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NACo announces two new Green Government Initiative corporate partners

WASHINGTON, D.C. – National Association of Counties (NACo) Green Government Initiative (GGI) Advisory Board Chair Gregg Goslin today announced that WESCO International, Inc., a leading provider of electrical, industrial, and communications MRO and OEM products, construction materials, and advanced supply chain management and logistics services, and Nutek Green, a manufacturer of green cleaning and lubrication products, have joined NACo’s Green Government Advisory Board as new corporate partners.

WESCO is a Fortune 500 company headquartered in Allegheny County, Pa. (Pittsburgh). Nutek Green, established in 2007, is based in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, near Cleveland, and is a member of the Hoover, Inc. family of companies.

The addition of the two new partners will enable NACo’s Green Government Initiative to expand its educational offerings in the green purchasing and procurement arena—an area of sustainability where counties are still moving forward despite difficult economic challenges.

NACo’s Green Government Initiative is a national effort launched in 2007 to assist the nation’s counties in developing and implementing environmentally sound, cost effective practices. It serves as a comprehensive resource for local governments on all things green, including energy, green building, air quality, transportation, land use, water quality, purchasing, and recycling.

The Green Government Advisory Board consists of 21 innovative corporate partners and 21 county leaders in sustainability, who shape the direction of the Initiative.

“We are pleased that WESCO and Nutek Green are joining the nation’s counties and our other corporate partners to help lead NACo’s Green Government Initiative at a time when more counties and businesses across the country are finding innovative ways to go green and reduce the cost of operating county government,” said Goslin, commissioner, Cook County, Ill.

Lee Osterman, WESCO’s government general manager, said, “Joining NACo’s Green Government Initiative gives WESCO an opportunity to beneficially and responsibly impact our local communities. WESCO is committed to providing environmentally-friendly products and service solutions that meet sustainability

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requirements in the communities we live in.”

Cathy Horton, founder of Nutek Green, said, “We are thrilled to support the efforts of NACo as it works to provide assistance to counties seeking to establish environmentally sound practices across all aspects of county government. It just makes perfect sense for us to pay a role here by lending a hand to NACo.”

For more information about the NACo Green Government Initiative, visit the NACo website at [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org) or contact Jared Lang 202.942.4224.

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The National Association of Counties (NACo) is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Founded in 1935, NACo provides essential services to the nation’s 3,068 counties. NACo advances issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improves the public’s understanding of county government, assists counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research, and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money. For more information about NACo, visit [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org).