission (TERC) lacked jurisdiction over the Darnell Ranch's (DRI) appeal because the County Board of Equalization failed to comply with the Open Meetings Act. Darnell Ranch's 2005 valuations were voided and reverted back to the valuations placed on the property in 2004. The Court's decision effectively reversed TERC's decision. A further review and additional details will appear in the next *CountyLine*. To view the case on the Supreme Court's website, click [here](#).

Nominations for County Official of the Year

Nomination forms must be received by Friday, November 12, 2010. The nomination form is available by clicking the link below or visiting the NACO website at www.nacone.org.

County Official of the
Year Nomination
Form



The NACO/MIPS offices will be closed Monday, October 11th in observance of Columbus Day

NACO's 116th Annual Conference

Mark your calendar for NACO's 116th Annual Conference, to be held December 8-10, 2010 at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel in Lincoln. Tentative agenda information is now available on the NACO website at www.nacone.org. Detailed conference information will be published in the November issue of *CountyLine*.



Pictures from the 2010 Assessors Workshop are on NACO's Facebook page. [View them now.](#)

Upcoming Web-based Education...



Carbon Credits & Conservation Finance: What County Officials Need to Know

Thursday, October 7
1:00 - 2:15 p.m. CDT

Learn in this webinar how your county's green spaces and parks mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and sequester carbon. Learn about emerging opportunities for new revenue streams through carbon markets. To register, click [here](#).

How Smart Growth Can Put Your County on a Path to a Green Economy

Thursday, October 14
1:00 - 2:15 p.m. CDT

Explore innovative design and land use strategies that promote green economic development with comprehensive plans and policies that create jobs and save money. Learn from NACO's partners in urban planning and design how you can move your county toward a greener economy and a greener future. To register, click [here](#).

NACO's Leadership Series: Listen to Understand

Thursday, October 21
1:00 - 2:15 p.m. CDT

How can learning to listen make you a more effective communicator? We add to our arsenal of habits of "highly effective people" with this focus on how intentional listening fosters positive relationships in all aspects of life. Join Franklin Covey certified trainers Keith Niemann and Lisa Kaslon for this hour of instruction and examples. This is a NACO member only webinar.

For more information on these, other upcoming and previous webinars, visit the NACO [Web-based Education](#) page.



Grants Training in Omaha, NE - November 18-19, 2010

Omaha Police Department and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day grants workshop in Omaha, November 18-19, 2010. In this class you'll learn how to find grants and write winning grant proposals. This training is applicable to grant seekers across all disciplines.

[Click here for complete event details.](#)

Beginning and experienced grant writers from city, county and state agencies as well as nonprofits, K-12, colleges and universities are encouraged to attend.

Multi-enrollment discounts and discounts for Grant Writing USA returning alumni are available. Tuition payment is not required at the time of enrollment.

Tuition is \$425 and includes all materials: workbook and accompanying 420MB resource CD that's packed full of tools and more than 200 sample grant proposals. Seating is limited, online reservations are necessary.

Complete event details including learning objectives, class location, graduate testimonials and online registration [are available here](#).

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