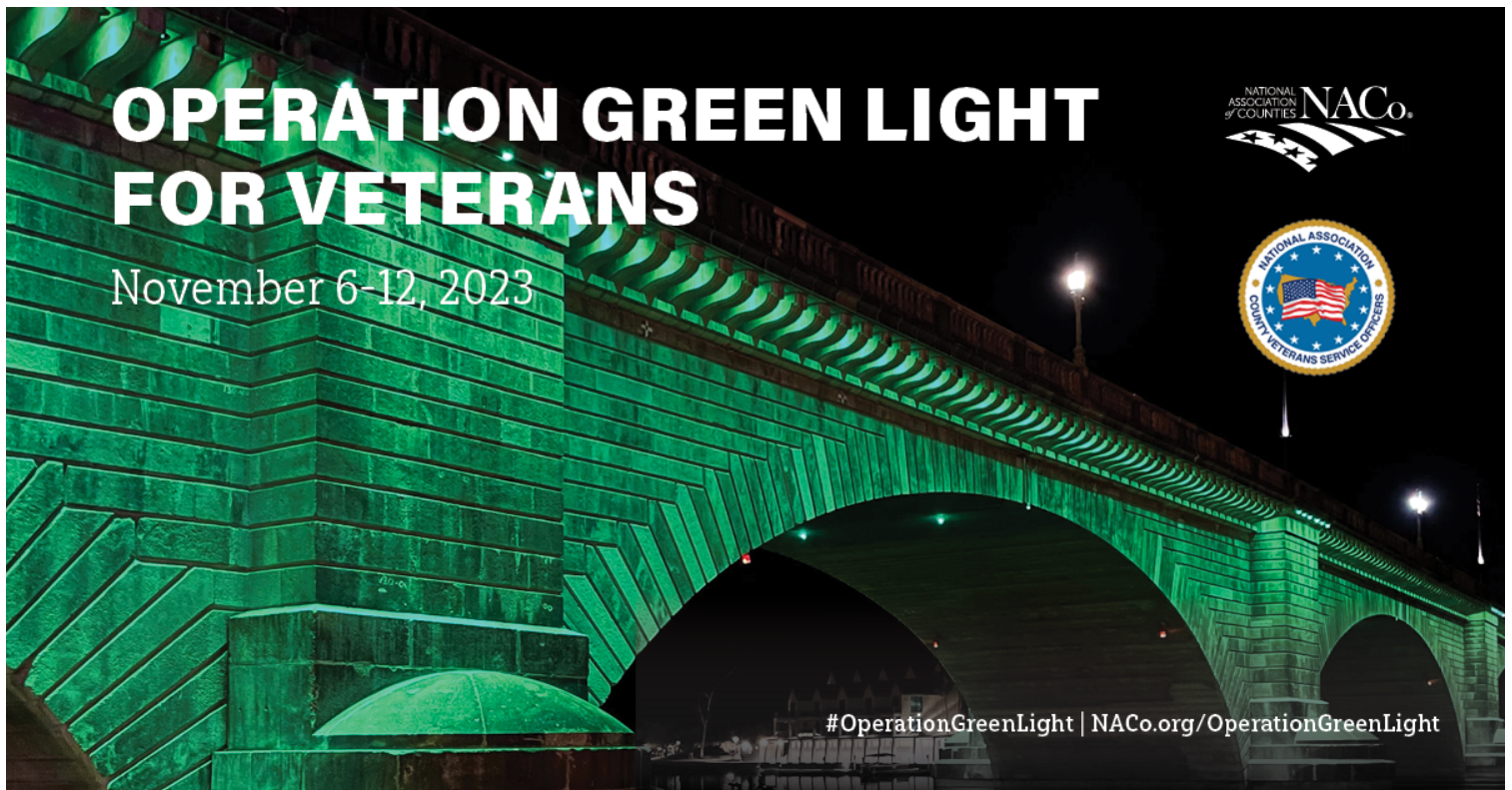# Calling All 93 Counties! Join Operation Green Light for Veterans

This coming Veterans Day, the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers (NACVSO) invite the nation's 3,069 counties, parishes and boroughs to join Operation Green Light and show support for veterans by lighting our buildings green from **November 6 to November 12**. By shining a green light, county governments and our residents will let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated and supported.

