

## NACo study: Proposal to change tax status harms counties, taxpayers

As Congress and the Administration contemplate reforming the U.S. tax code, NACo has released important new research, which shows that changing the tax-exempt status of municipal bond interest is costly and risky to American investors, local taxpayers and counties.

*Municipal Bonds Build America: A County Perspective on Changing the Tax-exempt Status of Municipal Bond Interest* estimates the cost for counties and for all municipal bond issuers if a repeal or a 28 percent cap on the exemption of municipal bond interest were enacted. The study significantly expands a previously released study in February, issued jointly with the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the National League of Cities.

According to NACo President Chris Rodgers, counties are gravely concerned about an Obama Administration's FY14 budget proposal that mirrors a 2011 proposal of a 28 percent cap on the benefit accruing to investors in tax-exempt municipal bonds. Action in Congress also

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## Senate passes five-year farm bill

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Significant movement is underway for an important NACo priority — reauthorization of the nation's farm legislation. In action June 10, the Senate approved a near-trillion dollar measure (\$955 billion) — the Agriculture Reform, Food and Jobs Act of 2013 (S. 954) — that would set farm policy for the next five years.

The vote, 66–27, indicated solid bipartisan support for the bill, which drew praise from Lu Barron, Linn County, Iowa supervisor and vice chair of NACo's Rural Action Caucus (RAC). “I applaud the U.S. Senate for its bipartisan effort to pass the farm bill. The bill strengthens rural economic development programming, which fosters economic activity in rural America, and invests in rural infrastructure allowing our agricultural communities to remain viable,” Barron said.

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## Cook County, Ill. holds expungement summit

By **CHARLIE BAN**  
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Job seekers can take nothing for granted. Not that their experience and skills will be enough, that the applicant pool will be favorable or that a run-in with the law, even years

ago, won't be a factor.

A few days before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission sued BMW and Dollar General for violating the Civil Rights Act in regard to their background check practices, which cost 72 people their jobs, a long line stretched down the sidewalk at the New Faith Baptist Church, in southern Cook County, Ill. It was populated by residents who hoped to wipe their public records of non-violent offenses clean at the county's expungement summit and revive their career prospects.

It was the ninth such full-service summit, coordinated by Dorothy Brown, clerk of circuit court in Cook County, and capped a three-day NACo summit on Smart Justice in Cook County. According to her staff, more than 750 people registered for the one-day event. More than 200 people filed successfully for expungement, the rest were referred

to volunteer attorneys to examine other options.

“The opportunity to expunge a record means so much,” Brown said. “It opens doors for people's ability to support themselves.”

She recalled a woman who, after working for years in Cook County, moved to Florida and tried to find a job in nursing. Despite her decades of experience, she was stymied by her criminal record, a minor incident in 1975 that nonetheless left her waiting for calls for interviews that weren't going to come.

The woman returned to Cook County and ultimately came to Brown's office, hoping to do something about her record.

“I looked at it and told her it was probably sealable,” Brown said. “She just started crying. It felt like a load had been lifted.”

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# County's training support pays off in new jobs

By CHARLIE BAN  
STAFF WRITER

Finding the right role for Franklin County, Ohio in its regional economic development took some time.

John O'Grady, president of the county's Board of Commissioners, said there were plenty of ways to get involved, but many were already established.

"You have the city of Columbus, the state and private employers, all of whom have a role in our local economy," he said. "We, as a county, needed a niche for helping to create more jobs in the area, but we wanted it to be something that

MSC Industrial Supply are also involved.

The county's investment is \$450,000 from its general fund into this program in chunks of \$500 to \$700 per employee per year. As a result of the agreement the businesses receiving grants will help fill new jobs through the county's Department of Job and Family Services, the Central Ohio Workforce Investment Corporation and the county's Workforce Experience program.

For Quantum Health, which provides coordinated care services to members of self-funded health insurance plans, the grants lubricate the training process. Wayne Lorgus, the company's chief financial officer, said the grant program was a win for everyone, one which helps the company get over a hurdle to growth.

"The biggest challenge for a growing company is to afford to hire people before you can have then engage in revenue generating activities," he said. "For our employees to take calls from members, they need three weeks of guided training and two weeks of supervised work. That's a significant financial commitment we make when we hire someone."

Over the course of 2012, Quantum Health added 106 jobs. By the end of 2013, Lorgus said, the company hoped to at least match that growth, which he said would be aided dramatically by the grants.

"We'll still have to pay the trainee salaries, but the grants defray some of the costs of training them," he said. "We're able to train more people at once and grow faster than we might otherwise have been able to afford."

James Schimmer, the county economic development director, said the grants had to be used to

help add capacity to the recipient businesses.

"We're not interested in helping pay for the things employees should already know—compliance with OSHA standards, forklift training," he said. "We want these grants to help the companies bring in new business and grow."

For IBM, Schimmer said, it was a matter of bringing its worldwide resources to Franklin County.

"IBM has experts all over the world, and we have new employees ready to learn right here," he said. "They're using these grants to operate remote training programs so they can have a seminar from

Singapore without having to fly someone in. That makes the local employees that much more capable."

IBM's worldwide resources beg the question why the county is helping the United States' second largest employer, but to O'Grady, it's simple.

"This investment is bringing jobs here," he said. "With the Central Ohio region being home to the second largest pool of college students in the country, we clearly have a very smart and talented population. They (IBM) are making an investment in our people so it's not much of a price to

pay. Workforce development and training are natural opportunities for our residents."

The downside is, after they are trained, people can leave. Schimmer, with his eye on the regional economy, isn't worried about that.

"The quality of life is one of our major drivers here," he said. "Once people get started in their careers here, they tend to find they enjoy it. If they do move on from one of the companies that trained them, it's probably going to be somewhere else locally. That highly trained member of the workforce is still probably going to be in Franklin County."

## County officials appointed to new National Freight Advisory Committee

NACo President Chris Rodgers, Douglas County, Neb.; Commissioner John Eaves, Fulton County, Ga. and Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez, Miami-Dade County have been appointed by U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood to the National Freight Advisory Committee (NFAC).

MAP-21, federal transportation legislation, established a national freight policy and called for the creation of a National Freight Strategic Plan. The advisory committee will provide recommendations to the secretary of transportation on how DOT can improve its freight transportation policies and programs.

Others appointed with county ties are Mayor Michael Nutter, City and County of Philadelphia, Pa.; Mayor Gregory A. Ballard, City of Indianapolis-Marion County, Ind.; and Randell Iwasaki, executive director, Contra Costa, Calif. Transportation Authority.

The advisory committee comprises 47 voting members from

outside the Department of Transportation representing modes of transportation, geographic regions, policy areas and associations with an interest in the movement of freight. The deputy secretary and under secretary of transportation for policy, as well as representatives from other federal agencies with freight-related obligations, will serve as ex-officio members.

Members serve two-year terms

and meet at least three times per year. The first public NFAC meeting is scheduled for June 25 at the Department of Transportation in Washington, D.C. and will include an overview of MAP-21 freight provisions and preliminary identification of NFAC activities. The meeting is open to the public.

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- » Grants hope to capitalize on number of college grads in the area

other levels of government were not doing."

After consulting with various private-sector businesses, that role narrowed down to helping train the job seekers in Franklin County to make it easier for businesses to grow. And even better than training them generally, those businesses said, would be for the county to assist directly with training programs already in place. So Franklin County began awarding grants to employers, four so far, to subsidize the cost of training new employees. O'Grady said those efforts have helped add 1,300 local jobs, including many at IBM's local facility. Quantum Health, Sid Tool Company and

## In Case You Missed It

### News to use from past County News

#### » Educational opportunities at the Annual Conference

More than 40 educational workshops will be available at the 2013 County Solutions and Idea Marketplace in Tarrant County, Texas. Attendees will hear from two national experts: Dr. Monica Scamardo about building trust in organizations and Stu Brody on effective communications.

Check out the workshops on topics such as recent Supreme Court decisions affecting counties and a mobile workshop tour of the local LEED-certified jail.

Visit [www.naco.org/meetings/participate/NACoAnnual](http://www.naco.org/meetings/participate/NACoAnnual) then click on "Educational Workshop Descriptions."



