



# The Ninety-Three

November 17, 2023



**2023 NACO ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

DECEMBER 13-15, YOUNES CONFERENCE CENTER NORTH, KEARNEY, NE



# PRE-REGISTRATION

# CLOSING SOON

Register at [www.nebraskacounties.org](http://www.nebraskacounties.org)

Registration Deadline: November 22, 2023

**JOIN US IN DECEMBER**

## Pre-Registration Deadline November 22

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.

The walk-in registration fee after November 22, 2023 is \$175.

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

[Click Here for Registration and More](#)

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## Annual Conference Agenda

[Click Here to Download the Full Agenda](#)

*Please note items in the agenda are subject to change. Print copies of the finalized agenda will be available at the conference.*

*\*\*Mobile App Link Coming Soon\*\**

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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



## NACO West Update

The crew continues to work on the concrete foundation.



## NACO Benefits Specialist

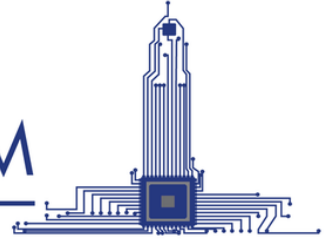
NACO is accepting applications for a NACO Benefit Specialist at the NACO West location.

[View the Job Listing](#)

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# 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.

For more information, visit: <https://slcg.nebraska.gov/index.html>

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## Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) Toolkit

NACo's new [BEAD toolkit](#) will guide counties through broadband funding and deployment strategies.

**About the BEAD Program:** The [Broadband Equity Access and Deployment \(BEAD\) program](#) earmarks over \$42 billion for the expansion of high-speed internet to locations without adequate service.

**Toolkit for counties:** NACo's toolkit offers [resources and information](#) for county leaders, including guidance in navigating the state challenge process to prioritize areas for broadband investment.

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## NACo High Performance County Leadership Academy



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**Academy: An online**  
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Course information is available for the NACo High Performance County Leadership Academy for sessions starting in January and April.

January 2024 Course Overview

April 2024 Course Overview

Learn more about the program here:

<https://www.naco.org/page/high-performance-leadership-academy>

<https://www.pdaleadership.com>

Contact Luke Afeman, [lukea@pdaleadership.com](mailto:lukea@pdaleadership.com).

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## Nebraska Broadband Office Invites Comment on Initial Proposal Volume 2

The Nebraska Broadband Office (NBO) is moving to the next phase of efforts to ensure access for all Nebraskans to reliable broadband.

As part of this effort, there will be ongoing public engagements across the state including a series of nine public meetings and an open comment period from Nov. 13 to Dec. 13. During the open comment period the public will be asked to provide comments on NBO's long-term

goals and objectives to deploy broadband and plans to coordinate with local representatives. Meetings and comments will also focus on NBO's plan to ensure that an equitable and highly-skilled workforce is utilized throughout the buildout process, the subgrant process and NBO's low cost affordable and middle-income plans.

Opportunities will be available to submit public comments online <https://ndot.info/community>, or in-person at one of the following meetings hosted by the Nebraska Broadband Office:

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**Kearney, Nov. 20, 5:30-7 p.m.**

Holiday Inn Express, 110 2nd Ave.

**Ogallala, Nov. 21, 5:30-7 p.m.**

Holiday Inn Express, 206 Pony Express Lane

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Meetings are open to the public and will include a subgrant discussion, as well as provide an opportunity to learn about broadband programs and buildout across the state and provide input into digital access, affordability and need for technical skills to create equitable distribution of resources.

For those who are unable to attend the meetings or open comment periods and want to learn more about high-speed internet access in Nebraska, visit <https://ndot.info/community> to review information and provide feedback.

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## **Nebraska Rural Broadband Task Force Findings and Recommendations October 2023**

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## **Rural Broadband Task Force**

Findings and Recommendations

October 2023



[Click Here to Read the Report](#)

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## **Programs & Opportunities - Rural.gov**

Visit the link below to browse funding opportunities, technical assistance, and other programs supporting a broad range of rural community and economic development activities. You can also find assistance for residents, including families, homeowners, seniors, veterans, small businesses, agricultural producers, and more.



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Lincoln, NE 68508  
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FAX: 402.392.7908

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Contact: [Brett Young](#)  
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