The Nebraska Association of County Officials is inviting all 93 counties in Nebraska to participate in Operation Green Light.

How to Join

-Click the link below to visit www.naco.org/operationgreenlight to access the Operation Green Light for Veterans County Toolkit.

-Coordinate with your county Director of Facilities or Building & Grounds to light our county courthouses in green. Options include using projections, flood lights, or green filters for existing lights.

-Support veterans year-round by purchasing supplies from veteran-owned businesses on Amazon Business at www.amazon.com/veteran-owned.

-Email photos of your courthouse to Riley Sigler at riley.sigler@nebraskacounties.org by November 13th to be featured on our Facebook page. The county whose photo has the highest likes by November 20th at 5 PM CST will be declared the Operation Green Light winner, and earn a special prize.

Click Here for the County Participation Toolkit

Pre-Register for the Annual Conference Now

2023 NACO ANNUAL CONFERENCE
DECEMBER 13-15, YOUNES CONFERENCE CENTER NORTH, KEARNEY, NE

PRE-REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

Register at **www.nebraskacounties.org**
Registration Deadline: November 22, 2023

JOIN US IN DECEMBER

Conference registration will also open on August 1, 2023. The cost is $150.00 per attendee and $100.00 per guest. A spouse is considered a guest.

The registration deadline is November 22, 2023 at 11:59 P.M. CT.

All cancellations after November 22, 2023 are subject to a $50.00 administrative fee.

Click Here for Registration and More

Annual Conference Agenda

Full Agenda and Mobile App Link Coming Soon

Wednesday, December 13 - 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

- Exhibit Hall Opens at 8:00 A.M.
- Affiliate Groups may start as early as 9:00 A.M. and end as late as 4:00 P.M.

- **Assessor Session**
  - Session begins at 9:00 A.M.
  - Education to include topics on consumption tax and updates from PAD.
- **Clerk of the District Court Session**
  - Session begins at 9:00 A.M. Business Meeting is at 3:00 P.M.
- **Clerk, Election Commissioner, and Register of Deeds Session**
  - Session begins at 8:30 A.M. and ends as late as 4:00 P.M.
  - Education to include topics on record retention, going paperless, and open meetings.
- **County Board Session**
  - County Board session starts at 10:00 A.M. and ends at 3:00 P.M.
  - Education to include topics on consumption tax, broadband, transportation, and open meetings.
- **Emergency Managers Session**
  - Session begins at 8:30 A.M. and ends as late as 4:00 P.M.
- **Highway Superintendents Session**
  - Session begins at 8:00 A.M. and ends as late as 4:00 P.M.
- **Planning and Zoning**
  - Session begins at 9:00 A.M. and ends as late as 3:30 P.M.
- **Public Health Session**
  - All-day closed meeting.
- **Sheriffs Session**
  - Business meeting to begin at 10:00 A.M.
- **Treasurer Session**
  - Session begins at 9:00 A.M. and ends at 3:00 P.M.
  - Education to include topics on motor vehicle fraud, tax sale updates, and investments.
- **Weed Superintendents Session**
  - Roll Call begins at 8:15 A.M., and sessions end around 3:30 P.M.
- **Veteran Service Officer Session**
  - Session starts at 9:00 A.M. and end as late as 4:00 P.M.
- Sponsored Dinner and Hospitality Suites will be at Younes Center South in the evening.

