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The National Association of Counties' biweekly electronic newsletter on current programs, projects and initiatives

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Dear INSERT_FIRST_NAME,

NACo's 2011 Annual Conference begins later this week in Multnomah County (Portland), Ore. It will be a great conference with interesting speakers, informative workshops, networking with colleagues and an exhibit hall of business solutions. If you are unable to attend, please check the NACo website at www.naco.org. Staff will be providing updates.

This week's poll question, "Should the Administration and Congress reduce the deficit by: Raising revenue/taxes, Cutting spending/programs, or Combination of both." Click [here](#) to vote.

The last poll question asked, "What flag garb will you feature this Independence Day?" 50 percent said t-shirt or jacket, 48 percent said plates, napkins and other BBQ essentials, 12 percent said my favorite flag hat, 4 percent said my pet will be in flag-wear, 8 percent said none and 37 percent said other, with the most popular response being hanging the flag at my house. You could select several options which is why these numbers add up to more than 100 percent.

New from NACo



Join the NACo Tech Summit online

Missing NACo's Annual Conference in Multnomah County (Portland), Ore.? No problem. You can still participate in [NACo's Technology Summit](#) this Friday. Access the summit online by logging in to [Cisco WebEx](#) at 11:30 a.m. (EDT) on Friday, July 15. The event number is "201 731 032" and the password is "cisco." You'll view the speakers and audience questions live through your browser. Once you login, WebEx will prompt you for your telephone number, and then you'll receive a call to add you to the conference line.

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Deadline nears for 2012 pipeline damage prevention grants

NACo encourages counties with pipeline safety concerns to work with your state officials on the 2012 State Damage Prevention (SDP) Grant Application. States must submit applications by August 17. The grants are available through the Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

The SDP Grant program was established to provide funding to help states align and implement an effective underground pipeline damage prevention program. Fifteen grants will be awarded with a maximum award of \$100,000.00 per state. More information is available [here](#).

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Be 'social' with NACo in Multnomah County (Portland)

Follow NACo social media during the 2011 Annual Conference in Multnomah County (Portland), Ore. July 15 – 19. Get up-to-the-minute information, photos and news — and join in the conversation! @NACoTweets will be using the hashtag #NACoAnn on Twitter, and you can "like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NACoDC.

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\$27 million in solar energy project grants available

The U.S. Department of Energy is offering \$27 million in funding to reduce non-hardware costs associated with solar energy projects. This includes \$12.5 million in challenge grants to help counties and cities streamline permitting processes, and \$15 million to improve information technology and local zoning and building codes. For the solicitation and more information on the challenge, click [here](#).

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Seen the latest? Check out NACo on YouTube

Tune in to the NACo Channel on YouTube to learn how your fellow county officials from across the country are helping to shape federal legislation, policies and funding levels in Washington, D.C. Watch videos of county officials representing the nation's counties before Congress, NACo Congressional Briefings, Capitol Hill press rallies, and media coverage of NACo advocacy achievements, effective county programs, special initiatives and much more [here](#).

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Free NACo webinars

Use Hazard Mitigation Funding Opportunities to Strengthen Your Community (Members only)

Wednesday, Aug. 17

2 – 3:15p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Learn how your county can use its Hazard Mitigation Plan to apply for funds to strengthen the community against future disasters. To register, click [here](#).

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Webinars on Demand

Did you miss a webinar because you did not have the time? Have you viewed our Webinars on Demand that highlight topics you might be dealing with? Viewing these webinars at your convenience is a great way to learn how other counties are dealing with issues and programs. Click [here](#) to see what you have missed.

About NACo – The Voice of America's Counties

National Association of Counties (NACo) is the only national organization that represents county governments in the U.S. NACo provides essential services to the nation's 3,068 counties. NACo advances issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improves the public's understanding of county government, assists counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money.

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