



# The Ninety-Three

**December 8, 2023**

## **2023 NACO Annual Conference**

December 13-15, Younes Center North, Kearney

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Scan the QR code or visit <https://my.yapp.us/NACO2023> on your mobile device.

### **Attendee Information**

Printed copies of the agenda will be available at the Eakes booth outside the exhibit hall entrance. Free wireless internet is also available throughout the Younes Conference Center.

Upon arrival, **please check in at the Registration desk to receive your name badge.** You must wear your name badge while attending sessions at the Younes Center North. If you need assistance downloading the mobile app, please visit the Kearney Visitor Bureau table next to the registration desk. The registration desk will be open on

Tuesday, December 12th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM and on Wednesday, December 13th from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

If you are to receive credit hours through NACO, please pick up your continued education credits sheet at the registration desk. At the conclusion of the conference, please return the completed sheet to the registration desk.

If you are not staying in a hotel on the Younes campus, there is parking available at the Younes Center Conference North. A shuttle bus will be running from 8:00 AM to midnight on both Wednesday and Thursday. Please check the mobile app for route details.

Vendor-sponsored hospitality rooms and meals will be at the Younes Center South and Holiday Inn.

We have **108 exhibit booths** this year at the annual conference, please stop by Exhibit Hall and say hello to our generous sponsors. There will also be 10 state agencies to visit in the exhibit hall this year so be sure to stop in. New this year is our **Passport to Prizes** exhibit hall game featuring twelve participating booths. You will receive a passport at the registration desk to visit the participating booths in the exhibit hall to collect stamps. Once you have collected all twelve, you can turn in your passport back at the registration desk for a chance to win a painting from our keynote speaker, Richard Hight!

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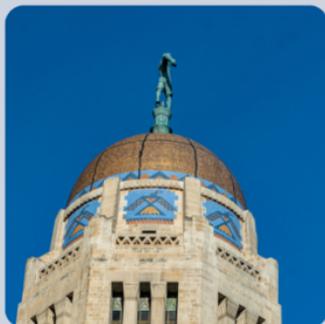
## CONFERENCE KEYNOTE EVENTS



**Richard Hight**

Keynote Speaker

Thursday, December 14th



**Lunch with State Senators\***

Younes Center Gold Ballrooms

Thursday, December 14th

*\*Pending Availability*



**Bryan Tuma**

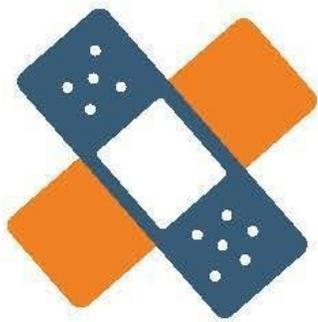
Nebraska Crime Commission

Friday, December 15th



**DECEMBER 13th and 14th**

**TWO RIVERS PUBLIC HEALTH  
DEPARTMENT BRINGS YOU**



**COVID-19 AND  
INFLUENZA  
VACCINE**

**NACO CONFERENCE**

**December 13th - 8:00am - 4:00pm**

**December 14th - 8:00am - 3:00pm**

**All insurances accepted. Please bring insurance card.**

**Vaccine available if uninsured.**

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## **NDOT Announces Latest Selection of County Bridge Match Program Proposals**

Dec. 5, 2023 (Lincoln, Neb.) — Today, the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) announced the selection of five proposals for funding in the eighth round of the County Bridge Match Program (CBMP). The program was created as a result of the 2016 Transportation Innovation Act (TIA).

The CBMP provides funding to accelerate the repair and replacement of deficient bridges on county road systems. The \$1 million of projects were selected from the next highest ranked project from the 2023 Request for Proposals.

NDOT in cooperation with representatives from Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO), and Nebraska Association of County Engineers, County Highway Superintendents & County Surveyors created the guideline for the County Bridge Match Program (CBMP) in 2016. NDOT credits the partnership with County Bridge Match Working Group, made up of county officials, county engineers and county highway superintendents, as a major reason for the success of the program.

“NDOT understands the value the County Bridge Match Program provides to local communities,” said Local Assistance Division Manager Jodi Gibson. “We are actively working on the next phase of the program, building on the strong success of the first seven rounds which has invested \$39 million into 149 projects and generated \$87 million in construction activities.”

The CBMP funds 55% of eligible bridge construction costs (up to \$250,000 for a single bridge, \$300,000 for a multi-bridge proposal or \$750,000 max for a multi-bridge and multi-county proposal) with counties providing a 45% match.

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## **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 Feb. 28, 2024.

## **New Partnership to Help Support County Employee Mental Wellbeing**

To help [the National Association of Counties \(NACo\)](#) realize its vision of creating healthy, safe and vibrant counties across America, [the National Council for Mental Wellbeing](#) and NACo have partnered to offer crucial [Mental Health First Aid \(MHFA\)](#) trainings to county employees and the communities they serve.

This partnership will support elected officials and county staff, who ask for help with their own mental health and wellbeing. It will also create a framework for counties to destigmatize mental health and substance use challenges as they provide community residents with more equitable access to needed services.

By taking a MHFA training, participants will learn the skills to identify, understand and respond to signs of someone experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge and crisis. To learn more about implementing MHFA in your county, visit [MentalHealthFirstAid.org/NACo](https://MentalHealthFirstAid.org/NACo).

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### **NACO West Update**

Getting ready for the steel beams!



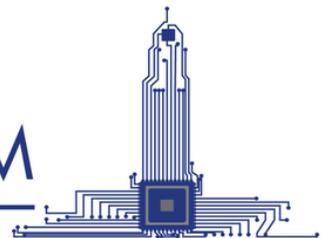
## **NACO Benefits Specialist**

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

[View the Job Listing](#)

## **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.

## 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 Jan. 2.**

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## NACO Sponsor Spotlight



[Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network](#)

Telephone: 402.564.8330

Regional and statewide wireless communications and data sharing network designed to connect Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPS) or 911 centers

Contact: [Mark Dekraai](#)

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