Thursday, December 14 - 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

- Exhibit Hall Opens at 8:00 A.M.
- General Session begins at 9:00 A.M.
  - Speaker - Richard Hight
- Morning Breakout Session begins at 11:00
  - TIF (Tax Increment Financing) 2.0
  - Long Term Care Crisis in Rural Communities
  - Strategies to Address Mental Health in the Workplace
  - Natural Disaster Recovery and Community Impact
  - Childcare Demographics
- Lunch at 12:00
- Afternoon Breakout Session begins at 2:00
  - Tips on Effective State Legislative Advocacy
  - Planning for a Cybersecurity Incident
  - Grid Up, Power Down
  - Navigating Public Financing and Bonds
  - Housing Issues Facing both Rural and Urban Areas
- Door prizes in Exhibit Hall at 3:30 P.M.

- Sponsored Dinner and Hospitality Suites will be at Younes Center South in the evening.

Friday, December 15 - 7:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

- NACO Business Meeting (Breakfast Provided)

We have arranged for a single bus to provide transportation services for hotel guests in the Younes campus area. The bus will be available for pick up and drop off between 8:00 A.M. and 11:30 P.M. on both Wednesday and Thursday.

CONFERENCE KEYNOTE EVENTS

Richard Hight
Keynote Speaker
Thursday, December 14th

Lunch with State Senators
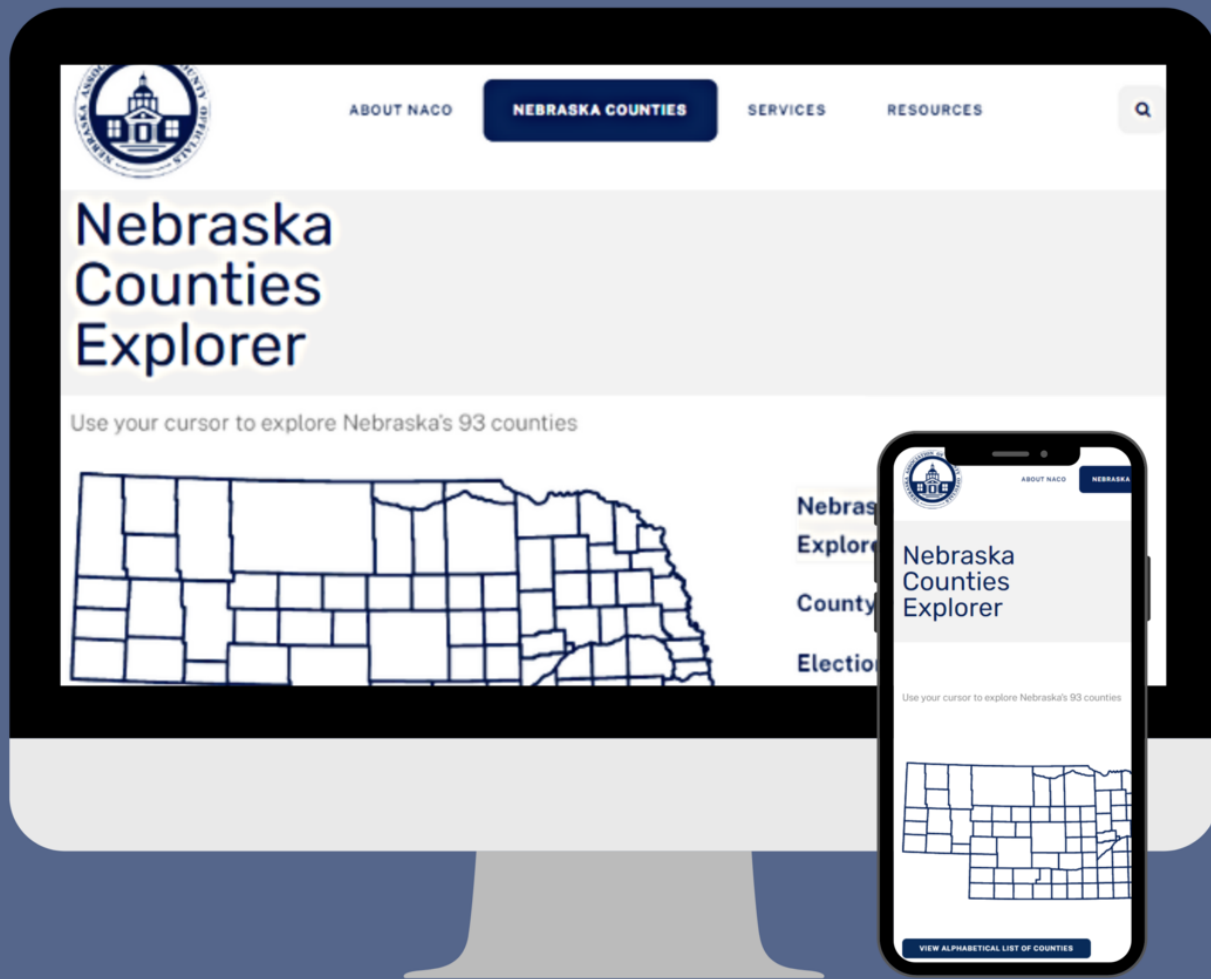**Younes Center Gold Ballrooms**
Thursday, December 14th

