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Comprehensive Plan and Regulation Essentials Webinar

Please join us for a Comprehensive Plan and Regulation Essentials Webinar on Wednesday, October 7th, 2026, at 2:00 PM Central Time. This two-hour webinar is available for two credit hours for county boards, county attorneys, and planning commissions.

The webinar will assist in the understanding of essential elements of comprehensive plans, zoning maps, conditional use permits, and local land-use regulations. We will also examine how LB663's land-use application timelines are affecting Nebraska counties.

Click the link below to register.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Z4A_sWWfQmeN-GLuIdmAcw

Register for 2026 NACO Fall District Meetings!

Southeast District Meeting - Thursday, September 10th - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. CST

- *Peter Kiewit Lodge, Eugene T. Mahoney State Park, 28500 W Park Highway, Ashland*

Registration closed - Walk-ins welcome.

Northeast District Meeting - Friday, September 11th - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. CST

- *Lifelong Learning Center, Northeast Community College - 601 E Benjamin Ave, Norfolk*

[Central District Meeting](#) - Thursday, September 17th - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. CST

- *Younes Center North, 707 Talmadge Street - Kearney*

Registration Deadline: September 10th

[Pandhandle District Meeting](#) - Wednesday, September 23rd - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. MT

- *Prairie Winds Community Center, 428 N Main Street, Bridgeport*

Registration Deadline: September 16th

[West Central District Meeting](#) - Thursday, September 24th - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. MT

- *NACO West Training Center, 102 Diamond Springs Trail, Ogallala*

Registration Deadline: September 17th

Joint Public Hearings: Preparing for September

Nebraska counties are approaching the annual Joint Public Hearing (JPH) window, which runs September 14–23, with hearings held after 6:00 p.m. As counties prepare, this is a good time to review meeting logistics, coordinate with participating political subdivisions, and make sure presentations and public participation processes are in place.

[Head to our blog](#) for more tips on preparing for this year's hearings.

NACO Legislative Conference Registration Now Open

Registration for the 2026 NACO Legislative Conference is [open on our website](#). The conference will be held on Friday, October 16th at Nebraska's Big Rodeo Fairground and Event Hall in Burwell, NE.

Tentative Agenda:

8:00 - 9:00 AM - Registration/Networking/Breakfast

9:00 - 9:15 AM - Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome

9:15 - 10:00 AM - Land Use Forum

10:00 - 10:30 AM - Senator Tanya Storer

10:30 - 10:50 AM - Networking Break

10:50 - 11:45 AM - Property Tax Forum

11:45 AM - 12:30 PM - Lunch

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DOJ Announces \$216M in Federal Funding Opportunities for Reentry Programs, Crisis Response Training, Substance Use and Mental Health Treatment

The U.S. Department of Justice recently announced federal funding opportunities to improve state and local criminal justice systems and outcomes for the people involved, with a focus on reentry, crisis response, and behavioral health services.

Application deadlines range from September 24–October 13, 2026, for the following 6 grants:

[BJA FY26 Second Chance Act Improving Reentry Education and Employment Outcomes](#)

[BJA FY26 Second Chance Act Family-Based Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program](#)

[BJA FY26 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Site-Based Program](#)

[BJA FY26 Smart Reentry Demonstration Program](#)

[BJA FY26 Public Safety and Mental Health Initiative](#)

[BJA FY26 Crisis Response Training Program](#)

[Click here](#) to learn more about each grant.

NACO Annual Conference to be Held December 16-18 in Kearney, Award Nominations Now Open

Hotel Room Reservation and Registration will open on Wednesday, September 9th at 1:30 PM MT/2:30 PM CT. More information will be provided regarding the

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Every year, county officials have an opportunity to nominate their peers for the Next Generation, Lifetime Achievement, and County Official of the Year awards, which are presented to the winners at the Annual Conference. Award nominations are now open, and we encourage you to submit your nomination as soon as possible. The deadline for nominations is Friday, October 16th.

- [Next Generation Award](#)
- [Lifetime Achievement Award](#)
- [County Official of the Year Award](#)

From NACo - 2030 Census: Toolkit for Counties

The U.S. decennial census is mandated by the U.S. Constitution and conducted every 10 years to determine the number of people living in the United States. It shapes political representation and drives the distribution of over \$2.8 trillion in annual federal funding across hundreds of programs.

Funding allocations for county-administered programs and services depend heavily on census data. The 2030 Census will impact vital county functions, from transportation and infrastructure to public health, public safety, and social services. Counts affect federal resources flowing to county residents for a full decade.

County officials are uniquely positioned to drive preparation through participatory opportunities and tools such as the [Local Update of Census Addresses \(LUCA\) Program](#), creation of Complete Count Committees (CCCs), the [2030 Census Planning Timeline](#), and more.

NACo's 2030 Census Toolkit focuses on information, key intergovernmental partners, and new developments, with step-by-step guidance and case studies on implementation of best practices. Click the button below to learn more and download the full toolkit.

2030 Census Toolkit for Counties

FEMA Announces 2026 National Preparedness Month Theme

FEMA's Ready Campaign announced the 2026 National Preparedness Month theme—Americans Stand Ready. The campaign has observed National Preparedness Month since 2004 to encourage Americans to prepare for emergencies. The month is a great time to take small steps to make a big difference in being prepared.

This year's theme connects to FEMA's broader approach to disaster response. Just as FEMA empowers state and local governments to lead their own response and recovery efforts when disaster strikes, FEMA's Ready Campaign empowers individuals to take charge of their own readiness. When Americans take steps to prepare for disasters and keep their families safe, every neighborhood and community is more resilient. Throughout National Preparedness Month in September, FEMA will celebrate and encourage American resourcefulness and civic responsibility. [Click here](#) to learn more about National Preparedness Month and FEMA's Stand Ready campaign.

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[READY.GOV/STAND-READY](https://ready.gov/stand-ready)

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a number of benefits, including features on our website and social media pages. We also offer our business members discounts on sponsorships and 15% off the cost of booking our NACO West Training Center in Ogallala.

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2026 Election Calendar

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