

October 11, 2024



The Ninety-Three

NACO Opens Doors to New Office and Training Center in Keith County



The Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) is excited to announce the opening of its new office in Keith County, expanding its capacity to support county officials throughout Nebraska. NACO celebrated the grand opening of the new facility, NACO

West, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, October 11.

NACO West features office space for NACO staff, office suites, and a state-of-the-art training center, which is available for rent to associations, government entities, and businesses across the state.

NACO is also hosting an open house at the new office tomorrow, Saturday, October 12, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. MT for anyone interested in learning more about the training center.

To learn more about NACO West, click the link below:

[About NACO West](#)

CISA National Director visit to Douglas County Election Office





It was an honor for the Douglas County Election Commission and Election Commissioner, Brian W. Kruse to host Director Jen Easterly and other Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA) representatives while they were in Omaha, on Tuesday, October 8th. Commissioner Kruse showed Director Easterly how elections are safe, secure, fair and accurate at the local level.

Director Easterly was appointed by President Biden and unanimously confirmed by Congress, April 2021. CISA is under the Dept. of Homeland Security.

LB1204 Local Tobacco License Report

[LB 1204](#) passed earlier this year now requires county clerks to report to the Nebraska Department of Revenue (DOR) the notification of granting a local tobacco license.

The initial report from the counties for 2025 will be due January 31, 2025.

This report must be filed even if the county has no tobacco licensees. Nebraska Department of Revenue is in the process of finalizing the reporting method. It will be done either through the electronic document and application hub (eDASH) or DOR's secure file sharing system.

Nebraska Association of Emergency Management (NAEM) Award Nominations

The Nebraska Association of Emergency Management is taking nominations to recognize outstanding contributions in emergency management.

Please note the nomination deadline has been changed to **January 3, 2025**.

Please use the following links to access the specific nomination forms or visit the NAEM Website [Award Nominations](#).

[Emergency Manager of the Year](#)

[New Emergency Manager of the Year](#)

[Deputy Director or Administrative Assistant of the Year](#)

[Emergency Management Support Nomination](#)

[Lifetime Achievement Award Nomination](#)

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) SFY 2024 JAG Election Security Funding Announcement

The **Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice** is pleased to announce the availability of the **SFY 2025 Byrne JAG ELECTION SECURITY [JAG]**. The Funding Opportunity outlines general guidelines, eligibility, funding requirements, and application instructions. Please read the solicitation thoroughly to ensure all requirements are met in the application. The attached documents are also located at the following website: <https://ncc.nebraska.gov/grant-apps>

2025 Byrne JAG ELECTION SECURITY: \$300,000

All applicants applying for the **2025 Byrne JAG ELECTION SECURITY [JAG]**, shall submit an application using the below link through Amplifund.

<https://ne.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/14cd4f44-ec64-42ef-b88d-19e97ad030b8>

Applications are accepted electronically by completing the application and submitting all required documents to AmpliFund's online application system (see applicable announcement for more information and instructions; announcements are attached and accessible in AmpliFund; announcements will be on the NCC website by the end of the next business day)

For assistance or questions regarding the SFY 2025 Byrne JAG Election Security please contact Chris Carlile, Director of Justice Programs at (402) 417-3673 or christine.carlile@nebraska.gov.

For assistance with AmpliFund, reach out to Nebraska AmpliFund Support at (844) 735-0239 or support@ne-amplifund.zendesk.com. Applicants may also access resources and chat with AmpliFund Support staff through the AmpliFund Customer Support Portal at <https://ne-amplifund.zendesk.com>.

Applications are due by **5pm CST on Friday, October 18, 2024**.

2024 NACO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

DECEMBER 18-20 | YOUNES CONFERENCE CENTER NORTH, KEARNEY



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Register at www.nebraskacounties.org
Registration Deadline: November 22, 2024



JOIN US IN DECEMBER

Annual Conference Registration Now Open

Conference registration is now open! The cost is \$160.00 per attendee and \$100.00 per guest. A spouse is considered a guest.

The registration deadline is November 22, 2024 at 11:59 pm CST.

All cancellations after November 22, 2024 are subject to a \$50.00 administrative fee.

[NACO Annual Conference Webpage](#)

Annual Conference Agenda Overview

Wednesday, December 18th

- Registration Opens at 7:00 A.M.
- Exhibit Hall Opens at 7:00 A.M.
- Affiliate Group Sessions may start as early as 8:00 A.M. and end as late as 4:00 P.M.
 - **Clerks, Register of Deeds, Election Commissioners** - 8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.