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1	Marin County, Calif.	100	6.30%	319.2	13.6	10.80%	8.7
2	San Francisco County, Calif.	94	7.00%	446.6	16.9	16.00%	13
3	Chittenden County, Vt.	93.6	6.70%	337.6	10.9	10.70%	7.9
4	Norfolk County, Mass.	93.4	7.20%	354.4	7.1	6.70%	8.8
5	Ozaukee County, Wis.	91.8	5.40%	372.3	7.3	6.00%	14.5
6	Middlesex County, Mass.	90.8	7.50%	426.8	12.2	9.30%	6.5
7	Boulder County, Colo.	90.7	7.70%	571	18.2	13.00%	10.3
8	Douglas County, Colo.	90.5	8.90%	401.7	10.5	4.90%	10.3
9	Montgomery County, Md.	90.1	8.10%	563.8	20.6	8.80%	9.9
9	San Mateo County, Calif.	90.1	6.70%	385.3	22.4	10.00%	10
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# Oakland County, Mich., state enter 'cloud' collaboration

By CHARLES TAYLOR  
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Oakland County, Mich. and the state of Michigan have entered an IT partnership that both predict will save taxpayers money and expand "cloud" computing offerings for government-based software in the state.

The effort is called G2G Marketplace — for government-to-government — and the partners have issued a request for qualification from national IT companies to implement their plans.

"Collaborating with the state will broaden our ability to offer low-cost technology solutions to other governments," Oakland County



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- » Oakland County and state of Michigan pursue expanded cloud computing offerings
- » RFQ seeks private sector participants
- » Savings expected through economies of scale

Executive L. Brooks Patterson said — something the county already has a track record of doing within its own borders.

Phil Bertolini, deputy county manager and CIO, said it's too early to quantify possible savings, until the private sector begins to

respond with specific proposals.

State and county officials envision the marketplace as "a multimedia-rich information portal" where any government agency can research and access ecommerce, website hosting and other government solutions. It will

be available to users by desktop, laptop, smartphone, tablet or other mobile devices, and open to all governments to submit and share their own products and services.

Bertolini and the state's CIO, David Behen, say the benefits are mutual. Because of the state's involvement, Bertolini said the partnership could attract more private sector companies who might not have been interested in Oakland County alone.

Expected benefits of the G2G Marketplace, according to the partners, include less time and fewer resources needed to investigate vendor products and services, and to draft complex contracts and agreements with vendors; governments can use and pay for only the computing resources they need; and it offers vendors a unique and productive way to reach out to government customers.

"We originally put out our G2G Marketplace RFQ to invite the private sector to partner with us in providing cloud technologies to governments," Bertolini said. "We put it out, and the state of Michigan contacted us because they have their MiCloud initiative." He said the partnership seemed a perfect fit between his county's existing G2G Cloud Solutions and the

state's MiCloud program.

Behen, a former Washtenaw County CIO and deputy county administrator, had worked with Oakland County for over a decade in his previous role. He said the collaboration can be a two-way street.

"In Michigan, we're actually trying to flip it on its head too, and we've done it with networks," he said. "For example, if a county or a city or somebody has the bandwidth or the network to allow us to jump on theirs, well let's do that. It doesn't always have to be the state providing the service or the county providing the service, but whoever provides that service the best, then we should jump on that."

He cited GIS as a "great example" of a shared service, wherein one entity can act as service provider and other units of government can purchase that service and not have to build their own capacity.

Bertolini said: "We're excited to have the state come along with us. Because we think that's a partnership that again will benefit everyone."

"The best part here is that it's about governments sharing technology with other governments. I think that's what everybody needs today with the tough economy."

## Attention turns to the House farm bill

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Of special importance to counties are the bill's sections on rural development, conservation initiatives, renewable energy development and support for new farmers and ranchers.

The Senate bill's mandatory funding for the rural development title would include \$150 million for financing water and wastewater projects, \$62.5 million for the Value-Added Producer Grant Program and \$15 million for the Rural Microenterprise Assistance Program. The bill also includes \$800 million in mandatory funding for the Energy Title and \$85 million for the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program.

Also of interest is an amendment to the bill, sponsored by Sen.

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- » Rural development funds are mandated
- » USDA given some flexibility on prioritizing projects

Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio), that would give USDA the flexibility to prioritize 20 percent of rural development funding to projects that are a part of multijurisdictional economic development strategies. This would help ensure that USDA focuses on the priorities identified by counties and their partners in their county, and multi-county economic development strategies.

"NACo had its fingerprints all over the rural development pieces," RAC Chair Doris Karloff, Saunders County, Neb., said. "I am particularly happy to see the flexibility given to USDA funds."

During floor consideration of the measure, more than 200 amendments were filed, including one filed by Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) that would authorize a rural Internet pilot program to provide ultra-high-speed Internet to rural areas. The amendment was approved by a vote of 48–38.

The Senate's action sat well with Yellowstone County, Mont. Commissioner Bill Kennedy: "A five-year bill is needed for 'ag' producers for stability in the ag industry. This is great for agriculture in Montana."

With the final passage of the Senate farm bill, attention now turns to the House, where floor consideration of the chamber's farm bill, titled the Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013 (H.R. 1947), is set to begin as early as June 17.

The most significant difference between House and Senate versions of the farm bill lies in cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly referred to as the food stamp program. While the Senate farm bill cuts approximately \$4 billion from SNAP over five years, the House bill would implement almost \$20.5 billion in cuts to the program over the same period. NACo opposes cuts to nutrition programs and will work to minimize cuts in any potential conference.

(Beverly Schlotterbeck, County News, also contributed to this report.)

## New government standards released for pension accounting

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) recently issued a new standard that fundamentally changes how state and local governments account for the cost of pension benefits in their financial statements.

The GFOA's new publication, *An Elected Official's Guide: The New Pension Accounting* uses a simple question-and-answer format to explain the new pension accounting in a way that is designed to be easily understood even by those with little, if any, experience or background in accounting and financial reporting for pensions.

The booklet is organized into six parts:

- Pensions in the Public Sector — reviews the principal types of pension arrangements encountered in the public sector
- Funding the Cost of Pension Benefits — focuses on how employers fund the cost of pension benefits

- The New Pension Accounting — explains how employers account for the cost of pension benefits in their financial statements using the new pension accounting

- How Pension Accounting Has Changed — covers how the new pension accounting changes traditional pension accounting

- Pension Funding Policy — discusses the importance of a sound employer funding policy for pensions and the essential characteristics of such a policy, and

- Interpreting Pension Information — offers practical advice on how to evaluate whether a given pension arrangement is being adequately funded.

The book is written by Stephen J. Gauthier, director, GFOA's Technical Services Center, and author of *Governmental Accounting, Auditing, and Financial Reporting* and numerous other GFOA publications.

## FEMA's annual flood-risk awareness survey now active for county officials

Since 2010, FEMA has conducted an annual nationwide survey on flood-risk awareness among local government officials. Survey results play a vital role in helping the agency reach out to communities and assist them with protecting their residents from the impact of natural disasters.

If you are currently a local official, please go to [www.naco.org/femaflood](http://www.naco.org/femaflood) and take the 15-minute survey by July 1. Survey responses will only be collected during this limited time. Individual responses will be kept confidential and anonymous.

In conjunction with the survey of local officials, FEMA also surveys the general public. The public survey gauges awareness on natural hazard risk and identifies preferences for receiving risk information. The results are used to identify opportunities for FEMA and other federal agencies to provide outreach support.

If you have questions about either survey, please contact Vince Brown at [Vincent.Brown@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Vincent.Brown@fema.dhs.gov).



# Campaign aims to bring mental illness out of shadows

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President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden hosted a National Conference on Mental Health at the White House June 3. This event was part of the Administration's effort to launch a national conversation to increase understanding and awareness of mental health. Obama delivered opening remarks and Biden gave closing remarks.

The conference brought together people from across the country. Included were representatives from federal, state, county and municipal governments, mental health advocates, educators, health care providers, faith leaders, and individuals and family members who have struggled with mental health problems. They all gathered to discuss how we can all work together to reduce stigma and help the millions of Americans struggling with mental health problems to recognize the importance of reaching out for assistance.

In his opening remarks, Obama underlined his hopes for a national dialogue. "We must bring mental health out of the shadows. We know that treatment works and that recovery is fully possible. There should be no difference between seeking care for a broken arm and seeking care for depression," he said.

Discussion panels were led by Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and Education Secretary Arne Duncan. Both highlighted the importance of support from friends, family and community in the willingness to seek care. The latter panel also explored the critical role of social media in reaching young people who communicate routinely using these tools.

In his closing comments, Biden highlighted the role that the Affordable Care Act will play in extending mental health and substance abuse health insurance to millions of Americans who currently lack it. He also reflected on his own personal health issues and family tragedies, as well as those of his former colleagues in the U.S. Senate. These experiences have given him a much greater appreciation of getting early treatment for mental and substance use conditions.

