

September 13, 2024



# The Ninety-Three

## 2024 NACO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

DECEMBER 18-20 | YOUNES CONFERENCE CENTER NORTH, KEARNEY

### REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

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

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## 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. County Board session starts at 10:00 A.M. and ends at 3:00 P.M.
- 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

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## Hotel Reservation Form Now Available

The hotel reservation process for our annual conference is about to begin! The online form is available starting Wednesday, September 11th at 1:30 P.M. MT/ 2:30 P.M. CT until Friday, October 11th at 5:00 PM CT.

All hotel reservations must be made using this online form. Reservations will not be accepted by calling the front desk. Please read over the following information carefully to ensure a smooth hotel reservation process. Please note that the hotel reservation form is NOT your registration as an attendee for the annual conference.

Please be sure to coordinate hotel arrangements with your county. If you have questions about hotel reservations, please call 308-237-8813 or email [youneshotels@gmail.com](mailto:youneshotels@gmail.com)

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## 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](mailto: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](#)

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## NACO Legislative Conference

# NACO LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2024  
NACO WEST, OGALLALA

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

Registration Deadline: 10/4/2024

Cancellation Policy: Registrants must submit written cancellation before 10/4/2024 deadline to be eligible for a full refund. Registrants who do not submit written cancellation prior to 10/4/2024 deadline, do not attend and did not pay will be charged a \$20 administrative fee (includes No Shows). REGISTRATIONS ARE NON-TRANSFERRABLE.

[NACO Hotel Block at the Hotel Inn Express, Ogallala](#)

\$110 - 308-284-6080

Registration

Agenda Overview

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# NACO West Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR NEW WESTERN OFFICE

# RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10TH  
12:00-1:00 PM MT



102 DIAMOND SPRINGS TRAIL  
OGALLALA, NE 69153

NACO invites county officials to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new NACO West office in Ogallala on Thursday, October 10th, at noon Mountain time.

## NACO District Meetings

- **Southeast District Meeting** - September 12 - Graduate Lincoln Hotel, Lincoln - **Pre-registration Closed, Walk-in registrations welcome**
- **Northeast District Meeting** - September 13 - Lifelong Learning Center, Norfolk - **Pre-registration Closed, Walk-in registrations welcome**
- **Central District Meeting** - September 19 - The Leadership Center, Aurora - Deadline to Register - **Pre-registration Closed, Walk-in registrations welcome**
- **Panhandle District Meeting** - September 25 - Bridgeport Community Center, Bridgeport - Deadline to Register - 9/18/24
- **West Central District Meeting** - September 26 - Quality Inn & Suites, Ogallala - Deadline to Register - 9/19/24

8:00-9:00 AM - Registration

9:00-10:15 AM - Business Meeting

10:15 AM-12:00 PM - Affiliate Breakout Meetings

12:00-1:00 PM - Lunch

[Register Here](#)

[District Meeting Agendas](#)

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## Joint Public Hearing Guidelines & Postcard Best Practices By Office

[Guidelines](#)

[Best Practices](#)



## Frequently Asked Questions About the Property Tax Growth Limitation Act

[View the Document](#)

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## Cyber Security Key Point Cloud Security

**CYBER SECURITY  
KEYPOINTS  
AUGUST**

*From the County  
Network Security  
Cooperative*



### Best Practices for Cloud Security

- Use Strong Identity and Access Management (IAM) Controls
- Encrypt Data in Transit and at Rest
- Ensure Proper Configuration Management
- Establish Strong Network Security Standards to include logging and monitoring
- Utilize Cloud Security Tools
- Apply Security Patches and Updates Regularly
- Perform Security Assessments and Penetration Testing Regularly



Cloud infrastructure security is crucial for protecting sensitive data, ensuring business continuity, and preventing costly cyberattacks in an ever-evolving cyber threat landscape and today's increasingly cloud-dependent world.



### Cloud Security & Privacy

Cloud services provide organizations with unparalleled flexibility, enabling rapid scalability, remote access, and cost efficiency, which are critical for business growth and agility. However, this increased reliance on cloud infrastructure also introduces significant cyber risks, including data breaches, misconfigurations, and vulnerabilities from third-party integrations. Organizations adopting cloud services must prioritize robust cybersecurity measures to mitigate these risks and protect their digital assets.



### Knowledge is Power

An average of 18.1% of files uploaded to cloud-based file-sharing and collaboration platforms contain sensitive information. As of 2023, 94% of organizations globally use cloud services, with 69% of businesses planning to increase their cloud security budgets. 45% of data breaches in 2022 involved cloud-based infrastructure, highlighting the increasing focus of attackers on cloud environments. 25% of ransomware attacks in 2023 involved data stored in cloud services, marking a rise in attacks specifically targeting cloud-based applications and data.

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



- AND -



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

[Download the Flyer Here](#)

# MIPS GO Roadshow Assessor Training Sessions



Join the MIPS team for hands-on training designed to enhance your skills and knowledge.

Sessions run from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, with a lunch break from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM.

**October 9th - MIPS Office, Main Conference Room, 1335 H Street, Lincoln**

**October 23rd - North Platte Community College, North Campus, Room WW202, 1101 Halligan Dr, North Platte**

**October 30th - Webinar**

Registration deadline is September 20th. Sign up now!

[Registration](#)

[MIPS Event Calendar](#)

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## Western Interstate Region (WIR) Ex Officio Director Nominations

The NACO Board of Directors is seeking nominations for the newly added position of the WIR Ex Officio Director.



This position is the Nebraska Representative on the WIR (Western Interstate Region) Board of Directors and would be responsible for attending WIR Board of Directors meetings, participate in occasional fly ins to Washington D.C to testify on a variety of issues facing counties as well as providing the NACO Board of Directors quarterly reports.

If you are interested in learning more about the WIR please reach out to Candace Meredith at [candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org](mailto:candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org).

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## **Toolkit Now Available: Operation Green Light for Veterans**

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.

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## **NACO West Update**

Bathroom fixtures and furniture are coming soon!



# THANK YOU TO OUR 2024 NACO BUSINESS MEMBERS

## ELITE



## PREMIUM



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