



The Ninety-Three

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Registration for NACO District Meetings

- Southeast District - March 16th - Lincoln, Southeast Community College Career Academy
- Northeast District - March 17th - Norfolk, Lifelong Learning Center
- Central District - March 23rd - Aurora, The Leadership Center
- Panhandle District - March 29th - Gering, Gering Civic Center
- West Central District - March 30th - North Platte, Mid-Plains Community College North Campus

Agendas will be available end of February.

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2023 Outstanding County Board Member Nominations

Nominations for the 2023 Outstanding County Board Member Award are open to county board members who have been in office for at least four (4) terms. Criteria used for selecting the 2023 recipient includes: member will have been active on regional boards, been chairperson of their county board, participated in the legislative process, and appointed to a statewide committee. Regular attendance at NACO educational opportunities, events and meetings is also required. Please keep your answers concise, but be sure to include all pertinent information. Announcement of the recipient of this award will be made after the Wednesday evening meal at the County Board Workshop in Kearney.

Submit nomination form to candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org by April 28, 2023.

[Nomination Form](#)

Affordable Care Act Reporting Requirements

Under the ACA (Accountable Care Act), an employer-sponsored health plan may have IRS reporting requirements with the 1094-C and 1095-C forms. Each year, an employer may be required to file with the IRS and provide a copy to all employees who were full time or were enrolled in the health plan. There are several requirements depending on if your group has **over or under 50 full-time employees, has a fully insured health plan or a self-funded health plan.** Most fully insured health plan administrators (Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska, for example) will assist with at least a portion of the requirements, but there are still required reporting from the employer, depending on the variable mentioned above.

To determine your reporting responsibilities, refer to the resources below.

[ACA Reporting Simplified - How to Meet IRS Requirements \(efile4biz.com\)](#)

[ACA Compliance Overview by McInnes Group, Inc](#)

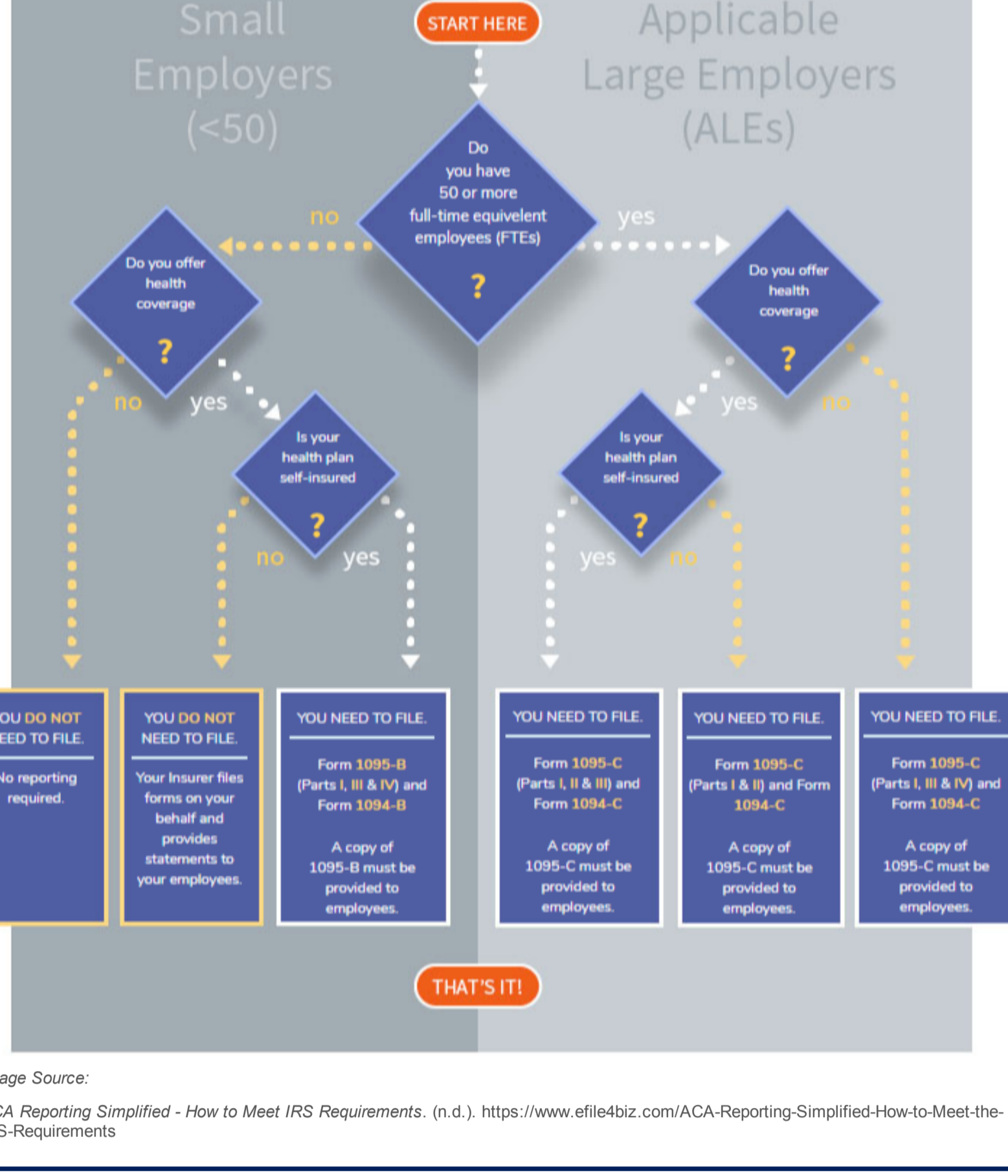


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State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program

The State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) aims to help states, local governments, rural areas, and communities address cybersecurity risks and threats to data, networks, and information systems.