Biden indicated that stigma can be reduced in two important ways: by adding mental and

substance use screenings to traditional annual physicals, and by integrating behavioral health and primary care. Finally, he thanked all conference participants for their lifetime of commitment to improving behavioral health care.

## Tools for Future Use

Also on June 3, HHS launched a new website, [www.mentalhealth.gov](http://www.mentalhealth.gov), to continue the conversation begun at the conference. The purpose of the website is to provide

mental health information and resources for individuals struggling with mental health problems or their friends and family members, educators and other community members. Specifically, the site features information regarding the basic signs of mental health problems, how to talk about mental health and ways to find help.

Another important purpose of the site is to keep the conversation about mental health going by aggregating and sharing information

about what organizations and people across the country are doing to raise awareness about mental health in their communities.

To that end, HHS will use <http://storify.com> to aggregate and share information about mental health. Through Storify, HHS will be able to capture YouTube videos, photos and other multimedia made publicly available by other organizations, and share this content with others on the MentalHealth.gov Storify channel:

<http://storify.com/mentalhealthgov>.

Storify will automatically capture many posts that use the hashtag #MentalHealthMatters. Please contact HHS if you regularly use other Twitter hashtags in mental health posts or if you will be using a specific hashtag to amplify an event you are organizing to raise awareness about mental health, and they may be integrated into future social media plans.

The NACBHDDD is a NACo affiliate.

## Mental Health Anti-stigma Programs



Mental illnesses, including substance abuse, are very prevalent. Virtually everyone knows a family relative, friend or colleague with one of these conditions. In any given year, about one in four Americans suffers from a mental illness that, if diagnosed, would be recommended for treatment. Over a lifetime, more than one in two persons experiences one or more of these conditions. Mental illnesses can range from mild depression or anxiety, to devastating schizophrenia.

The good news is that treatment for these conditions does work, and that people do recover and resume a full life in the community. The bad news is that people with these conditions are often stigmatized or even ostracized from their own community. As a result, many are afraid to seek treatment or delay treatment until their conditions become very severe.

Most people with mental illness are never violent. They are much more likely to be victims of violence than perpetrators. Yet, a very few with severe, untreated illnesses, especially combinations involving severe mental illness and substance use conditions, do become violent. Such instances, like Virginia Tech, Tucson, Aurora or Newtown, are frequently sensational and result in inappropriate stigmatization of all persons with these illnesses.

## Sample Actions in Support of the National Effort

• **Wyandotte County—Kansas City, Kan. Mayor Mark Holland, and Kansas City, Mo. Mayor Sly James** are currently planning to host a joint conversation on mental health. They will appoint a steering committee of eight to 10 people to help make the dialogue a success. After the event, the steering committee will be expanded as needed to help implement the action agenda. Three-hundred residents of Jackson, Wyandotte and Johnson counties will participate in the day-long dialogue. Each lead site will recruit participants.

• **New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies, Mercerville, N.J.**

Using media via news releases, radio interviews (an upcoming one on a college

radio station), videos on websites and social media, as well as its daily newswire to members, to discuss stigma and the importance of overcoming it, so people will seek and have access to treatment.

• **High Plains Mental Health Center, Hays, Kan.**

Employing Mental Health First Aid as an outreach tool for first responders, law enforcement, hospitals, schools and universities in 20 rural-frontier Kansas counties with a population of 100,000. Trained 2 percent of the region's population without cost to participants.

Research on the program shows that the training increases the likelihood someone who has participated will intervene and assist someone with early mental health symptoms, or intervene in a mental health crisis.

• **Salt Lake County, Utah Mental Health Services**

Providing recovery-focused, community-based services and using an integrated approach that includes emergency response, police, fire and other community agencies has led to a 20 percent reduction in the number of admissions to inpatient mental health services and saved more than \$2 million in inpatient costs — dollars now available for others needing mental health services.

• **Association of Oregon Counties, Salem, Ore.**

Multnomah and Deschutes counties, Ore. recently held five-year celebrations for their Early Assessment and Support Programs. They are part of the statewide effort to provide evidence-based early intervention for psychosis to teens and young adults regardless of insurance coverage.

The statewide initiative, Early Assessment and Support Alliance, provides proactive community education, flexible engagement, family support, clinical services and vocational support. The statewide program has served more than 800 individuals and families since inception, and has led to a profound shift in the way services are conceptualized and delivered. More information at [www.easacommunity.org](http://www.easacommunity.org).

• **Monroe County, N.Y. Office of Mental Health**

Supporting youth in creating an organization for youth voices, which the youths have named SWAT—Spreading Wellness Around Town. These youths have had personal experiences in one or more of the child-serving systems (mental health, juvenile justice, child welfare, public schools). SWAT members get together each month to learn from each other, from community leaders and from professionals about topics and issues that youths care about.

SWAT is a way for young voices to be included in these systems, so they can influence change and be heard. As members, youths not only learn about topics like wellness, job-seeking and relationships, but also develop leadership skills to work together and in the community to reduce the stigma that surrounds youths who have mental health and behavioral challenges.

• **California County Mental Health Joint Powers Authority, Salinas, Calif.**

CalMHSA just released a PBS documentary, *A New State of Mind: Ending the Stigma of Mental Illness*, narrated by Glenn Close, which premiered statewide on May 30 on over a dozen PBS affiliates. Subsequent community dialogues will occur statewide for the next 6–8 months. Also launched a complementary website to support community campaigning called [www.EachMindMatters.org](http://www.EachMindMatters.org), and a companion website, [www.SpeakOurMinds.org](http://www.SpeakOurMinds.org), to provide online resources for local speakers bureaus and tool kits for community discussions about stigma. Also doing outreach to schools through [www.ReachOutHere.com](http://www.ReachOutHere.com), which offers online support and a forum for youths 14–24 years of age to engage with and seek support from trained peer counselors, and operating Suicide Prevention Crisis Centers in multiple languages and through online and mobile services, as well as text and chat options, to access support from a counselor.

*\*To learn more about the Hays, Kan. success with using Mental Health First Aid to reduce stigma, see this story online at [www.naco.org/countynews](http://www.naco.org/countynews).*



# Counties among those recognized as Laureates

By Christopher Johnson  
Editorial Assistant

**WEB\* CONTENT**

The Computerworld Honors program, now in its 25th year, recognizes organizations that use information technology to promote and advance the public welfare, benefit society and business, and change the world for the better. Seven counties were among the 267 “laureates” in 29 countries recognized.

This year’s laureates included Bexar County, Texas’ “My Bexar Community Dashboard” in the Emerging Technology category. The concept of the dashboard is to provide a one-stop shop for information relating to federal, state, local governmental officials along with regional officials, such as state representatives, congressman and senators based on location. It is geo-coded and assists all citizens with accessing

## Counties recognized as Laureates

- Economic Development**
- Clackamas County, Ore. – CBX: Clackamas Broadband Express
  - King County, Wash. – Thin Client Kiosks
- Emerging Technology**
- Bexar County, Texas – My Bexar Community Dashboard
- Human Services**
- Allegheny County, Pa. – Data Systems to Support an Integrated Human Services Model
  - Maricopa County, Ariz. Education Service Agency (MCESA) and Office of Enterprise Technology – MCESA Interactive Video Learning and Electronic Assessments
- Mobile Access**
- City and County of San Francisco, Calif. – Street Lights Mobile App
  - Hennepin County, Mich. – Hennepin County Medical Examiner Merger

information through one portal as opposed to searching multiple websites, saving time by being intuitive and transparent. “Being recognized as a laureate allows Bexar County IT professionals to realize all their hard work each day is appreciated,” said Cathy Marias, CIO, Bexar County. “When the county budget was

reduced, we had to perform with less which led to this innovation.”

The Human Services category included Maricopa County, Ariz.’s Education Service Agency (MCESA) and Office of Enterprise Technology Interactive Video Learning and Electronic Assessments. MCESA’s Interactive Video Learning program provides a highly qualified and effective teacher to geographic regions throughout Maricopa County that struggle to recruit teachers. It also empowers professional learning and collaboration opportunities for teachers who have been denied that chance due to geographic and financial limits.

The Hennepin County (Minn.) Medical Examiner Merger was honored in the Mobile Access category. An office merger prompted a drive to create efficiencies through infrastructure redesign that included mobile computing, which allowed physicians to manage and review cases from anywhere at any time so they could more easily stay current with cases

Laureates become part of the Honors Program’s Global Archives, available to researchers, students and scholars through the Computerworld Honors website and through records housed in national archives in more than 350 universities, museums and research institutions throughout the world.

