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## Upcoming Events

[NACO 115th Annual Conference](#)

Lincoln, December 9-11, 2009

## Dix elected to National Council of County Association Executives



Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Executive Director Larry Dix has been elected third vice president of the National Council of County Association Executives (NCCAE). Dix was sworn into office October 24, 2009 in Sonoma County, California at the Council's Annual Meeting.

The NCCAE represents state associations of counties across the country. The council aims to strengthen and improve county government organizations. Out of the 50 states, 47 states have at least one state association. There are a total of 53 state associations, with some states having more than one association.

## NACO's 115th Annual Conference Matters...

[Registration](#) and [tentative agenda](#) information are available on the NACO website at [www.nacone.org](http://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 is available in the [November](#) issue of the *CountyLine*.

**Lodging:** Please review your lodging requirements and release any unneeded rooms as soon as possible. A waiting list has been established for all those who were unable to acquire lodging at their requested hotels. **Friday, November 13th, 2009** is the last day to make changes to reservations without being penalized.

**Voter Confirmation Forms:** Due in the NACO office by Friday, December 4th, 2009. The Voter Confirmation form identifies the person casting the ballot for each county on each matter submitted to a vote of the members. Absence of the Voter Confirmation form will only allow the county board chair to cast the ballot in-person for a county.

**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](http://www.nacone.org).

*The NACO/MIPS Offices*

*will be closed*

*Wednesday, November 11th*

*in observance of*

*Veteran's Day*



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**The Legislature** convened last week for a special budget-cutting session. Among the \$336 million in cuts proposed by Governor Heineman are reductions of 2.5 percent for this year and 5 percent for next year to state aid to counties and jail reimbursement. Most state agencies would experience similar reductions. County Property Tax Relief would not be cut in FY09-10 but reduced by \$75,000 in FY01-11. The Appropriations Committee will conclude public hearings on the proposals tomorrow and begin debate on proposed revisions to the budget package as early as Thursday afternoon.

Debate and hearings can be viewed via the Legislature's website at [www.nebraskalegislature.gov](http://www.nebraskalegislature.gov)

#### Cedar County Courthouse Complex Ribbon Cutting and Dedication Ceremony

A ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony will be held on Friday, November 20th, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. for the Cedar County Courthouse Complex, located at 101 South Broadway Avenue in Hartington.

#### 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](#).

#### News from the Secretary of State's office— Records Management Division

Periodically, the Records Management Division of the Secretary of State's office will communicate changes from that office through E-News. To view the latest announcement on "durable medium" definition, click [here](#).

#### 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>

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

#### 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](http://www.broadbandusa.gov). At NACo, contact: Erik Johnston / 202-942-4230.



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