Bryan Tuma
Nebraska Crime Commission
Friday, December 15th

Nebraska Counties Explorer

Ever wondered about the history, demographics, or levy rates of Nebraska's 93 counties? Are you looking for information about a county's elected officials, government maps, childcare listings, or employment websites? Are you interested in what makes each county distinct, such as unique facts and historical places?
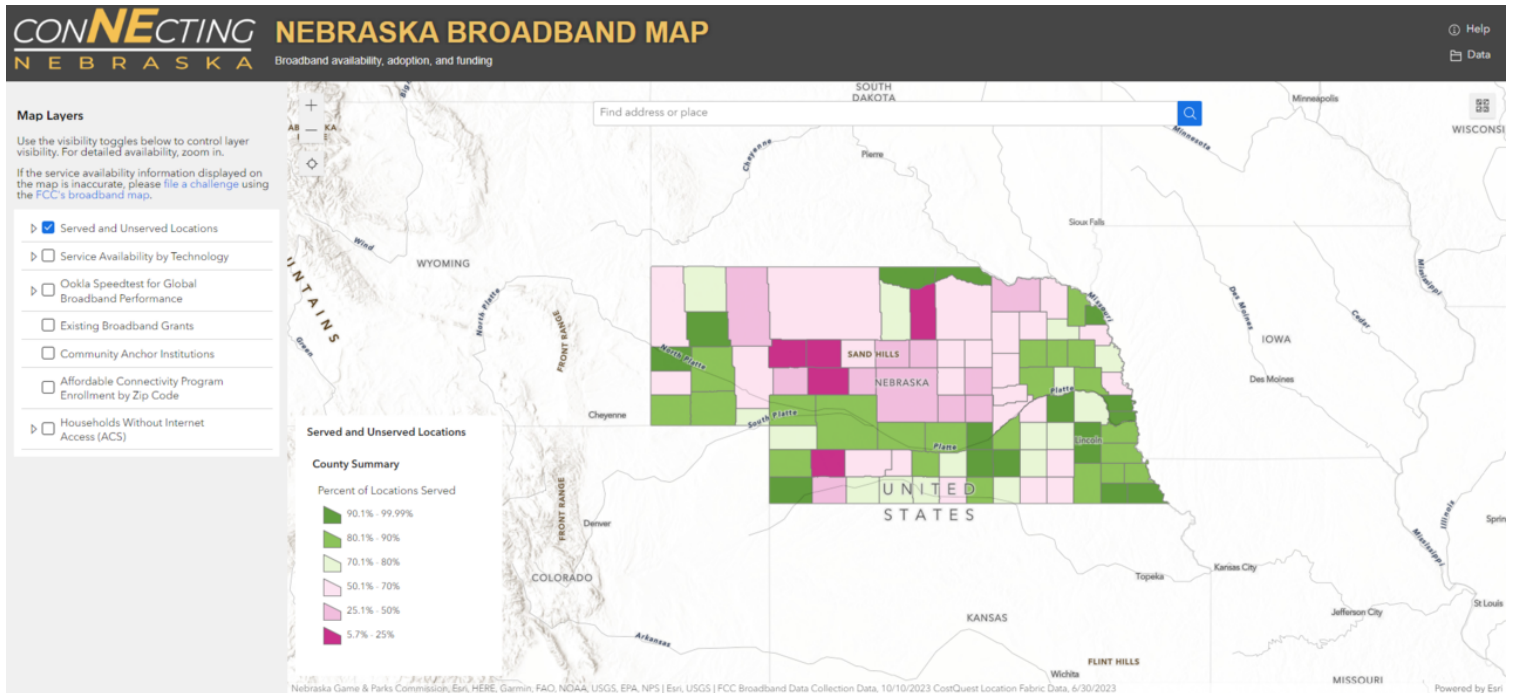
Then visit NACO's brand-new Nebraska Counties Explorer webpage. Hover over your county on our interactive map and discover a one-stop shop of information, history, data, maps, statistics, and everything else you need to stay informed about your county.

