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NACO Legislative Conference

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NACO LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023
NIELSEN COMMUNITY CENTER, WEST POINT

Registration Fee: \$55 in Advance, \$65 Walk-in

Registration Deadline: October 5, 2023

[Register Here](#)

Panhandle & West Central NACO District Meetings

Panhandle – September 27th, Prairie Winds Community Center, Bridgeport, *Pre-registration Closed*

West Central – September 28th, Mid-Plains CC North, North Platte, *Pre-registration Closed*

Registration - 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Business Meeting - 9:00-10:15 a.m.

Affiliate Breakout Sessions -10:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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.
 - **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.
 - **Treasurer Session**
 - Education to include topics on motor vehicle fraud, tax sale updates, and investments.
 - **Public Health Session**
 - All-day closed meeting.
 - **Sheriffs Session**
 - Business meeting to begin at 10:00 A.M.
- Session information coming soon for Assessors, Clerks of the District Court, Highway Superintendents, Weed Management, Emergency Managers, 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.



Submit Your Award Nominations Now

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.

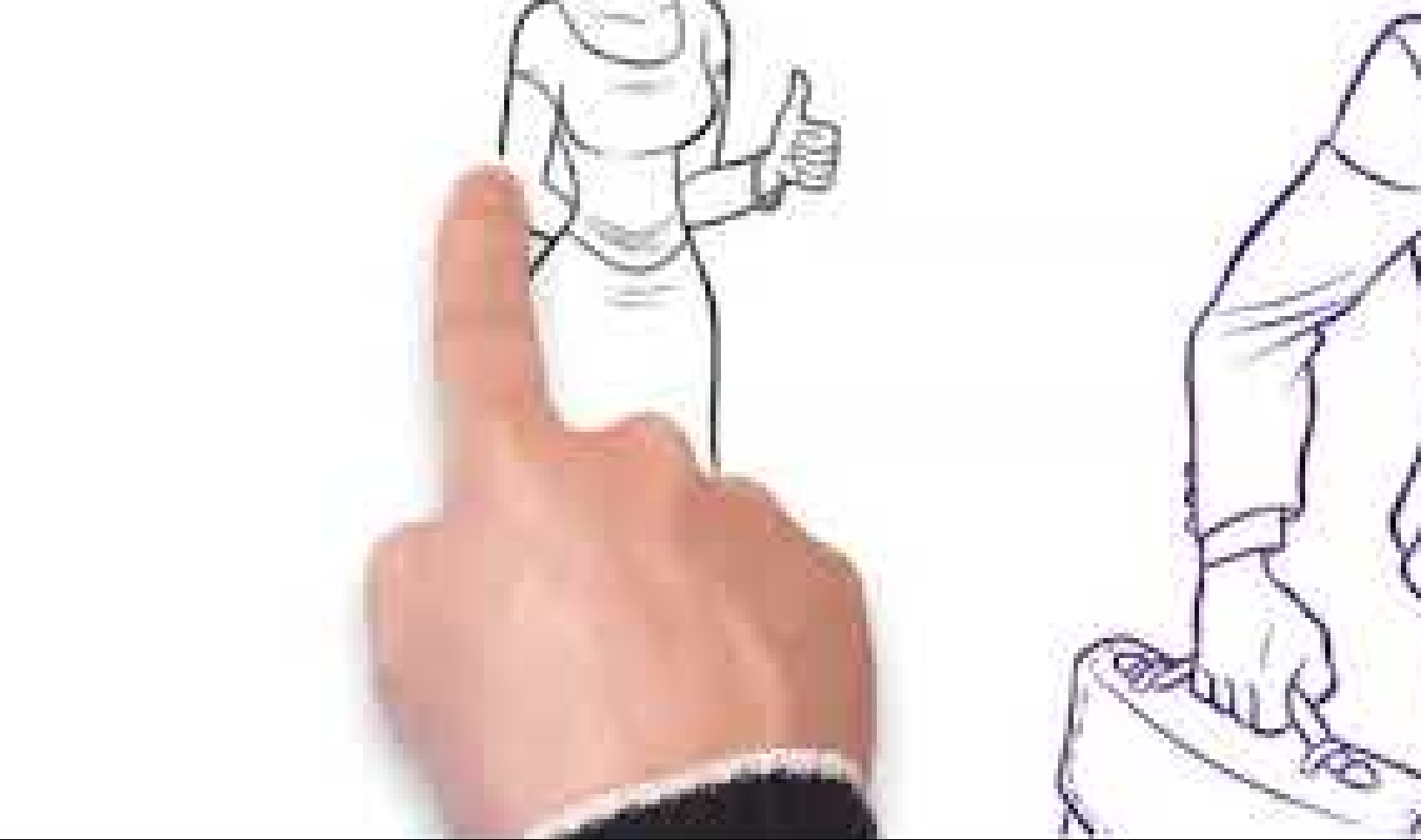
[45th Annual County Official of the Year](#)