The Individual Project Submission window for year one funds will be open from March 1 - April 30. Specific requirements must be met in order to receive funds. See the link below for more details.

[State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program Information](#)

How to Apply for a Federal Funding Opportunity

First-time applicants can understandably feel daunted by applying for a federal funding opportunity on Grants.gov. The Community Blog provided by Grants.gov highlights the key steps in the application process. Check out the link below!

[How to Apply for a Federal Funding Opportunity on Grants.gov](#)

Nebraska Public Service Commission Broadband Webinar

On Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 11 a.m. CT representatives of the Nebraska Public Service Commission will discuss the development of a 5-year broadband deployment plan as part of the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) program.

Join using this Zoom meeting link:

<https://zoom.us/j/95067210707>

Meeting ID: 950 6721 0707

Passcode: 862631

COVID-19 Disaster Declaration Incident Periods Will Close May 11

FEMA Advisory

FEMA Announces All COVID-19 Disaster Declaration Incident Periods Will Close May 11

In recognition of FEMA's unprecedented response to the COVID-19 pandemic and following the Administration's determination regarding the end of the Public Health Emergency and National Emergency declarations, the agency announced today that all COVID-19 disaster declaration incident periods will close on May 11.

FEMA will publish a Federal Register Notice providing a 90-day advance notice to government partners and stakeholders that eligibility of work and reimbursable costs will end on May 11.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, FEMA has provided more than \$104 billion in assistance to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, as well as non-profits and survivors. Of those funds, almost \$60 billion in funding went to state, local, tribal and territorial governments and eligible private non-profits for more than 23,000 emergency projects. Another \$2.9 billion was awarded in funeral assistance for more than 400,000 individuals and families, \$37 billion in lost wages assistance, and \$386 million in crisis counseling services.

FEMA also supported an unprecedented vaccination effort, opening pilot community vaccination clinics to help advance equity and ensure that the most vulnerable communities were protected, resulting in 58% of the people served being people of color. Additionally, to ensure that the most vulnerable communities were protected, FEMA brought in language specialists and disability and civil rights advisors, and it worked with each community to identify its specific needs and to help it overcome barriers.

The COVID-19 disaster declarations are the longest in FEMA's history.

FEMA will arrange programmatic briefings and share webinars as well as make experts available for all stakeholders impacted by the closure. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

Contact Us

If you have any questions, please contact FEMA's Office of External Affairs:

- Congressional Affairs at (202) 646-4500 or at FEMA-Congressional-Affairs@fema.dhs.gov



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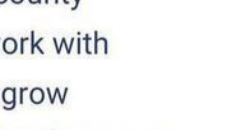
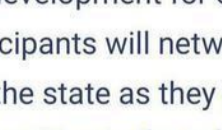
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March (in-person): Getting Strategic About Your County and Region

Sessions will be held immediately following day two of NACO District Meetings from 1pm-5pm.

May (online): Exploring Adaptive Leadership

Wednesday, May 10, 2023
10am MST/11am CST
1 hour session

July (online): Navigating Leadership Transition

Wednesday, July 19, 2023
10am MST/11am CST
1 hour session

September (in-person): Engaging Others in the Work of the County

Sessions will be held immediately following day two of NACO District Meetings from 1pm-5pm.

December (in-person): Certificate Ceremony

IOE graduates will be recognized during the NACO Annual Conference in Kearney in December 2023.

Designed by Nebraska Extension, the NACO Institute of Excellence is a program of professional development for county officials. Participants will network with peers across the state as they grow leadership capacities in the roles they serve.

This year the in-person sessions will be split by district and held in conjunction with the NACO District Meetings. Online sessions will include the entire group.

Registration: go.unl.edu/NACOIOE

TOPICS EXPLORED WILL INCLUDE:

- Getting to Know Your County and Region Through Data
- Priority Planning for Community Leaders
- Adaptive Leadership
- Leadership Transition
- Engaging Stakeholders and Community on County Priorities
- Working More Effectively with Others

[Click Here to Register](#)

NACO Scholarship Applications Due March 15

To be considered, students must complete the required application form, submit a seven-semester transcript from an accredited Nebraska high school, and prepare a written essay on the importance of county government.

Scholarship recipients must plan to attend a post-secondary educational institution within the state of Nebraska and may use the NACO scholarship for any costs associated with their continuing education.

Applications are due March 15, 2023

[NACO Scholarship Information](#)

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