Have a county program you'd like to highlight on your county's explorer page?

Contact Luke Bonkiewicz at luke.bonkiewicz@nebraskacounties.org.

Click Here to Explore

Nebraska Broadband Map and Initial Proposal Volume 1

Check out the [Nebraska Broadband Availability Map](#), which provides valuable information about internet availability across the state.

In addition, we encourage you to learn more about the [Initial Proposal Volume 1](#), which includes important details about existing funding, unserved and underserved locations, and challenge processes.

Improving Access to Federal Grants Through the Streamlining Federal Grants Act

The Streamlining Federal Grants Act simplifies the grant application process for county governments to improve access to federal grant funding.

The bill would make broad changes to the federal grants process, notably by giving tribal and local governments a seat at the table to further improve the grant administration process.

[Find more information on Senate Bill S. 2286, the Streamlining Federal Grants Act here.](#)

FEMA Announces Nearly $2 Billion Available Funding to Increase Climate Resilience Nationwide

The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) annual grant program is making $1 billion available for projects that protect people and infrastructure from

natural hazards and the effects of climate change. The Flood Mitigation Assistance program is making $800 million available for projects that mitigate flood risks facing homes and communities across the nation.

Find additional information here.

CISA, FBI, NSA, MS-ISAC Publish Phishing Guide

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) published "Phishing Guidance, Stopping the Attack Cycle at Phase One" to help organizations reduce likelihood and impact of successful phishing attacks. It provides detailed insight into malicious actor techniques, as well as technical mitigations and best practices to help prevent successful phishing attempts.

A form of social engineering, malicious actors commonly use phishing with the intent to get their targeted victims to visit an illegitimate website or to download malware. To help organizations better understand this activity, this guide categorizes phishing into two common tactics: phishing to obtain login credentials and phishing to deploy malware. It expands upon the two tactics by detailing the techniques frequently used by these actors, such as impersonating supervisors/trusted colleagues, using voice over internet protocol to spoof caller identification, and using publicly available tools to facilitate spear phishing campaigns.

With our NSA, FBI, and MS-ISAC partners, CISA produced this guide to provide practical, actionable steps to reduce the effectiveness of phishing as an initial access vector. Many of the controls described in this guide can be implemented by technology vendors, reducing burden and increasing security at scale.

This guide also recommends software manufacturers incorporate secure by design principals and tactics into their software development practices. The authoring agencies provide several recommendations to mitigate the success of phishing emails reaching users and users interacting with the email.

In addition to the joint guide, CISA published a blog with more information on phishing and this joint guide.

All organizations, from small and medium-sized businesses to software manufacturers, are encouraged to review this joint guide and blog to better understand evolving phishing techniques and implement tailored cybersecurity controls and best practices to reduce the risk of compromise.

> Phishing Guidance: Stopping the Attack Cycle at Phase One

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