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*\*For more information on these programs, see this story online at [www.naco.org/countynews](http://www.naco.org/countynews).*

## PHMSA recalls propane cylinders

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) has mandated a recall of more than 55,000 propane cylinders manufactured by Lite Cylinder Company. These cylinders may leak flammable gas or suddenly rupture causing serious injuries or death.

County landfill or recycling operations need to be on the alert for the recalled cylinders.

The cylinders were sold by Lite Cylinder Company through Web-based sales to individuals and retail organizations across the United States. They were mainly used for liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) storage, although PHMSA authorized the cylinders for other flammable and nonflammable compressed gases and a limited number may be in these services. These cylinders have been identified in use in the marine, recreational, camping and off-road communities.

PHMSA has been notified by The Lite Cylinder Company that it is no longer in business and the company’s facility is now closed and unable to receive cylinders returned per the recall order.

Anyone who purchased or is in possession of one of these cylinders needs to stop using the cylinder; close the valve; safely disconnect the cylinders once the valves are closed; store them in a space well ventilated and not

enclosed, and protect them from heat and keep away from all heat sources.

Attempts to empty the cylinder or remove the valve can lead to serious injury or death.

The affected cylinders may be marked in the location indicated on the label with any of the following numbers: M5729, DOT-SP 14562, DOT-SP 13957, DOT-SP

13105 (Only if manufactured by The Lite Cylinder Company. Cylinders manufactured by Composite Scandinavia [M0408] and marked with this number are not subject to the recall).

Anyone who has a tank should contact the Hazmat Info Center 800.467.4922 or visit PHMSA’s cylinder recall page at <http://go.usa.gov/bbyV>.



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Cylinders made by the Lite Cylinder Company are the subject of this recall.

## Word Search

### St. James Parish, La. Facts

Learn more about this featured county in ‘What’s in a Seal?’

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- ACADIAN** (descendants of the 17th-century French colonists who settled in 1762)

**ADAM BOURGEOIS** (first sheriff of the parish)

**CAJUN** (descendants of Acadian exiles)

**CONVENT** (parish seat)

**CREOLE** (language spoken by settlers of French and Spanish descent)

**FISH** (popular and plentiful in region)

**GAME** (also popular and plentiful in region)

**INDUSTRY** (home to approximately 29 different industrial facilities)
- MISSISSIPPI** (river that runs through parish)

**NINETEEN** (original number of parishes in Louisiana)

**PERIQUE** (type of tobacco grown in the parish known for its strong, powerful and fruity aroma)

**PLANTATIONS** (nine plantations throughout the parish)

**TAFT** (27th president of the United States, born in parish)

**VALCOUR AIME** (perfected sugar refining of Louisiana sugarcane)
- Created by Christopher Johnson



# Change in tax-exempt status would choke municipal financing

MUNI BONDS *from page 1*

concerns counties as reports circulate that congressional tax reformers are casting an eye at the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds.

The new NACo study of the municipal bond market and of the 2012 estimated impact of changes to the tax-exempt status of municipal bond interest shows that:

- **Any change would severely impact counties' ability to invest in infrastructure and deliver services to their residents.**

Counties invest more than \$52.3 billion annually in public works projects. For 2012, county interest costs would have increased by \$9 billion if municipal bond earnings had been taxable over the last 15 years and by about \$3.2 billion with a 28 percent cap.

- **American investors and taxpayers will be hurt by taxing municipal bonds.**

It's not only the very wealthy who favor municipal bonds as investments. American households hold almost three-quarters of the municipal

bond market mainly for retirement plan diversification and as a way to invest in their communities. A cap or repeal of the tax-exempt status of municipal bond interest would deeply affect Americans' retirement portfolios and county taxpayers by making municipal bond investments more costly and less attractive.

- **Counties, states and other localities build and maintain America's infrastructure.**

Between 2003 and 2012 counties, states and other localities invested \$3.2 trillion in infrastructure through tax-exempt municipal bonds, 2.5 times more than the federal investment.

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» Losing tax-exempt status would have cost counties \$9 billion over the past 15 years

» During the past decade, state and local jurisdictions used municipal bonds to invest \$3.2 trillion in infrastructure needs — 2.5 times more than the feds

» Tax reformers eyeing municipal bonds tax exemption as possible new source of federal revenue

decentralized investment tool that maintains the decision-making for infrastructure with state and local government leaders in partnership with their residents. The bonds have helped build America's public infrastructure for more than 200 years.

"Municipal bonds are a social compact between a county and its residents in building a county's future," said Emilia Istrate, NACo research director and the report's author. "County leaders select and approve the infrastructure projects to be financed with municipal bonds. County citizens often vote on the debt-financed projects, invest in them by purchasing municipal bonds and back the county bonds with their taxes."

Counties of all sizes were surveyed, ranging from large counties such as Philadelphia, San Francisco and Suffolk County/Boston (all consolidated city-county governments), to smaller counties such as Athens County, Ohio, Roscommon County, Mich. and Saunders County, Neb.

To access the full report, go to [www.naco.org/muni-bonds](http://www.naco.org/muni-bonds).

## DHS seeks comments for National Infrastructure Protection Plan update

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is seeking suggestions and comments for a rewrite of the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP) via submission of written data, views or ideas.

DHS is especially interested in comments that will explain the reason for any recommended changes to the NIPP and include data, information or authority that supports such changes. Linking suggested changes to specific sections of the NIPP would also be helpful. There will be an opportunity to review a revised document reflecting the changes sometime this summer.

The 2009 NIPP set forth a comprehensive risk-management framework and defined roles and responsibilities for DHS; the Sector-Specific Agencies (SSA); other federal departments and agencies; state, local, tribal and territorial governments; critical infrastructure owners and operators; and other stakeholders in industry, academia and non-governmental organizations.

On Feb. 12, President Obama signed Presidential Policy Directive 21 (PPD-21), Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience, which builds on the extensive work done to date to protect and enhance the resilience of the nation's critical infrastructure. This directive aims to clarify roles and responsibilities across the federal government and establish a more effective partnership with owners and operators and state, local, tribal and territorial entities to enhance the security and resilience of critical infrastructure.

PPD-21 sets forth several actions that the secretary of homeland security shall take to implement the directive. One of these is to develop

a successor to the NIPP to address the implementation of PPD-21; the requirements of Title II of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as amended; and alignment with the National Preparedness Goal and System required by Presidential Policy Directive 8.

**Initial Issues to Be Updated in the NIPP**

PPD-21 specifies the following elements that shall be included in the successor to the NIPP:

- identification of a risk management framework to be used to strengthen the security and resilience of critical infrastructure;
- protocols to synchronize communication and actions within the Federal Government; and
- a metrics process to be used to measure the nation's ability to manage and reduce risks to critical infrastructure.

The NIPP provides a coordinated approach for establishing national priorities, goals and requirements so that resources can be applied in the most effective manner. The NIPP risk-management framework responds to an evolving risk landscape; as such, there will always be changes to the NIPP — from relatively minor to more significant — to ensure it remains relevant to the critical infrastructure mission over time.

For more information and to submit comments, visit <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2013/06/06/2013-13427/review-and-revision-of-the-national-infrastructure-protection-plan#h-9>.

For any questions, contact FEMA's Intergovernmental Affairs Division at 202.646.3444 or by email at [FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov).

"Congress and the Administration should look elsewhere to find additional sources of federal revenue as part of comprehensive tax reform," Rodgers said. "Tax-exempt municipal bonds are used by counties and other municipal bond issuers almost entirely to build infrastructure which is a unique feature on the bond market."

NACo First Vice President Linda Langston, supervisor, Linn County, Iowa, said taxing municipal bond

interest is not a new idea, but still a bad idea.

"The tax exemption for municipal bond interest has been in law since the federal income tax was imposed 100 years ago," Langston said. "The exemption survived the Great Depression and World War II when the federal government was seeking additional revenue. Even then, the exemption was left intact. We just do not believe that governments should tax each other."