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[2023 Next Generation Award](#)

Nebraska Assessors Explained





Check out the **Nebraska Assessors Explained** video, which describes the role of county assessors in Nebraska and discusses a few common misconceptions.

Credit to Derrick Niederklein, MIPS Deputy Director, for putting the video together.

Nebraska Broadband Office Invites Comment on New Statewide Broadband Map

Do You Receive Access to High-Speed Internet?

As part of the Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program, the Nebraska Broadband Office has launched the State Broadband Availability Map, which identifies the served, underserved, and unserved locations across the state. Unserved locations identified on the map will be prioritized to receive broadband buildout in this program. If there is an error, you must challenge the map to fix it. To verify your level of Internet Service, visit the Nebraska Broadband Map ([LINK](#)).

To ensure that Nebraska has access to federal funding opportunities, it is essential that the map reflects all the unserved and underserved broadband serviceable locations. ***As part of the map availability, there will be ongoing public engagement across the state including a series of eight public meetings and an open comment period from Sept. 14 to Oct 14. Details can be found at ([LINK](#)).***

The Office will only accept challenges from:

- nonprofit organizations;
- local and tribal governments; and
- broadband service providers.

Nebraskans may submit a challenge by contacting their local government or Regional Economic Development District (EDD) serving their county. The local government or EDD will then submit the challenge on behalf of the residents. A challenge guide will be made available on December 22, 2023, prior to the start of the Challenge Period in early January.



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The Nebraska Broadband Office invites comment on the New Statewide Broadband Map. To verify your level of Internet Service, visit the Nebraska Broadband Map at <https://broadband.nebraska.gov/broadbandavailabilitymap/>

As part of the map availability, there will be ongoing public engagement across the state including a series of eight public meetings and an open comment period from Sept. 14 to Oct 14.

Details can be found at <https://ndot.info/community>

FEMA Seeks Public Input on Simplifying Preparedness Grants

FEMA has published [a notice in the Federal Register](#) seeking comment on how to enhance the management and administration of its [preparedness grant programs](#).

This national engagement will help the agency gain better understanding of how to continue to assist the nation and first responders in building, sustaining and improving our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate terrorism and other high-consequence disasters and emergencies.

FEMA will host a public listening session and one tribal consultation to allow interested parties to provide feedback.

Public Listening Session:

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2023

Time: 3 – 4 p.m. ET

[Register to attend](#)

[More Information](#)



Major Sam L. Davis

- Adjunct Professor in Criminal Justice at Michigan State University
- Michigan High School Athletic Association
- Lifetime member of the American Jail Association (AJA)
- Winner of the AJA's President Award
- Secretary and Chair for the AJA's Training and Professional Development Committee
- Leadership Track on the AJA's Conference Planning Committee

The Scotts Bluff County Detention Center and Nebraska Association of County Officials is proud to host...

