NACo to host National Cyber Symposium April 18-19 in Omaha

WASHINGTON, D.C. – One hundred twenty-five county government and county IT officials from across the country this week will participate in the NACo National Cyber Symposium in Omaha, Neb. to explore cyber policies at the local level, mitigating cyber threats, emergency response procedures and best practices that counties can adopt back home.

The symposium, presented by NACo, the University of Nebraska-Omaha and the Peter Kiewit Institute, will take place April 18-19 at the DoubleTree Suites by Hilton in Omaha. National experts will present the latest information and emerging trends surrounding cybersecurity and how county governments can best protect themselves and the important data that counties are responsible for.

The Cyber for Counties program is in conjunction with NACo President Chris Rodgers 2013 Presidential Initiative to promote cybersecurity awareness and education and disseminate information regarding services and programming from federal partners directly to county government policy makers and IT professionals.

Symposium highlights include:

**Thursday, April 18**

- Opening remarks, 8-8:15 a.m., PKI, room 158
  Dr. Mike McGinnis, executive director, the Peter Kiewit Institute  
  NACo President Chris Rodgers, commissioner, Douglas County, Nebraska  

- Keynote address, 8:25-9:00 a.m., PKI, room 158
  Cheri Caddy, director, Cyber Policy Integration and Outreach, the White House  

- Luncheon remarks, 12:30-1:00 p.m., PKI tent  
  Gov. Dave Heineman, Nebraska  

**Friday, April 19**

- Keynote Address, 8:30-9:30 a.m., PKI, room 158  
  Jodi Chapin, director, State and Local Government Marketing, AT&T
Expert panel discussions will explore issues such as cyber security threats, infrastructure, information assurance capability, effective cyber security policies and workforce training and education opportunities. Sessions include:

- “Operating in today’s cyber environment: what is the threat?”
- “What critical information/infrastructure needs to be protected at the county level?
- “What can counties do to enhance their information assurance capability?”
- “What does the cyber legislative policy landscape look like at the federal, state, and local level? What is the role of counties?”
- “National cyber workforce training and education landscape overview. What programs are available to prepare the workforce?” and
- “What Resources are available to counties to help combat the cyber threat?”

Click here to review the agenda and scheduled guest speakers. For more information, contact Jim Philipps at 202.942.4220 or jphilipps@naco.org.

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