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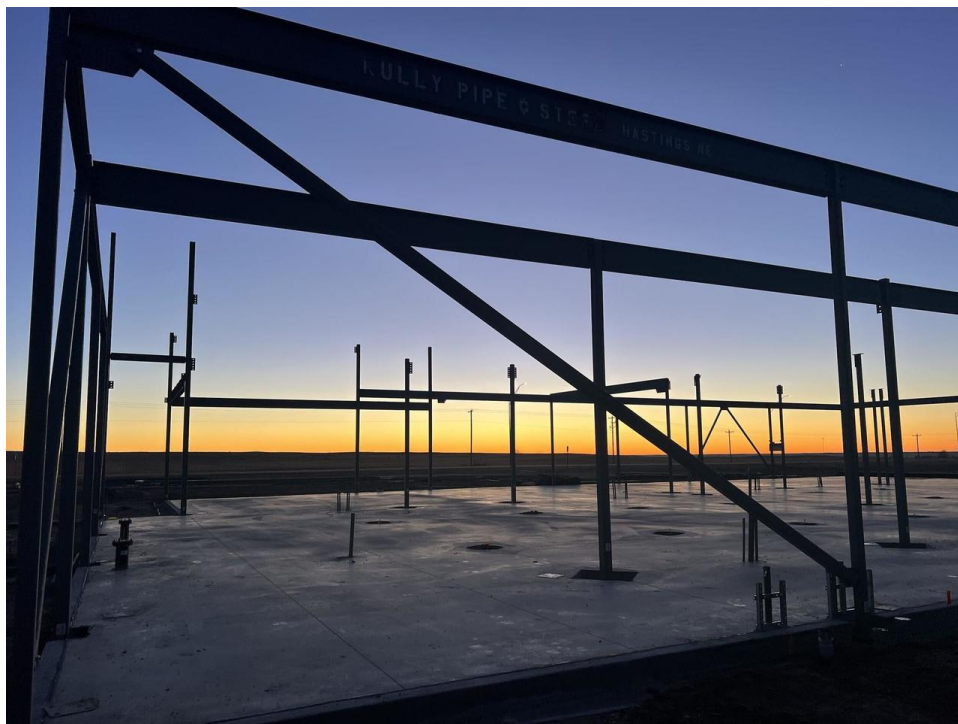


NACO West Update

Steel beams are placed.

Jon Cannon, NACO Executive Director, and Candace Meredith, NACO Deputy Director, are in Ogallala today celebrating the placement of the last beam of the NACO West building.

Stay tuned to our Facebook page for more updates!





Upcoming Events

2024

County Board Chair Workshop
February 16, Kearney

Southeast District Meeting
March 14, Lincoln

Northeast District Meeting
March 15, Norfolk

Central District Meeting
March 21, York

Panhandle District Meeting
March 27, Bridgeport

West Central District Meeting
March 28, Ogallala

County Budget Workshop
June 12, Kearney

County Board Workshop
June 12-14, Kearney

NACO Legislative Conference
October 11, TBD

NACO Annual Conference
December 18-20, Kearney

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NACO Benefits Specialist

NACO is accepting applications for a NACO Benefit Specialist at the NACO West location.

[View the Job Listing](#)

NACo High Performance Leadership Academy 2024 Scholarships



The **NACo High Performance Leadership Academy**: An **online, 12-week** program to empower online county government professionals with fundamental, results-oriented **leadership skills**.

The National Association of Counties (NACo) [High Performance Leadership Academy](#) is announcing scholarships for 2024. Whether you are looking to level up existing leaders or develop emerging leaders as they prepare to address the business of your county, now is the time to make an investment in leadership.

A director of human resources from a Virginia county said: "This is not your run-of-the-mill leadership class."

A director of parks and trails from a Texas county said: "This class truly opened my eyes on what a leader is."

A detective in a Utah county said: "You will learn to not only be a good leader, but a great leader."

And a commissioner in Ohio said: "This program is transformational; it has provided me new tools to enable, motivate, and retain key employees, and has helped me better serve my staff and the public."

