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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 the Institute for Building Technology and Safety (IBTS) and the Distributed Wind Energy Association (DWEA) have joined NACo's Green Government Advisory Board as new corporate partners.

IBTS is a non-profit organization that provides value to communities, governments, and the planet by accelerating progress in the built environment and promoting solutions that encourage and support energy-efficient building. IBTS’s work is guided by a board of directors made up of five national associations representing state and local government, including NACo.

DWEA is a collaborative group of manufacturers, distributors, project developers, dealers, installers, and advocates, whose primary mission is to promote and foster all aspects of the American distributed wind energy industry.

The addition of the two new partners will enable NACo’s Green Government Initiative to expand its educational offerings in the green building and renewable energy fields and help counties locate opportunities to save money on utility costs.

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 19 innovative corporate partners and 21 county leaders in sustainability which shapes the direction of the Initiative.

“We are pleased that the Institute for Building Technology and Safety and the Distributed Wind Energy Association are joining the nation's counties and our corporate partners to help lead NACo’s Green Government Initiative,” said Goslin, commissioner, Cook County, Ill. “These are exciting times as more...
counties, businesses and organizations across the country are finding innovate ways to go green and reduce the cost of operating county government.”

IBTS CEO Ashok Goswami said, “IBTS shares NACo’s commitment to helping local governments develop and implement environmentally sound, cost-effective practices. We are particularly excited about bringing our expertise in the built environment and our public service commitment to this important initiative.”

DWEA Executive Director Jennifer Jenkins said, “DWEA is thrilled to join this progressive group and looks forward to supporting the efficient and responsible installation of wind energy technology at homes, schools, farms and businesses while encouraging the leadership of counties in the pursuit of their green government efforts.”

For more information about the NACo Green Government Initiative, visit the NACo website at 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.