Municipal bonds are a proven,

Table 2. Estimated Cost of a 28 Percent Cap or a Repeal of the Tax-Exempt Benefit of Municipal Bonds for Counties   Top 10 Surveyed Counties, 2012					
Rank	County	County Population Type	Population, 2012	Estimated cost of 28 percent cap, 2012 (millions)	Estimated cost of repeal, 2012 (millions)
1	City and County of San Francisco, Calif.	Large	825,863	64.2	183.4
2	Philadelphia City-County, Pa.	Large	1,547,607	53.2	152.0
3	King County, Wash.	Large	2,007,440	32.5	93.0
4	Boston/Suffolk County, Mass.	Large	744,426	19.6	55.9
5	Fairfax County, Va.	Large	1,118,602	14.6	41.8
6	Montgomery County, Md.	Large	1,004,709	14.1	40.2
7	Mecklenburg County, N.C.	Large	969,031	13.6	38.9
8	Anchorage Municipality, Alaska	Medium-Sized	298,610	13.1	37.3
9	Baltimore City, Md.	Large	621,342	12.4	35.5
10	Shelby County, Tenn.	Large	940,764	11.6	33.1
45 surveyed counties			20,543,020	280.4	801.2
3,069 counties			296,048,214	3,162.7	9,036.2
Large Counties			137,776,040	1,998.1	5,708.8
Medium-Sized Counties			118,534,786	907.7	2,593.4
Small Counties			39,737,388	256.9	733.9

Notes: The estimated cost of a 28 percent cap to the benefit of the tax-exempt status of municipal bond interest to counties is how much more counties would have had to pay in interest in 2012 if the cap were in place over the last 15 years.

The estimated cost of a repeal of the benefit of the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds to counties is how much more counties would have had to pay in interest in 2012 if municipal bonds were fully taxable over the last 15 years.

The cost estimates for all municipal bond issuers are average effects based on historical market conditions; the cost of a cap or a repeal would vary from these averages based on the size of the issuer; the credit rating of the issuer; and the specific characteristics of the bond issuance.

Large counties have more than 500,000 residents, small counties have less than 50,000 residents and the rest qualify as medium-sized counties.

Sources: NACo analysis of 2012 county interest payments on tax-exempt municipal bonds; U.S. Census Bureau, 2012 Population Estimates; U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011 5-year estimates.



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## Counties by State | Number of Votes

NACo member counties elect officers, as well as vote on NACo policy positions and bylaws changes at the Annual Meeting. Following are the number of votes for each NACo member county/parish/borough. The list is current as of June 5, 2013.

As prescribed by NACo's bylaws, a county must be a member of NACo, current with NACo dues and have at least one paid registration to the NACo Annual Conference in order to vote. Questions can be directed to Alex Koroknay-Palicz, membership coordinator, at [akpalicz@naco.org](mailto:akpalicz@naco.org) or 888.407.NACo (6226) ext. 291.

Alabama	
Autauga County	2
Baldwin County	6
Barbour County	2
Bibb County	1
Blount County	2
Bullock County	1
Butler County	1
Calhoun County	5
Chambers County	2
Cherokee County	1
Chilton County	2
Choctaw County	1
Clarke County	2
Clay County	1
Cleburne County	1
Coffee County	2
Colbert County	3
Conecuh County	1
Coosa County	1
Covington County	2
Crenshaw County	1
Cullman County	4
Dale County	3
Dallas County	3
DeKalb County	3
Elmore County	3
Escambia County	2
Etowah County	5
Fayette County	1
Franklin County	2
Geneva County	2
Greene County	1
Hale County	1
Henry County	1
Houston County	4
Jackson County	3
Jefferson County	29
Lamar County	1
Lauderdale County	4
Lawrence County	2
Lee County	5
Limestone County	3
Lowndes County	1
Macon County	2
Madison County	12

Marengo County	1
Marion County	2
Marshall County	4
Mobile County	17
Monroe County	2
Montgomery County	10
Morgan County	5
Perry County	1
Pickens County	1
Pike County	2
Randolph County	1
Russell County	3
Shelby County	6
St. Clair County	3
Sumter County	1
Talladega County	4
Tallapoosa County	2
Tuscaloosa County	7
Walker County	3
Washington County	1
Wilcox County	1
Winston County	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>216</b>
Alaska	
Anchorage Municipality	11
City and Borough of Juneau	2
City and Borough of Sitka	1
City and Borough of Wrangell	1
City and Borough of Yakutat	1
Denali Borough	1
Fairbanks North Star Borough	4
Haines Borough	1
Kenai Peninsula Borough	2
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	1
Kodiak Island Borough	1
Lake And Peninsula Borough	1
Matanuska-Susitna Borough	3
North Slope Borough	1
Northwest Arctic Borough	1
Skagway Borough	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>
Arizona	
Apache County	3
Cochise County	5
Coconino County	5
Gila County	3
Graham County	2
Greenlee County	1
La Paz County	1
Maricopa County	91
Mohave County	6

Navajo County	4
Pima County	33
Pinal County	7
Santa Cruz County	2
Yavapai County	6
Yuma County	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>175</b>
Arkansas	
Arkansas County	1
Ashley County	2
Baxter County	2
Benton County	6
Boone County	2
Bradley County	1
Calhoun County	1
Carroll County	1
Chicot County	1
Clark County	1
Clay County	1
Cleburne County	1
Cleveland County	1
Columbia County	2
Conway County	1
Craighead County	4
Crawford County	3
Crittenden County	3
Cross County	1
Dallas County	1
Desha County	1
Drew County	1
Faulkner County	4
Franklin County	1
Fulton County	1
Garland County	4
Grant County	1
Greene County	2
Hempstead County	1
Hot Spring County	2
Howard County	1
Independence County	2
Izard County	1
Jackson County	1
Jefferson County	4
Johnson County	1
Lafayette County	1
Lawrence County	1
Lee County	1
Lincoln County	1
Little River County	1
Logan County	1
Lonoke County	2
Madison County	1
Marion County	1
Miller County	2
Mississippi County	3
Monroe County	1
Montgomery County	1
Nevada County	1
Newton County	1
Ouachita County	2

Perry County	1
Phillips County	2
Pike County	1
Poinsett County	2
Polk County	1
Pope County	3
Prairie County	1
Pulaski County	16
Randolph County	1
Saline County	4
Scott County	1
Searcy County	1
Sebastian County	5
Sevier County	1
Sharp County	1
St. Francis County	2
Stone County	1
Union County	2
Van Buren County	1
Washington County	7
White County	3
Woodruff County	1
Yell County	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>144</b>
California	
Alameda County	58
Alpine County	1
Amador County	2
Butte County	9
Calaveras County	2
Colusa County	1
Contra Costa County	38
Del Norte County	2
El Dorado County	7
Glenn County	2
Humboldt County	6
Imperial County	6
Inyo County	1
Kern County	27
Kings County	5
Lake County	3
Lassen County	2
Los Angeles County	111
Madera County	5
Marin County	11
Mariposa County	1
Mendocino County	4
Merced County	9
Mono County	1
Monterey County	16
Napa County	5
Nevada County	4
Orange County	91
Placer County	9
Plumas County	1
Riverside County	59
Sacramento County	49
San Bernardino County	68
San Diego County	91

San Francisco City and County	32
San Joaquin County	23
San Luis Obispo County	10
San Mateo County	30
Santa Barbara County	17
Santa Clara County	68
Santa Cruz County	11
Shasta County	7
Sierra County	1
Siskiyou County	2
Solano County	16
Sonoma County	19
Sutter County	4
Tehama County	3
Trinity County	1
Tuolumne County	3
Ventura County	31
Yolo County	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>992</b>
Colorado	
Adams County	14
Alamosa County	1
Arapahoe County	20
Archuleta County	1
Baca County	1
Bent County	1
Boulder County	12
Broomfield City and County	2
Chaffee County	1
Clear Creek County	1
Conejos County	1
Costilla County	1
Crowley County	1
Custer County	1
Delta County	2
Dolores County	1
Douglas County	5
Eagle County	2
El Paso County	21
Fremont County	2
Garfield County	2
Gilpin County	1
Grand County	1
Gunnison County	1
Hinsdale County	1
Huerfano County	1
Jackson County	1
Jefferson County	22
Kiowa County	1
Kit Carson County	1
La Plata County	2
Larimer County	10
Las Animas County	1
Lincoln County	1
Mesa County	5
Mineral County	1





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## Counties by State | Number of Votes

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Moffat County	1
Montezuma County	1
Montrose County	2
Morgan County	2
Otero County	1
Ouray County	1
Park County	1
Phillips County	1
Pitkin County	1
Prowers County	1
Pueblo County	6
Rio Blanco County	1
Rio Grande County	1
Routt County	1
Saguache County	1
San Juan County	1
San Miguel County	1
Sedgwick County	1
Summit County	1
Teller County	1
Washington County	1
Weld County	7
Yuma County	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>179</b>

### Delaware

Kent County	6
New Castle County	21
Sussex County	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>