Leadership and Ethics

Major Sam L. Davis is a graduate of the Mid-Michigan Corrections Academy and the Michigan Police Academy. He served as Chair of the Jail Administrators for the Michigan Sheriffs' Association until he retired as Jail Administrator with the Ingham County Sheriff's Office (ICSO) in Mason, Michigan. He was then appointed to the Governor's Task Force on Racial Equity. He travels nationally to teach about various leadership topics.

Speaker Major Sam L. Davis
Dates October 24th and 25th, 2023
Time 0800 to 1600 hours (MST)
Location ... Gering Civic Center
 1050 M st, Gering NE 69341

The event is \$75 per person for both days. The fee includes morning and afternoon refreshments and lunch will be provided.

RSVP and payment by October 13th, 2023. Payments can be made out to the Scotts Bluff County Detention Center.

Scan to register and make payment or go to:
www.eventcreate.com/e/leadershipandethics




Sponsors



The Scotts Bluff County Detention Center is proud to host Major Sam Davis of the American Jail Association on October 24th and 25th 2023 at the Gering Civic Center. Davis is the Secretary and Chair of the AJA's Training and Professional Development

Committee and is an Adjunct Professor in Criminal Justice at Michigan State University. Davis is well versed in many topics, but will be presenting on Leadership and Professional Ethics for this event. Davis has 30+ years in the Criminal Justice Field between Patrol and Detention settings. This event is not specific to only law enforcement though, as these topics apply to all aspects of business. Anyone and Everyone is welcome!

The event will be 2 days in total, and 16 credit hours of continuing education is available to those requiring it. A registration fee of \$75 per person covers both days, refreshments and lunch will be provided on those days. Payments will not be accepted at the event.

Event Registration

DED Opens Applications for Second Round of Funding under 2022 Rural Workforce Housing Fund Program

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) is now accepting second round applications for the 2022 Rural Workforce Housing Fund (RWHF) program year. A Letter of Intent will be due by October 19, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. CT. The last day to submit an application will be Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. CT.

2022 RWHF awards from the first application round were announced May 11, 2023. A total of \$22,805,000 was awarded to 27 organizations of the approximately \$29,555,112 available. The Department is initiating a second application round for the 2022 program year cycle for the remaining amount of approximately \$6,750,112.

Eligible applicants are Nebraska based 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(6) non-profit housing or related service organizations. More details about this funding opportunity are found in the 2022 RWHF Application Guidelines – Round Two at <https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/programs/housing/rwhf/>. A copy of the guidelines can also be requested by contacting Nick Dropinski at 402-580-0713 or nick.dropinski@nebraska.gov.

The Letters of Intent must be submitted to nick.dropinski@nebraska.gov. Applications shall be submitted electronically through DED's Grant Management System, AmpliFund, at any time after the application live date and before the due date. The application can be found here: [AmpliFund RWHF Application](#). Please refer to the Application Guidelines as well.

Individuals requiring sensory accommodations, including interpreter services, Braille, large print or recorded materials should contact Lori Cole at 402-471-3746 or lori.cole@nebraska.gov.

[Web Source](#)

Legal Education for Public Service and Rural Practice Loan Repayment Assistance Program Deadline Oct. 13

The deadline for applying for loan forgiveness through the Legal Education for Public Service and Rural Practice Loan Repayment Assistance Program is October 13, 2023.

The purpose of the Program is to recruit and retain qualified attorneys who: 1) are employed by tax-exempt charitable organizations and provide legal services to low-income people; or 2) provide legal services in designated legal profession shortage areas in Nebraska.

Eligibility criteria and application materials are [available here](#).

Greater Nebraska Rural Opportunities Interview Sessions Oct. 20

Friday, October 20, 2023 • 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

In an effort to provide attorneys and law students with an opportunity to experience the practice of law in Greater Nebraska, the Nebraska State Bar Association is conducting its Rural Practice Initiative Program. We hope to connect participating law students with firms looking to hire associates or law clerks in Greater Nebraska.

