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Dear William,

Another summer has passed and September is moving quickly. Fall is a busy time when many state associations of counties host their Annual Conferences. NACo looks forward to being present at many of them, hearing from you, so that we may best represent your interests in Washington, D.C. NACo wishes our partners, the best, as county leaders meet to address local, state and federal issues.

This issue's poll question is, "If President Obama's American Jobs Act passes Congress, do you think it will put people back to work?" Click [here](#) to vote.

The poll question from the last issue asked, "With the added security measures, do you think our country is safer now from terrorist attacks than it was 10 years ago? Forty-nine percent said yes, 47 percent said no and 4% said other.

New from NACo

U.S. Communities announces two new contracts

CARQUEST has been awarded the U.S. Communities Auto Parts and Accessories contract by lead public agency, city of Charlotte, N.C. CARQUEST supplies replacement products and equipment for automobiles, light and heavy-duty trucks, off-road equipment, buses, recreational vehicles and agricultural equipment. The lead public agency, Fairfax County, Va., has awarded the Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Equipment and Related Services contract to Safeware-Mallory, recognized industry leaders in the distribution and servicing of public safety and emergency preparedness equipment and supplies. Both contracts are available for immediate use. More information can be found at www.uscommunities.org.

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Counties Work, an online game for students and teachers

Counties Work, an online game to educate students about county government is getting rave reviews from county officials, students and teachers. More than 10,000 individuals have played the game in the past two months and interest is growing as the school year begins. Positive comments are flowing in. Kevin Tunell, Communications Director, Yuma County, AZ., said, "It's a great tool and hopefully teachers and students will take advantage of it! My ten year-old daughter played it for two hours last night... she loved it and I enjoyed the lesson she learned." From civics teacher, Tanya Larriva at Seneca Ridge Middle School in Loudon County, Va., "I love the Counties Work game. My students really enjoy the interactive game and they really get a lot of experience with the content in a way that I can't capture in my classroom. Thank you so much for passing this invaluable resource on to us here at SRMS!"

County officials and staff, please reach out to your teachers, schools and superintendants and make sure they know about the online game Counties Work at www.naco.org/countieswork.

Contact: Tom Goodman or Bill Cramer at 888-407-NACo (6226).

Public health reform toolkit available to counties

NACo has a new online toolkit to help counties learn about key aspects of the Affordable Care Act relating to national, state and

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local prevention and public health activities. Click here (will send the link to Bill when document gets posted later this week) to access the toolkit. Visit www.naco.org/healthreformimplement for additional resources and to sign up for health reform implementation updates. Send questions to healthreforminfo@naco.org. Contact: [Anita Cardwell](mailto:Anita.Cardwell@naco.org) • 202.942.4267

Counties urged to participate in National Adoption Day on Nov. 19

Nov. 19 is National Adoption Day, a national effort to finalize adoptions out of foster care and raise awareness about the 107,000 children waiting to be adopted. Ideas and resources for elected officials to participate are available from the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute.

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Washington Update



NACo members visit Capitol Hill for PILT program funding

More than two dozen county officials representing 16 states converged on Capitol Hill Sept. 14 – 15 to urge members of Congress to pass mandatory funding for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program for FY13 and beyond. Eligible counties are set to receive federal PILT payments through FY12, but Congress needs to act promptly to maintain mandatory funding thereafter. Please

click [here](#) for more information.

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Upcoming Events



Registration open for the 2011 Coastal Counties Forum

Join NACo in Chatham County (Savannah), Ga. on Oct. 27 – 28 for a one-and-a-half-day forum to discuss how coastal counties can take better advantage of public and private resources to build resilient, sustainable ecosystems and economies. The forum will include information and discussions about how counties can best use data, tools, partnerships and technical assistance to grow local

economies and enhance coastal ecosystems. Click [here](#) to register.

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Mark your calendar for the 2012 NACo Legislative Conference

Mark your calendars for the 2012 NACo Legislative Conference, March 3 – 7, 2012, when NACo will return to the Washington Hilton to experience the \$150 million renovation of this historic property. Click [here](#) to see the new Washington Hilton and read about its incredible history. Online registration and housing will open on Nov. 29 at www.naco.org.

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Free NACo webinars

Disaster Financial Recovery Solution: The Integration of FEMA & Insurance (Members only)

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2 – 3:15 p.m. EDT

Join this webinar to find out how you can effectively coordinate FEMA funds and insurance to ensure each recovery project is funded to the fullest extent. See recovery strategies with respect to what's covered/eligible, how claims are valued and what funding you can expect to receive. To register, please click [here](#).

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Leveraging Public-Private Partnerships to Promote County Health

Thursday, Sept. 22, 2 – 3:15 p.m. EDT

Learn about examples of ways that cooperating with the private sector can increase the capacity of your local health promotion efforts, and how your county can capitalize on public-private community collaborations. To register, click [here](#).

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Improving Local and State Partnerships in Sentencing and Corrections

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2 – 3:15 p.m. EDT

Find out how states and counties are developing more effective partnerships in the criminal justice field. Hear about performance incentive funding, an example of a new fiscal relationship between states and counties that can improve public safety and control costs. To register, click [here](#).

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Green Purchasing 2.0: No Compromising on Cost & Performance

Thursday, Oct. 13, 2 – 3:15 p.m. EDT

An increasing number of counties and organizations are using tools to identify and source green products. Learn how you can find these products for use in your county and how NACo's tools can help you. 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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