Whether you have one or two people in mind for this program or an entire division, the lessons learned from the [NACo High Performance Leadership Academy](#) will enable your county to thrive in changing times.

Everyone enrolled from your county is eligible for a NACo 2024 Strong Leaders Scholarship – as much as 50% off the \$2,995 per enrollee price.

Pricing Schedule

\$1,995.00 for a single participant

\$1,795.00 each for signing up 5-9 participants

\$1,500.00 each for signing up 10 participants

Learn more about the [NACo High Performance Leadership Academy](#) and reserve 2024 Strong Leaders Scholarships for each of your leaders today.

[Learn More & Register](#)

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Nebraska Digital Opportunities Plan Available Now

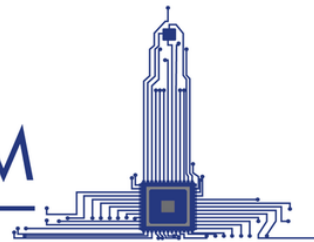
The Nebraska Digital Opportunities Plan lays out how Nebraska will grow its economy and improve the lives of Nebraskans by ensuring that State citizens have access to affordable, quality broadband internet, an appropriate device, and the skills to use technologies at home, in school, on the farm or ranch, in business, in healthcare, and the government. [Draft Nebraska Digital Opportunities Plan](#)

Click here to [submit a comment online](#)

The deadline is January 2, 2024.

Submission Window Open

STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM



The submission window for the second round of State and Local Cybersecurity Grants is now open from November 13, 2023 to February 4, 2024.

An upcoming webinar on project submission will be hosted on **January 16, 2024 at 2:00 PM CST.**

For more information, visit: <https://slcg.nebraska.gov/index.html>

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program

LINCOLN, NE – The Nebraska Department of Health and Human (DHHS) services is inviting licensed childcare programs across the state that are open and operating to consider two new grant opportunities worth up to \$15 million.

The Restoration and Enhancement Program (REP) and Technology Access Program (TAP) are need based funding programs being administered by DHHS's Office of Economic Assistance (OEA) and funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

DHHS will be offering 5 (five) informational webinars with live demonstrations to guide child care providers through the application process of each grant. Three webinars will be conducted in English and 2 (two) will be facilitated in Spanish.

Restoration and Enhancement Program

Through the Restoration and Enhancement Program grant opportunity, DHHS seeks to assist licensed child care providers with improving facilities, investing in new equipment, and enhancing the quality of childcare homes and centers throughout the state of Nebraska. Awards will support programs by providing funding for allowable indoor and outdoor equipment, facility and maintenance repairs, installation of required fire alarm systems, and upgrading child care supplies and equipment.

Technology Access Program

Through the Technology Access Program, DHHS seeks to promote adequate and updated technology to enhance the child care quality and capacity throughout the state. This funding will facilitate the ease of service delivery, encourage higher personal security and protection of Nebraska's children, and further the educational programs of child care providers.

Applications for both programs will be accepted beginning at **8:00 a.m. CST on Monday, December 18, 2023 through 11:59 p.m. CST February 9, 2024.** Awards to qualifying REP applicants will be made following the close of the application period. Awards to qualifying TAP applicants will be made on a rolling basis until funds are fully disbursed, which may occur prior to February 9, 2024.

Licensed child care providers who wish to apply for the Restoration and Enhancement Program and/or Technology Access Program must submit a completed application describing how requested grant funds would be used. The application will be available at www.dhhs.ne.gov/CCDF during the application period.

To learn more about these funding opportunities, please visit www.dhhs.ne.gov/CCDF for more details and to register for one of the informational Webinars.

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program

USDOT announced the FY24 RAISE Grant application which makes \$1.5B available to state, local and tribal governments for projects "for planning or constructing surface transportation infrastructure projects that will improve safety; environmental sustainability; quality of life; mobility and community connectivity; economic competitiveness and opportunity including tourism; state of good repair; partnership and collaboration; and innovation".

The deadline is February 28, 2024.

The NOFO is [here](#) and additional information about RAISE is [here](#).

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