### Florida

Alachua County	9
Bay County	7
Bradford County	2
Brevard County	20
Broward County	62
Calhoun County	1
Citrus County	5
Clay County	6
Collier County	9
Columbia County	3
DeSoto County	2
Dixie County	1
Escambia County	12
Flagler County	2
Franklin County	1
Gadsden County	2
Gilchrist County	1
Glades County	1
Gulf County	1
Hamilton County	1
Hardee County	2
Hendry County	2
Highlands County	4
Hillsborough County	39
Holmes County	1
Indian River County	5
Jackson County	2

Jefferson County	1
Lafayette County	1
Lake County	8
Lee County	17
Leon County	10
Levy County	2
Liberty County	1
Madison County	1
Manatee County	11
Marion County	10
Martin County	5
Miami-Dade County	90
Monroe County	4
Nassau County	3
Okaloosa County	7
Okeechobee County	2
Osceola County	6
Palm Beach County	44
Pinellas County	39
Polk County	20
Putnam County	3
Santa Rosa County	5
Sarasota County	14
Seminole County	15
St. Johns County	5
St. Lucie County	8
Sumter County	2
Suwannee County	2
Taylor County	1
Volusia County	18
Wakulla County	1
Walton County	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>561</b>

### Georgia

Appling County	1
Athens-Clarke County	5
Augusta-Richmond County	9
Baldwin County	2
Banks County	1
Bartow County	3
Ben Hill County	1
Bibb County	7
Bleckley County	1
Brantley County	1
Brooks County	1
Bryan County	1
Butts County	1
Calhoun County	1
Camden County	2
Candler County	1
Charlton County	1
Chatham County	10
Clayton County	9
Clinch County	1
Cobb County	23
Columbia County	4
Cook County	1
Coweta County	4

Cusseta-Chattahoochee County	1
Dade County	1
Dawson County	1
DeKalb County	27
Dodge County	1
Dougherty County	5
Douglas County	4
Elbert County	1
Evans County	1
Fannin County	1
Floyd County	4
Forsyth County	3
Fulton County	32
Georgetown-Quitman County	1
Glynn County	3
Grady County	1
Greene County	1
Gwinnett County	20
Habersham County	2
Hall County	5
Hancock County	1
Hart County	1
Henry County	4
Jackson County	2
Jasper County	1
Jeff Davis County	1
Jefferson County	1
Jones County	1
Lanier County	1
Lee County	1
Liberty County	3
Lowndes County	4
Lumpkin County	1
Macon County	1
Madison County	2
McDuffie County	1
Mitchell County	1
Monroe County	1
Morgan County	1
Oconee County	1
Peach County	1
Pierce County	1
Polk County	2
Pulaski County	1
Putnam County	1
Rabun County	1
Rockdale County	3
Screven County	1
Spalding County	3
Stewart County	1
Talbot County	1
Taylor County	1
Thomas County	2
Towns County	1
Troup County	3
Twiggs County	1
Union County	1
Walton County	3
Ware County	2

Warren County	1
Wayne County	2
Wheeler County	1
Whitfield County	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>274</b>

### Hawaii

Hawaii County	7
Honolulu City and County	38
Kauai County	3
Maui County	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>

### Idaho

Ada County	11
Adams County	1
Bannock County	4
Bear Lake County	1
Benewah County	1
Bingham County	2
Blaine County	1
Boise County	1
Bonner County	2
Bonneville County	4
Boundary County	1
Butte County	1
Camas County	1
Canyon County	5
Caribou County	1
Cassia County	1
Clark County	1
Clearwater County	1
Custer County	1
Elmore County	2
Franklin County	1
Fremont County	1
Gem County	1
Gooding County	1
Idaho County	1
Jefferson County	1
Jerome County	1
Kootenai County	4
Latah County	2
Lemhi County	1
Lewis County	1
Lincoln County	1
Madison County	2
Minidoka County	1
Nez Perce County	2
Oneida County	1
Owyhee County	1
Payette County	1
Power County	1
Shoshone County	1
Teton County	1
Twin Falls County	3
Valley County	1
Washington County	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>

### Illinois

Alexander County	1
Cass County	1
Champaign County	8
Cook County	107
De Witt County	1
DeKalb County	4
DuPage County	37
Fayette County	1
Fulton County	2
Gallatin County	1
Grundy County	2
Kendall County	2
Lake County	25
LaSalle County	5
Lawrence County	1
Livingston County	2
Logan County	2
Madison County	11
Marshall County	1
McHenry County	10
McLean County	7
Montgomery County	2
Moultrie County	1
Peoria County	8
Piatt County	1
Putnam County	1
St. Clair County	12
Stephenson County	3
Tazewell County	6
Union County	1
Vermilion County	4
Washington County	1
Will County	18
Williamson County	3
Winnebago County	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>304</b>

### Indiana

Adams County	2
Bartholomew County	3
Benton County	1
Blackford County	1
Boone County	2
Cass County	2
Clinton County	2
Crawford County	1
Daviess County	2
Dearborn County	2
Decatur County	2
DeKalb County	2
Dubois County	2
Fayette County	2
Floyd County	3
Franklin County	1
Fulton County	1
Gibson County	2
Grant County	4



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### ← INDIANA continued

Greene County	2
Hamilton County	7
Harrison County	2
Hendricks County	4
Henry County	3
Indianapolis and Marion County	36
Jay County	1
Jefferson County	2
Jennings County	2
Johnson County	5
Knox County	2
Kosciusko County	3
Lake County	21
LaPorte County	5
Madison County	6
Marshall County	2
Monroe County	5
Montgomery County	2
Morgan County	3
Newton County	1
Noble County	2
Ohio County	1
Orange County	1
Owen County	1
Parke County	1
Perry County	1
Pike County	1
Porter County	6
Posey County	2
Putnam County	2
Rush County	1
Shelby County	2
Spencer County	1
Steuben County	2
Sullivan County	1
Switzerland County	1
Tipton County	1
Vanderburgh County	8
Vermillion County	1
Vigo County	5
Washington County	2
Wayne County	4
Wells County	2
White County	2
Whitley County	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>103</b>

### Iowa

Allamakee County	1
Appanoose County	1
Benton County	2
Black Hawk County	6
Boone County	2
Bremer County	1
Buchanan County	1
Buena Vista County	1
Butler County	1
Calhoun County	1

Carroll County	1
Cass County	1
Cerro Gordo County	3
Cherokee County	1
Chickasaw County	1
Clarke County	1
Clay County	1
Clayton County	1
Clinton County	3
Crawford County	1
Dallas County	2
Des Moines County	2
Dickinson County	1
Dubuque County	4
Emmet County	1
Franklin County	1
Fremont County	1
Greene County	1
Grundy County	1
Hamilton County	1
Hardin County	1
Henry County	1
Howard County	1
Humboldt County	1
Jackson County	1
Jasper County	2
Jefferson County	1
Johnson County	5
Jones County	1
Kossuth County	1
Linn County	8
Louisa County	1
Lucas County	1
Lyon County	1
Marion County	2
Marshall County	2
Mills County	1
Mitchell County	1
Monona County	1
Palo Alto County	1
Plymouth County	2
Pocahontas County	1
Polk County	16
Pottawattamie County	4
Poweshiek County	1
Sac County	1
Scott County	7
Shelby County	1
Sioux County	2
Story County	4
Tama County	1
Taylor County	1
Union County	1
Wapello County	2
Warren County	2
Washington County	1
Wayne County	1
Webster County	2
Winnebago County	1
Winneshiek County	1
Woodbury County	5

Worth County	1
Wright County	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>139</b>
<b>Kansas</b>	
Allen County	1
Anderson County	1
Atchison County	1
Barber County	1
Barton County	2
Bourbon County	1
Butler County	3
Cherokee County	1
Coffey County	1
Cowley County	2
Crawford County	2
Decatur County	1
Dickinson County	1
Douglas County	4
Ellis County	2
Finney County	2
Ford County	2
Franklin County	2
Geary County	2
Gove County	1
Gray County	1
Greeley County	1
Greenwood County	1
Hamilton County	1
Harper County	1
Harvey County	2
Haskell County	1
Jefferson County	1
Jewell County	1
Johnson County	18
Labette County	1
Lane County	1
Linn County	1
Lyon County	2
Marion County	1
Marshall County	1
McPherson County	2
Miami County	2
Mitchell County	1
Morton County	1
Neosho County	1
Ness County	1
Norton County	1
Osage County	1
Pottawatomie County	1
Pratt County	1
Reno County	3
Republic County	1
Riley County	3
Rooks County	1
Saline County	3
Scott County	1
Sedgwick County	19
Seward County	1
Shawnee County	8

