



The Ninety-Three

October 20, 2023



Award Nominations Deadline - TODAY

Nomination forms for the 2023 **County Official of the Year Award**, **Lifetime Achievement Award**, and **Next Generation Award** are available for submission.

Attach supporting documentation as necessary and please email all submission forms and backup documentation to candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org

The deadline to submit your award nominations is Friday, October 20th.

Announcement of the 2023 recipients will be made at the Annual Conference.

[45th Annual County Official of the Year](#)

[2023 Next Generation Award](#)

[2023 Lifetime Achievement Award](#)

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RSVP to Candace Meredith at candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org by October 20th.

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

OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS

November 6-12, 2023



#OperationGreenLight | [NACo.org/OperationGreenLight](https://naco.org/OperationGreenLight)

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

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.
 - **Clerk of the District Court Session**
 - Session starting at 9:00 A.M. Business Meeting is at 3:00 P.M.
 - **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 starts at 8:30 A.M. and ends as late as 4:00 P.M.
 - **Highway Superintendents Session**
 - Sessions begin at 8:00 A.M. and end as late as 4:00 P.M.
 - **Public Health Session**
 - All-day closed meeting.
 - **Sheriffs Session**
 - Business meeting to begin at 10:00 A.M.
 - **Treasurer Session**
 - Session starts 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.
- Session information coming soon for Assessors, Veteran Service Officers, Planning and Zoning, and NACREC.
- 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.

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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