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The Ninety-Three

2026 Annual Conference Registration and Hotel Reservation Now Open

Both the hotel reservation form and attendee registration for the 132nd NACO Annual Conference are now open!

County officials planning to attend the Annual Conference **must complete the [online form](#) to request a room in the NACO block at the Younes Conference Center Campus**. The form will be available until Friday, October 9th at 5:00 PM CT. Please direct all questions about hotel reservations to the Younes staff at 308-237-8813 or by email youneshotels@gmail.com.

Conference Registration is also now open on the [NACO website](#). The cost is \$165.00 per attendee and \$100.00 per guest. A spouse is considered a guest. The pre-registration deadline is November 20th, 2026, at 11:59 PM Central Time. All cancellations after November 20th are subject to a \$75.00 administrative fee.

[Click here for an agenda overview](#). Please note that this is subject to change. We encourage you to bookmark the [Annual Conference landing page](#) for registration, agendas, and the most up-to-date conference information.

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

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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 Your 2026 NACO Fall District Meeting!

Central District Meeting - Thursday, September 17th - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. CST

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

Registration closed - Walk-ins welcome.

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

Register for the 2026 NACO Legislative Conference in Burwell!

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

12:30 - 2:30 PM - NACO Platform and Legislative Proposals

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From NACo: Counties Eligible for \$787 Million in DOT PROTECT Grants to Build Disaster-Resilient Surface Transportation

On August 28, the Department of Transportation (DOT) announced that the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) grant program will be allocating up to \$787 million in grants for state and local governments, including counties. The PROTECT grant program funds projects engaged in building surface transportation systems, including highways, public transportation, ports, and intercity passenger rail, that are resilient to weather events and natural disasters.

The DOT will provide different types of grants through the PROTECT program – Planning Grants, Resilience Improvement Grants, Community Resilience and Evacuation Route Grants, and At-Risk Coastal Infrastructure Grants.

[Head to NACo's website](#) to learn more!

Submit Your Nominations for Annual County Official Awards

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](#)
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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

Go All-In on Excavators with Murphy Tractor

Join Murphy Tractor for a hands-on experience with the newly redesigned John Deere 210, 230, and 260 P-Tier Excavators. Learn how the latest excavator technology can help improve safety, boost productivity, reduce downtime, and shorten operator learning curves. Participants will have the opportunity to operate the machines, see technology demonstrations, and speak directly with Murphy Tractor experts.

Locations:

September 16 & 17 – Des Moines

September 30 & Oct. 1– Omaha

October 7 – Grand Island

See the flyer below for reservation details!

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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.

NBEA Webinar: When Does State Law Require Nebraska-Licensed Architects and Professional Engineers on a Building Project?

Join Nebraska Board of Architects and Engineers staff for a [free webinar](#) on **Monday, September 21, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. CT** and gain essential insight into when the Nebraska Engineers and Architects Regulation Act (the Act) requires a Nebraska-licensed architect and/or professional engineer on a building project.

Whether you're a building official, jurisdiction representative, contractor, or community member, this webinar will provide practical guidance on when a building project in your community may need to involve a Nebraska-licensed design professional.

In this webinar, you will:

- Learn when a Nebraska-licensed architect and/or professional engineer is required on a building project.
- Ask questions during a live and interactive Q&A with Board staff.
- Learn where to turn when questions about the Act arise.

[Click here](#) to learn more!

2026 NACO Business Members

Support provided by our generous business members helps NACO expand our educational programming for Nebraska county officials. Business members enjoy 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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