

# NACo e-News



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

May 3, 2011

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## NACo presidential appointments' process underway

## County-led reentry directory being developed

Dear INSERT\_FIRST\_NAME,

Today, Tuesday, May 3rd, is a unique and historic day. President Obama and Vice President Biden have invited approximately 100 county officials to the White House. For more details, please see the "New from NACo" section below.

This week's poll question, "Do you think that the death of Bin Laden will have an impact on al-Qaeda?" Click [here](#) to vote.

The last poll question, "Which do you prefer, jelly beans, chocolate bunnies or marshmallow peeps?" 43 percent said chocolate bunnies, 39 percent said jelly beans and 18 percent said marshmallow peeps

## New from NACo

### President Obama meets with county officials at White House today

County officials have been invited to discuss jail and poverty issues, infrastructure development, health care implementation, Medicare/Medicaid, and sustainable communities at a White House meeting with President Obama. Several Cabinet Secretaries, their deputies and other key federal officials are expected to participate. For details following the afternoon meeting, please be sure to visit [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org) and read next week's issue of *County News*.

### NACo presidential appointments' process underway

Incoming NACo President Lenny Eliason will appoint NACo's Leadership Team and a number of NACo committee appointments when he takes office in July. These appointments are for one- to three-year terms, and membership on some of these committees has specific requirements. If you would like to be considered for a leadership post or a committee chair appointment for 2011 – 2012, you must fill out a Presidential Appointments Application online. Please click [here](#) to access the application. The application deadline is June 2.

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### County reentry directory being developed

NACo is working with the National Reentry Resource Center at the Council of State Governments Justice Center to develop a directory of county-led reentry efforts. The directory would connect reentry coordinators and provide a succinct list of local efforts that assist individuals returning from prisons and jail and their families. Please share with NACo if you know of a county reentry effort or would like your county reentry effort included in the directory.

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### Apply to win the National County Government Month Award

NACo is encouraging all counties that hosted events to raise public awareness about county government during National County Government



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## Take the e-News Poll





Month in April to share your efforts with NACo. New this year: NACo will present awards to three counties (urban, rural and suburban) for their outstanding NCGM activities during April. The deadline is May 31. Click [here](#) for details and the online award application.

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### Free Columbia River Gorge wind power tour

Interested in learning how wind power works and how you can bring it to your county? Join other county officials for a wind power tour on July 14 in Portland prior to NACo's 2011 Annual Conference (July 15 – 19). Multnomah and Sherman counties and NACo's Green Government Initiative are hosting a wind tour of three wind facilities in the Columbia River Gorge. The tour is FREE, thanks to the generous support of several tour sponsors. To register, click [here](#).

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### Tough times? Provide your residents with some relief

Join 1,375 other NACo-member counties who are providing their residents substantial savings on their prescription costs. More than \$380 million has been saved by consumers since late 2004 thanks to NACo's free Prescription Discount Card Program. The average savings per transaction is 25 percent. Click [here](#) to access the April 6 webinar recording on the program.

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## Washington Update

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### NACo seeks examples of regulatory hurdles, hindrances

If you have been bothered and befuddled by federal regulations that add expense and headaches to your projects or operations, now's your time to let NACo know. NACo is collecting information to forward to the Obama administration in conjunction with a White House initiative to find ways to design cost-effective, evidence-based regulations. Click [here](#) for information.

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## Upcoming Events

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### Gov. Gregoire (D-WA) and Rep. Hastings (R-WA) to address WIR Conference

The Western Interstate Regional (WIR) Conference will take place May 18 – 20 in Chelan County (Wenatchee), Wash. Featured speakers include Washington Gov. Chris Gregoire (D) (General Session, May 20) and U.S. Rep. Doc Hastings (R-Wash.) (May 19). Network with colleagues and discuss best practices to take back to your county. For registration and up-to-date conference information, click [here](#).

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### 2011 Annual Conference plans moving forward

Multnomah County is gearing up to welcome NACo members July 15 – 19 at the Oregon Convention Center for the Annual Conference. Portland is known as one of the most environmentally conscious cities in the country. In that regard, the conferencewide event will be a zero-waste function with everything used being either recycled or composted. NACo attendees will use the award-winning MAX Light Rail to travel from all official NACo hotels to the Oregon Convention Center. For full information about the conference and planning a pre or post stay in Oregon or Washington, click [here](#).

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## Free NACo webinars

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### **Using County Health Indicators to Inform Local Policy Decisions**

*Thursday, May 5, 2 – 3:15 p.m. EDT*

Learn how your county can use community health and quality-of-life indicator information to help inform policy decisions and more effectively target local public health resources. To register, click [here](#).

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### **Green Infrastructure in Your Backyard: Southern Area**

*Thursday, May 12, 2 – 3:15 p.m. EDT*

Find out how Large Landscape-Scale Plans (regional plans impacting several states) impact county-level planning. To register, click [here](#).

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### **Managing Your Message in the Digital Age of Communications (Members only)**

*Wednesday, May 18, 2 – 3:15 p.m. EDT*

While technologies have changed, the rules of media relations and public communications have not. Learn basic media relations best practices and the DOs and DON'Ts of using social media. This webinar is especially useful for newly elected officials. To register, click [here](#).

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### **Improving Local and State Partnerships in Sentencing and Corrections**

*Thursday, May 19, 2 – 3:15 p.m. EDT*

Discover how performance incentive funding realigns funds between states and counties providing counties additional funding to reinvest in probation and community supervision services. To register, click [here](#).

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### **Green Infrastructure in Your Backyard: Northeast & Great Lakes Area**

*Thursday, May 26, 2 – 3:15 p.m. EDT*

Learn how urban metropolitan regions are planning green infrastructure to manage storm-water and environmental services. To register, click [here](#).

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### **Green Infrastructure in Your Backyard: Central Area**

*Thursday, June 9, 2 – 3:15 p.m. EDT*

Find out how counties in your region are using green infrastructure principles to minimize flooding along large rivers. To register, click [here](#).

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## **Other Webinars of Interest**

### **NACRC 2010 Census Results and 2011 Redistricting Webinar**

(National Association of County Recorders, Election Officials and Clerks)

*Tuesday, May 17, 3:00 p.m. EDT*

All states received their 2010 redistricting data files by March 31, 2011. What is the likely impact on your office and county? Learn about the process and timeline for the release of Census data, the new categories of data included in this year's files and how determinations are made of counties covered under Section 203 Minority Language Provisions. Learn about new technology and gain insights into how to deal with the myriad challenges associated with redistricting!

As a courtesy to NACo members, NACRC is offering the NACRC member registration rate of \$25 to NACo members, such as county commissioners, supervisor and council members, not otherwise eligible for NACRC membership. To sign up for the webinar, please click [here](#). You must register to receive log-in information.

### **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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