Sherman County	1
Smith County	1
Stevens County	1
Trego County	1
Unified Govt. of Wyandotte County and Kansas City	7
Wilson County	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>132</b>

### Kentucky

Ballard County	1
Barren County	2
Bell County	2
Boone County	3
Bourbon County	1
Boyle County	2
Bracken County	1
Breathitt County	1
Breckinridge County	1
Bullitt County	3
Butler County	1
Caldwell County	1
Campbell County	4
Carlisle County	1
Carroll County	1
Carter County	2
Casey County	1
Clark County	2
Crittenden County	1
Edmonson County	1
Floyd County	2
Fulton County	1
Graves County	2
Grayson County	1
Greenup County	2
Hardin County	4
Harlan County	2
Harrison County	1
Henderson County	2
Hopkins County	3
Jessamine County	2
Kenton County	7
Knott County	1
Laurel County	3
Lawrence County	1
Lee County	1
Leslie County	1
Letcher County	2
Lincoln County	1
Livingston County	1
Logan County	2
Louisville Jefferson County Metro Government	30
Madison County	3
Magoffin County	1
Marion County	1
Marshall County	2
Martin County	1
Mason County	1

McLean County	1
Meade County	2
Mercer County	1
Metcalfe County	1
Montgomery County	1
Nicholas County	1
Oldham County	2
Pendleton County	1
Pike County	4
Powell County	1
Pulaski County	3
Rockcastle County	1
Rowan County	1
Russell County	1
Scott County	2
Shelby County	2
Simpson County	1
Spencer County	1
Taylor County	1
Union County	1
Warren County	4
Wayne County	1
Webster County	1
Wolfe County	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>149</b>

### Louisiana

Acadia Parish	3
Allen Parish	2
Ascension Parish	3
Beauregard Parish	2
Bienville Parish	1
Bossier Parish	4
Caddo Parish	11
Calcasieu Parish	8
Caldwell Parish	1
Cameron Parish	1
Claiborne Parish	1
Concordia Parish	1
DeSoto Parish	2
East Baton Rouge Parish	18
East Feliciana Parish	1
Evangeline Parish	2
Franklin Parish	1
Iberia Parish	4
Iberville Parish	2
Jackson Parish	1
Jefferson Parish	20
Lafayette Consolidated Government	8
Lafourche Parish	4
LaSalle Parish	1
Lincoln Parish	2
Livingston Parish	4
Madison Parish	1
Natchitoches Parish	2
Orleans Parish	22
Plaquemines Parish	2
Pointe Coupee Parish	1





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### ← LOUISIANA continued

Rapides Parish	6
Red River Parish	1
Sabine Parish	1
St. Charles Parish	2
St. Helena Parish	1
St. James Parish	1
St. John The Baptist Parish	2
St. Landry Parish	4
St. Martin Parish	2
St. Mary Parish	3
St. Tammany Parish	8
Tangipahoa Parish	5
Tensas Parish	1
Terrebonne Parish	5
Consolidated Government	
Vermilion Parish	3
Vernon Parish	3
Washington Parish	2
Webster Parish	2
West Baton Rouge Parish	1
West Feliciana Parish	1
Winn Parish	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>191</b>

### Maine

Androscoggin County	5
Cumberland County	11
Kennebec County	6
Knox County	2
Lincoln County	2
Oxford County	3
Penobscot County	7
Sagadahoc County	2
Somerset County	3
Waldo County	2
Washington County	2
York County	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>377</b>

### Maryland

Allegany County	4
Baltimore City	30
Baltimore County	32
Calvert County	3
Caroline County	2
Carroll County	6
Cecil County	4
Charles County	5
Dorchester County	2
Frederick County	8
Garrett County	2
Harford County	9
Howard County	10
Kent County	1
Montgomery County	35
Prince George's County	33

Somerset County	2
St. Mary's County	4
Talbot County	2
Washington County	6
Wicomico County	4
Worcester County	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>206</b>

### Massachusetts

Barnstable County	1
Bristol County	1
Dukes County	1
Nantucket County	1
Norfolk County	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>

### Michigan

Alger County	1
Alpena County	2
Antrim County	1
Branch County	2
Calhoun County	6
Charlevoix County	2
Cheboygan County	2
Clare County	2
Clinton County	3
Crawford County	1
Delta County	2
Emmet County	2
Gogebic County	1
Grand Traverse County	4
Houghton County	2
Huron County	2
Iosco County	2
Iron County	1
Isabella County	3
Jackson County	7
Kalamazoo County	10
Lake County	1
Lenawee County	5
Mackinac County	1
Macomb County	33
Manistee County	1
Menominee County	2
Missaukee County	1
Montcalm County	3
Montmorency County	1
Muskegon County	8
Newaygo County	2
Oakland County	50
Oceana County	2
Ontonagon County	1
Osceola County	1
Oscoda County	1
Otsego County	1
Ottawa County	10
Saginaw County	10
Schoolcraft County	1
St. Clair County	7
Tuscola County	3

Washtenaw County	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>216</b>

### Minnesota

Aitkin County	1
Anoka County	12
Becker County	2
Beltrami County	2
Benton County	2
Big Stone County	1
Blue Earth County	3
Brown County	2
Carlton County	2
Carver County	3
Cass County	2
Chippewa County	1
Chisago County	2
Clay County	3
Clearwater County	1
Cook County	1
Cottonwood County	1
Crow Wing County	3
Dakota County	14
Dodge County	1
Douglas County	2
Faribault County	1
Fillmore County	1
Freeborn County	2
Goodhue County	2
Grant County	1
Hennepin County	47
Houston County	1
Hubbard County	1
Isanti County	2
Itasca County	2
Jackson County	1
Kanabec County	1
Kandiyohi County	2
Kittson County	1
Koochiching County	1
Lac Qui Parle County	1
Lake County	1
Lake Of The Woods County	1
Le Sueur County	2
Lincoln County	1
Lyon County	2
Mahnomen County	1
Marshall County	1
Martin County	1
McLeod County	2
Meeker County	1
Mille Lacs County	1
Morrison County	2
Mower County	2
Murray County	1
Nicollet County	2
Nobles County	1
Norman County	1
Olmsted County	5

Otter Tail County	3
Pennington County	1
Pine County	2
Pipestone County	1
Polk County	2
Pope County	1
Ramsey County	22
Red Lake County	1
Redwood County	1
Renville County	1
Rice County	3
Rock County	1
Roseau County	1
Scott County	4
Sherburne County	3
Sibley County	1
St. Louis County	9
Stearns County	6
Steele County	2
Stevens County	1
Swift County	1
Todd County	2
Traverse County	1
Wabasha County	1
Wadena County	1
Waseca County	1
Washington County	8
Watonwan County	1
Wilkin County	1
Winona County	3
Wright County	4
Yellow Medicine County	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>247</b>

### Mississippi

Adams County	2
Alcorn County	2
Attala County	1
Benton County	1
Bolivar County	2
Calhoun County	1
Carroll County	1
Choctaw County	1
Claiborne County	1
Clarke County	1
Coahoma County	2
Covington County	1
DeSoto County	4
Forrest County	4
Franklin County	1
George County	1
Greene County	1
Hancock County	2
Harrison County	8
Hinds County	11
Holmes County	1
Humphreys County	1
Itawamba County	1
Jackson County	6
Jasper County	1
Jefferson County	1

Jefferson Davis County	1
Jones County	3
Kemper County	1
Lafayette County	2
Lauderdale County	4
Leake County	1
Lee County	4
Leflore County	2
Lincoln County	2
Lowndes County	3
Madison County	3
Marion County	2
Marshall County	2
Monroe County	2
Montgomery County	1
Neshoba County	2
Newton County	1
Oktibbeha County	2
Pearl River County	2
Perry County	1
Pontotoc County	2
Prentiss County	2
Quitman County	1
Rankin County	5
Scott County	2
Sharkey County	1
Smith County	1
Stone County	1
Sunflower County	2
Tallahatchie County	1
Tate County	1
Tippah County	1
Tishomingo County	1
Tunica County	1
Union County	1
Walthall County	1
Warren County	3
Washington County	3
Wayne County	1
Webster County	1
Wilkinson County	1
Yalobusha County	1
Yazoo County	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>426</b>

### Missouri

Adair County	2
Andrew County	1
Atchison County	1
Audrain County	2
Barton County	1
Bates County	1
Benton County	1
Bollinger County	1
Boone County	6
Buchanan County	4
Caldwell County	1
Callaway County	2
Camden County	2



