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

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Dear Member,

Through a special program this year, NACo has a number of new member counties. We welcome and encourage them, as well as our long time member counties, to become involved and actively participate. NACo is your association, and together, "The Voice of America's Counties." Please visit the new NACo website at www.naco.org for member benefits, resources, legislation, policy and more.

This week's poll question, "Who will win Super Bowl XLV (45) being played in Tarrant County, Texas?" Click [here](#) to vote.

The last poll question asked, "The leadership of the U.S. House of Representatives is proposing to cut \$100 billion from the federal budget. What should be cut? We asked for your top three, below are the results.

- Entitlement Programs/Safety Net Programs 59%
- Regulatory Oversight 56%
- Farm Subsidies 52%
- Federal Health Initiatives 45%
- Defense Spending 38%
- Infrastructure Expenditures 26%
- Education 17%

New from NACo



Health Center Planning grants are now available

Through the Affordable Care Act, Health Center Planning Grants (HCPGs) are available from the Health Resources and Services Administration to support the development of comprehensive primary care health centers. Eligible applicants include public or nonprofit private entities, including tribal, faith-based and community-based organizations. Up to \$10 million may be available to support approximately 125 HCPGs in FY11 in specific areas of

unmet need. Applications are due March 18. For more information, click [here](#).

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New food distribution contract available to all U.S. Communities participants

U.S. Communities' Lead Public Agency, North Carolina State University, has announced a new Food Distribution and Related Supplies and Services contract with Premier, Inc. that provides significant savings and effective solutions for food distribution, supplies and services. To learn more, click [here](#).

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Five Star Restoration grant applications due Feb. 14

The cut-off for Five Star Restoration Program applications for the 2011 funding cycle is Feb. 14. This program funds wetland, river or stream restoration in connection with community-based environmental education. For more information, click [here](#).

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Plan to celebrate National County Government Month

Booklets and materials to help you plan and celebrate National County Government Month (NCGM) in April are now available. Booklets were mailed to each member county and an online version is available [here](#). The theme for 2011 is "Serving Our Veterans, Armed Forces, and Their Families." NACo will recognize and present an award to three counties for their outstanding NCGM activities. Details on the award program are in the booklet as well as online at www.naco.org/NCGM.

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Jan. 31 is the deadline for NACo-Nationwide Scholarships

Only a few days remain to apply for the NACo-Nationwide Scholarship. Four high school seniors will earn \$2,000 for college for their winning essays describing why it's important for public sector employees to start saving early for retirement. Applicants must be the child or grandchild of a participant in NACo's Deferred Compensation Program, administered by Nationwide Retirement Solutions. Click [here](#) for more information.

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Achievement Award applications deadline is Feb. 11

Give your county's programs and employees a shot at national recognition by applying for a NACo Achievement Award. The awards are non-competitive and recognize innovative county government programs that have achieved results. Application forms and program summaries must be postmarked by Feb. 11. For more information on the application process, click [here](#).

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Coming up...



Free workshop recordings provided for Legislative Conference attendees

As an added benefit to your registration fee, delegates to NACo's 2011 Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C., March 5 - 9, will receive the recorded educational sessions for free. The value of your registration has just increased by 200 percent. Register today and receive access to 36 hours of audio synced to PowerPoint presentations as an attendee benefit at the NACo Live Learning Center. For up-to-date information on the conference and all sessions, click [here](#).

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Survival Strategies is the theme of NACo's Technology Summit on March 5

"County Survival Strategies in Tough Economic Times" will focus on cost saving measures and showcase counties that have used technology to reduce county operating costs and enhance service delivery. There is no cost to attend the Summit, which is being held in conjunction with NACo's Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C., March 5 - 9, 2011. To register, please contact Betty Thomas.

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Smart growth conference, Feb. 3 - 5, Charlotte, NC

The New Partners for Smart Growth Conference will be held Feb. 3-5 in Charlotte, N.C. This national, multi-disciplinary conference — presented by the Local Government Commission and co-sponsored by NACo — will identify innovative ways to finance smart growth, explore creative techniques for reducing infrastructure and service costs, and provide concrete ideas for employing smart growth as a tool for community economic vitality. For more details, click [here](#).

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Registration open for Western Interstate Regional Conference

This year's Western Interstate Region (WIR) Conference will take place May 18 – 20 in Chelan County (Wenatchee), Wash. Register before April 6 and save. To register, see conference details and plan your participation click [here](#).

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Free NACo webinars

Communities Working Together for Lasting Solutions: Increasing Civic Understanding (Members only)

Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2 – 3:15 p.m. EST

Explore tools you can use to connect with your residents through an interactive process that builds positive relationships and generates innovative problem-solving. To register, click here:

[member webinar registration](#)

Contact: [Trudy Rice](#) • 202.661.8805

Building Sustainable Communities with Green Building Codes

Thursday, Feb. 3, 2 – 3:15 p.m. EST

Find out how the new International Green Construction Code (IGCC) supports sustainable development in county government. To register, click [here](#).

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Communities Working Together for Lasting Solutions: Increasing Public Participation (Members only)

Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2 – 3:15 p.m. EST

How communities work together to make difficult decisions matters. Discover how communities tackle problems using a well thought-out process for educating and engaging community members. To register, click here: [member webinar registration](#)

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Getting the Most of Your Conference Attendance

Thursday, Feb. 10, 2 – 3:15 p.m. EST

Review NACo's Legislative Conference schedule and opportunities with NACo staff. Begin now to plan your participation for the most benefit to your county and your leadership. To register, click [here](#).

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Communities Working Together for Lasting Solutions: Building Effective Leadership (Members only)

Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2 – 3:15 p.m. EST

Explore ways you can diversify your leadership base, as you prepare new leaders for future responsibilities. To register, click here: [member webinar registration](#)

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A New Wave of Tools for Coastal County Resiliency

Thursday, Feb. 17, 2 – 3:15 p.m. EST

Are you in a coastal county? Haven't visited the Digital Coast? Get a sneak peek at upcoming tools and learn about NACo's Digital Coast partnership. To register, click [here](#).

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Implementing the Affordable Care Act: Updates and Upcoming Issues

Thursday, Feb. 24, 2 – 3:15 p.m. EST

Learn about upcoming provisions in the health reform law, current state implementation efforts and the potential effects of the new political climate. To register, click [here](#).

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Other Free Webinars of Interest

Tracking County Building Performance

Tuesday, Feb. 8, 3:30 – 4:45 p.m. EST

Learn about the free tools available to track your buildings' energy use and make improvements. Leslie Cook of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will introduce the ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager tool. Gene Hepler of Mohave County, Ariz.'s Office of Management and Budget will discuss his county's success using Portfolio Manager. To register, click [here](#).

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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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