

NACo e-News



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Solutions your county can use - Learn from best-of-class Achievement Award winners

New issue brief, *A Look at the History of Municipal Bankruptcy*

NACo, U.S. Communities announce new national contract

Dear William,

NACo's Board of Directors held its fall meeting last week to:

- set legislative priorities for 2012;
- discuss making *County News* an electronic publication;
- review a revenue sharing program for counties with CVS/Caremark related to the Prescription Discount Card Program; and
- adopt the 2012 annual budget.

During the meeting, it was announced that Executive Director Larry Naake, who has led the association for 20 years, will retire at the end of 2012. For details on the meeting, read the December 19 issue of *County News* or visit www.naco.org.

This issue's poll question: "For this holiday season, what gifts would you like to receive?" Click [here](#) to vote.

The poll question from the last issue asked, "Who is to blame for the Congressional "Super Committee's" failing to reach a compromise on debt reduction?" Seven percent said Democrats, 21 percent said Republicans, 30 percent said both Democrats and Republicans, 7 percent said President Obama, 30 percent said Congress and President Obama, and 5 percent choose other.

Lenny Eliason
NACo President

New from NACo



To the brink of bankruptcy and beyond

Find out what contributed to past local bankruptcies, and the roles states and localities play in managing such crises in the NACo issue brief, *A Look at the History of Municipal Bankruptcy*. The publication is available [here](#).

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Solutions your county can use - Learn from best-of-class Achievement Award winners

Smart Governance Best Practices takes a look at award-winning county programs that are changing the way counties operate and provide services in response to the new economy. They're working smarter and more efficiently to deliver services while also saving money. To access the publication, click [here](#).

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Health and Human Services Health Care Innovation Challenge Funding Opportunity

The Health Care Innovation Challenge will provide up to \$1 billion in awards to support innovative initiatives to improve care quality and

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NACo Prescription Discount Card Program





reduce cost for individuals enrolled in Medicare, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. The three-year awards will range from \$1 million to \$30 million, and eligible applicants include local governments. Letters of intent are due December 19 and full applications are due January 27, 2012. Click [here](#) for more information. You may also want to visit www.naco.org/healthreformimplement.
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NACo, U.S. Communities announce new national carpet, flooring contract

[Empire Today](#) has been awarded the U.S. Communities Flooring Products and Accessories, Installation and Related Services contract, through a competitive solicitation process conducted by lead public agency, the city of Seattle. Empire Today is a leading provider of installed carpet and flooring, delivering quality products and world-class service for more than 50 years. The contract delivers end-to-end flooring solutions including free on-site consultation, comprehensive account management, installation by local companies and customer service for agencies of all sizes.
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Upcoming Events



Register today for NACo's 2012 Legislative Conference

Plan now to attend NACo's 2012 Legislative Conference to be held March 3–7 at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C. Register online before Jan. 20, 2012 to save \$25 on your registration fee. For more information, please click [here](#).
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Free NACo webinars

2012 Five Star Applicant Webinar

Monday, Jan. 9, 2 – 3:30 p.m. EST

Five Star provides \$10,000 to \$40,000 grants on a competitive basis to support community-based wetland, riparian and coastal habitat restoration projects. Learn more about the Five Star program, the application requirements and tips for writing a strong proposal. To register, click [here](#).

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Introduction to Generating Wind Power for Your Local Communities

Thursday, Jan. 12, 2 – 3:15 p.m. EST

Today many county leaders understand how solar energy works and how it can be used to power local facilities, but most believe that wind power is different — that it can only be produced by large utilities. Discover how distributed wind power enables local communities to power their own facilities. 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 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.

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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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