- **County Board Members & Attorneys** - 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
- **Emergency Managers** - 8:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.
- **Health Directors** - 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
- **Sheriffs** - 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
- **Treasurers** - 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
- **Veteran Service Officers** - 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
- Estimated Time for Assessors, Clerks of District Court, Highway Superintendents, Engineers, Surveyors, Planning & Zoning, & Weed Superintendents Coming Soon
- Sponsored Dinner and Hospitality Suites will be at Younes South in the evening.
- Shuttle will be available for pick up and drop off at hotels on and around the Younes campus from 8:00 A.M. to 11:30 P.M.

Thursday, December 19th

- Registration Opens at 7:00 A.M.
- Breakfast Buffet at 7:30 A.M.
- Exhibit Hall Opens at 7:00 A.M.
- Opening Session starts at 8:30 A.M.
- Breakout Sessions from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Lunch Provided)
- NACO Business Meeting at 3:15 PM **(New this year! Moved from Friday)**
- Door Prizes during Business Meeting between 3:15-4:30 PM
- Sponsored Dinner and Hospitality Suites will be at Younes Center South in the evening.
- Shuttle will be available for pick up and drop off at hotels on and around the Younes campus from 8:00 A.M. to 11:30 P.M.

Friday, December 20th

- Breakfast & NACO Legislative Forum **(New this year!)** from 7:00-9:00 AM

Annual Conference Hotel Reservations

Rooming lists with guest names and stay dates are due to hotels on the Younes campus **TODAY, October 11**. Any unclaimed rooms after October 11th will be placed back into the general NACO block for other attendees/counties to reserve.

If you have questions about hotel reservations, please call 308-237-8813 or email youneshotels@gmail.com

Off Campus Hotel Options

More Information on Hotel Reservation Process

Submit Your Award Nominations Now

Nomination forms for the 2024 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 18th.

Announcement of the 2024 recipients will be made at the Annual Conference.

[46th Annual County Official of the Year Nomination Form](#)

[2024 Lifetime Achievement Award](#)

[2024 Next Generation Award](#)

Nebraska Association of County Officials Benefit Services + Savi



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Looking for support navigating your student loans?

As a Nebraska County employee, you and your family now have access to Savi - a straightforward financial wellness benefit to keep your student loans on track.*

Create your free account at nacobenefits.bysavi.com to see if you qualify for a lower monthly payment or student loan forgiveness

*To receive your coupon code for Savi Essential (typically \$70), please email candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org. Coupon codes are available exclusively to Nebraska County employees.

New this year is NACO's partnership with Savi!

Savi assists with the application process for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness and other ideas to help manage student loan debt.

The Public Service Loan Forgiveness program was passed with bipartisan support under the Bush administration in 2007.

As a Nebraska County employee, you and your family have access to Savi.

Create your free account at naco.benefits.bysavi.com to see if you qualify for a lower monthly payment or student loan forgiveness.

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Cyber Security Key Points October: Social Engineering

**CYBER SECURITY
KEYPOINTS
September**

*From the County
Network Security
Cooperative*



Pretexting:

False Identity Tactics

Hackers may impersonate co-workers or authority figures, creating a fake scenario (pretext) to request sensitive data. Verify any such requests via another communication channel before acting on them.



**Spear
Phishing**

Unlike general phishing, spear phishing uses personal information to craft highly targeted attacks. Hackers may know details about your role or recent activities – always verify unexpected messages, even if they seem familiar.



**Social Media
Reconnaissance**

Social engineers gather information from social media profiles to craft attacks. Publicly shared information about your job, hobbies, or friends can be used to manipulate you. Be mindful of what you post online.

Vishing:

Voice-Based Phishing

Hackers may use phone calls (vishing) to trick you into revealing sensitive info, pretending to be your bank or company's IT department. Hang up and call the official number to verify the request.

The County Network Security Cooperative is a collaboration of partners including:



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Disclaimer: This document reflects current guidance and is subject to change due to the evolving cyber security environment.

[Download the Flyer](#)



Cybersecurity Awareness Month

October

BOGO Deal

Enroll one leader in the NACo Cybersecurity Leadership Academy, and a second participant is **free**.

www.naco.org/cyberskills



Think and act like a cybersecurity leader.

Toolkit Now Available: Operation Green Light for Veterans

OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS

November 4-11, 2024



#OperationGreenLight | NACo.org/OperationGreenLight



Operation Green Light for Veterans will take place November 4–11, 2024.

A [toolkit](#) is now available, with press release, resolution, and social media templates, among other resources to support county participation.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2024 NACO BUSINESS MEMBERS

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