If you are interested in interviewing, **return the completed form** (*find appropriate form below*) to **Sam Clinch** at the NSBA by email at sclinch@nebar.com or US Mail at 635 S. 14th St #200, Lincoln, NE 68508. Please return the form below by **October 13, 2023**.

[Law Firms](#)

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NACo Cyberattack Simulation Course

In response to the growing threat landscape and complexity of the interdependent and networked business of counties, the NACo County Tech Xchange is partnering with the Professional Development Academy and their community of CISOs, CIOS, risk managers and cyber leaders to launch cyberattack simulation training.

The NACo Cyberattack Simulation is a reality-based simulation that prepares county risk leaders for cyberattacks by assessing counties' current state of readiness and identifying gaps. This simulation will help attendees evaluate their incident response procedures and tools and guide them in developing a detailed cyberattack response strategy.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Provide a certified test of incident management plans.
- Baseline current cybersecurity and risk management work capabilities.
- Strengthen the leadership skills of managers responsible for risk planning and incident resolution.
- Improve the quality of the incident management plans and playbook details.
- Develop immediate action plans to strengthen people, process, and technical security controls.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

The NACo Cyberattack Simulation is designed for cybersecurity managers, their teams and those responsible for risk defense, protection, and recovery, including HR, policy management, finance, public safety, and emergency services.

WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT?

30-60 minutes per day for one week. Activities can be completed on the participants' schedule and accessed online anywhere.

WHAT IS THE COST?

The retail price of the one week Cyberattack Simulation is \$795 per enrollee; however, the simulations are fully sponsored for all counties, bringing your price down to no cost.

UPCOMING DATES & TOPICS:

December 2023

Employee Management

February 2024

Medical Ransomware

June 2024

Supplier Management Access

September 2024

Financial Access

December 2024

Cloud Security

TESTIMONIALS:

*"This program is a **MUST HAVE** for cyber leaders. The simulation provides direct and immediate benefit."*

- *Bernie B., Director of Homeland Security*

*"The Cyber Simulation was a great exercise. Before I started this, I had reservations that I wouldn't be technical enough for it however it proved me wrong and I thoroughly enjoyed this program and I highly recommend this course. I am **highly recommending this program to my manager and colleagues.**"*

- *Sharon G., Cyber Security Project Manager*

Find more information [here](#).

Governor Pillen Declares September as National Preparedness Month in Nebraska

LINCOLN, NE – Governor Jim Pillen has declared September as National Preparedness Month in Nebraska. He is reminding all Nebraskans how important it is for individuals, families, and communities to prepare for disasters and emergencies.

“Working together, we can build a prepared and resilient Nebraska,” Gov. Pillen said. “While it’s important for all of us to be ready when disaster strikes, this year, the National Preparedness Month campaign is focused on providing information and resources to empower older adults as they make their preparations.”

“The state’s local emergency managers and NEMA have plans to address a wide range of natural and man-made disasters, but individuals and families must be prepared to assume a role in personal health and safety emergency preparedness as well,” said NEMA Assistant Director Erv Portis.

“Plans should include where to meet if a home is destroyed and how family members would contact each other should phone service be out,” Portis said. “For instance, texting often works when phone calls don’t.”

Emergency managers recommend that individuals be prepared to shelter in place for a minimum of three days. Emergency workers may have a large number of people to reach in a disaster and the health of everyone could very well depend on the kit or plan Nebraskans have developed before a major disaster occurs.

To drive home preparation planning, Gov. Pillen signed a proclamation on Sept. 15, marking September as *National Preparedness Month*.

Visit NEMA’s website

at: <https://nema.nebraska.gov/assets/files/preparedness/preparedness-kit.pdf> for a checklist of items to include in your Family Preparedness Kit.

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