ARRA and Rural Broadband Partnership Opportunities
Webinar Scheduled for November 19

Please join NACo for a webinar on Thursday, November 19 from 1-2:15 p.m. CST entitled “ARRA and Rural Broadband Partnership Opportunities”. The Recovery Act contained $7.2 billion in funds for rural broadband deployment. A second Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) is anticipated at the end of November for a portion of this funding with a third NOFA anticipated as well. This webinar will offer an overview of private, nonprofit and public sector partners that are interested in partnering with counties on broadband deployment projects.

For more information about broadband funding opportunities, go to www.broadbandusa.gov. At NACo, contact: Erik Johnston 202-942-4230.

EECBG Competitive Grant Announced
Deadlines of November 19 & December 14

DOE is releasing this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) seeking innovative state, local government and Indian tribe programs funded under the Recovery Act. This FOA will use up to $453.72 million in Recovery Act EECBG funds for these competitive grants awarded in two (2) topic areas.

For more information, click here.

NACO’s 115th Annual Conference

Registration and tentative agenda information are 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.

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.
Grant Management Training Opportunities in Nebraska

If your office 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.

Seating is limited, online reservations are necessary.

For more information please call 800-814-8191 or visit: http://www.grantwritingusa.com/events.html

Walk For Your Life Challenge 2009...

And the results are in for the second year of NACO's Walk For Your Life Challenge. A total of 719 participants from 36 counties, NACO and MIPS logged over 111,000 miles over the four-month period. Howard County's nine participants had the highest cumulative average—330 miles per participant—over the course of the challenge. Dawson County's participants racked up the most miles by a county, logging in 9,150 miles. One individual alone racked up 1,032 miles. Complete results have been sent to each county contact person.

News Across the State...

Sheriff’s office unveils Web site
North Platte Telegraph, 10/16/09

Election Day registration may result in higher voter turnout
Lincoln Journal Star, 10/19/09

Five county boards invited to roads summit
Nebraska City News Press, 10/21/09

Bruning impressed with state of the art county jail
KNEB AM 960 / FM 94.1

Health Reform Legislation Expected on Senate Floor Soon

Health care reform legislation is expected to be on the Senate floor in the next several weeks after the Senate Finance Committee passed its version on health care legislation... click here for full article.

NACo Senate Leadership Health Reform Letter dated 10/15/09 (PDF)

Health across the State and may not be available indefinitely


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 was distributed and presented at the 2009 NACO Legislative Conference in Kearney. Additionally, the report and supporting documents were 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.

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

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