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Cape Girardeau County	3
Carroll County	1
Carter County	1
Cass County	4
Cedar County	1
Chariton County	1
Christian County	2
Clay County	8
Cole County	3
Cooper County	1
Dallas County	1
DeKalb County	1
Dent County	1
Franklin County	4
Gasconade County	1
Gentry County	1
Greene County	10
Grundy County	1
Harrison County	1
Hickory County	1
Holt County	1
Howard County	1
Howell County	2
Iron County	1
Jackson County	28
Jasper County	5
Johnson County	2
Laclede County	2
Lafayette County	2
Lincoln County	2
Linn County	1
Livingston County	1
Macon County	1
Madison County	1
Marion County	2
Mississippi County	1
Moniteau County	1
Morgan County	1
New Madrid County	1
Nodaway County	1
Oregon County	1
Ozark County	1
Perry County	1
Pettis County	2
Phelps County	2
Platte County	3
Polk County	2
Ralls County	1
Randolph County	2
Ray County	1
Reynolds County	1
Ripley County	1
Scott County	2
Shannon County	1
St. Clair County	1
St. Francois County	3
Stone County	2
Sullivan County	1

Taney County	2
Texas County	1
Vernon County	1
Warren County	1
Washington County	1
Wayne County	1
Webster County	2
Wright County	1
Total	167

Montana

Anaconda-Deer Lodge County	1
Beaverhead County	1
Big Horn County	1
Blaine County	1
Broadwater County	1
Butte-Silver Bow County	2
Carbon County	1
Carter County	1
Cascade County	4
Chouteau County	1
Custer County	1
Daniels County	1
Dawson County	1
Fallon County	1
Fergus County	1
Flathead County	3
Gallatin County	3
Garfield County	1
Glacier County	1
Golden Valley County	1
Granite County	1
Hill County	1
Jefferson County	1
Judith Basin County	1
Lake County	2
Lewis and Clark County	3
Liberty County	1
Lincoln County	1
Madison County	1
McCone County	1
Meagher County	1
Mineral County	1
Missoula County	4
Musselshell County	1
Park County	1
Petroleum County	1
Phillips County	1
Pondera County	1
Powder River County	1
Powell County	1
Prairie County	1
Ravalli County	2
Richland County	1
Roosevelt County	1
Rosebud County	1
Sanders County	1
Sheridan County	1
Stillwater County	1
Sweet Grass County	1

Teton County	1
Toole County	1
Treasure County	1
Valley County	1
Wheatland County	1
Wibaux County	1
Yellowstone County	6
Total	76

Nebraska

Adams County	2
Boone County	1
Boyd County	1
Buffalo County	2
Butler County	1
Cass County	1
Chase County	1
Cherry County	1
Cheyenne County	1
Clay County	1
Colfax County	1
Cuming County	1
Custer County	1
Dawson County	2
Douglas County	19
Fillmore County	1
Franklin County	1
Frontier County	1
Garden County	1
Greeley County	1
Hall County	3
Hamilton County	1
Hayes County	1
Hitchcock County	1
Holt County	1
Howard County	1
Jefferson County	1
Keith County	1
Kimball County	1
Knox County	1
Lincoln County	2
Madison County	2
Merrick County	1
Morrill County	1
Nance County	1
Nemaha County	1
Nuckolls County	1
Otoe County	1
Red Willow County	1
Richardson County	1
Rock County	1
Saline County	1
Sarpy County	5
Saunders County	1
Seward County	1
Sherman County	1
Sioux County	1
Stanton County	1
Thayer County	1
Thomas County	1
Thurston County	1

Washington County	1
Wayne County	1
Wheeler County	1
Total	83

Nevada

Carson City	3
Churchill County	1
Clark County	45
Douglas County	2
Elko County	2
Esmeralda County	1
Eureka County	1
Humboldt County	1
Lander County	1
Lincoln County	1
Lyon County	2
Mineral County	1
Nye County	2
Pershing County	1
Storey County	1
Washoe County	13
White Pine County	1
Total	79

New Hampshire

Belknap County	2
Carroll County	2
Cheshire County	2
Coos County	2
Grafton County	2
Hillsborough County	2
Merrimack County	2
Rockingham County	2
Strafford County	2
Sullivan County	2
Total	20

New Jersey

Atlantic County	11
Cape May County	5
Hudson County	25
Mercer County	15
Somerset County	12
Union County	22
Total	90

New Mexico

Bernalillo County	24
Catron County	1
Chaves County	3
Cibola County	2
Colfax County	1
Curry County	3
Dona Ana County	7
Eddy County	3
Grant County	2
Guadalupe County	1
Harding County	1
Hidalgo County	1
Lea County	3

Lincoln County	1
Los Alamos County	1
Luna County	1
McKinley County	4
Mora County	1
Otero County	3
Quay County	1
Rio Arriba County	2
Roosevelt County	1
San Juan County	5
San Miguel County	2
Sandoval County	4
Santa Fe County	6
Sierra County	1
Socorro County	1
Taos County	2
Torrance County	1
Union County	1
Valencia County	3
Total	93

New York

Cattaraugus County	4
Cayuga County	4
Dutchess County	12
Essex County	2
Genesee County	3
Greene County	3
Hamilton County	1
Herkimer County	3
Livingston County	3
Madison County	4
Monroe County	32
Orange County	14
Rensselaer County	7
Rockland County	12
Seneca County	2
Steuben County	5
Suffolk County	59
Sullivan County	4
Ulster County	8
Washington County	3
Westchester County	39
Total	224

North Carolina

Alamance County	6
Alexander County	2
Alleghany County	1
Anson County	2
Ashe County	1
Avery County	1
Beaufort County	2
Bertie County	1
Bladen County	2
Brunswick County	3
Buncombe County	9
Burke County	4
Cabarrus County	5





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### ← N. CAROLINA continued

Caldwell County	4
Camden County	1
Carteret County	3
Caswell County	1
Catawba County	6
Chatham County	2
Cherokee County	1
Chowan County	1
Clay County	1
Cleveland County	4
Columbus County	3
Craven County	4
Cumberland County	13
Currituck County	1
Dare County	2
Davidson County	6
Davie County	2
Duplin County	2
Durham County	9
Edgecombe County	3
Forsyth County	13
Franklin County	2
Gaston County	8
Gates County	1
Graham County	1
Granville County	2
Greene County	1
Guilford County	17
Halifax County	3
Harnett County	4
Haywood County	3
Hertford County	1
Hoke County	2
Hyde County	1
Iredell County	5
Jackson County	2
Johnston County	5
Jones County	1
Lee County	2
Lenoir County	3
Lincoln County	3
Macon County	2
Madison County	1
Martin County	2
McDowell County	2
Mecklenburg County	26
Mitchell County	1
Montgomery County	2
Nash County	4
New Hanover County	7
Northampton County	1
Onslow County	7
Orange County	5
Pamlico County	1
Pasquotank County	2
Pender County	2
Perquimans County	1
Person County	2
Pitt County	6

Polk County	1
Randolph County	6
Richmond County	2
Robeson County	5
Rockingham County	4
Rowan County	6
Rutherford County	3
Sampson County	3
Scotland County	2
Stanly County	3
Stokes County	2
Surry County	3
Swain County	1
Transylvania County	2
Tyrrell County	1
Union County	5
Vance County	2
Wake County	23
Warren County	1
Washington County	1
Watauga County	2
Wayne County	5
Wilkes County	3
Wilson County	3
Yadkin County	2
Yancey County	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>354</b>

### North Dakota

Adams County	1
Barnes County	1
Benson County	1
Billings County	1
Bottineau County	1
Bowman County	1
Burke County	1
Burleigh County	3
Cass County	5
Cavalier County	1
Dickey County	1
Divide County	1
Dunn County	1
Eddy County	1
Emmons County	1
Foster County	1
Golden Valley County	1
Grand Forks County	4
Grant County	1
Griggs County	1
Hettinger County	1
Kidder County	1
LaMoure County	1
Logan County	1
McHenry County	1
McIntosh County	1
McKenzie County	1
McLean County	1
Mercer County	1
Morton County	2
Mountrail County	1
Nelson County	1

Oliver County	1
Pembina County	1
Pierce County	1
Ramsey County	1
Ransom County	1
Renville County	1
Richland County	1
Rolette County	1
Sargent County	1
Sheridan County	1
Sioux County	1
Slope County	1
Stark County	1
Steele County	1
Stutsman County	1
Towner County	1
Traill County	1
Walsh County	1
Ward County	3
Wells County	1
Williams County	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>

### Ohio

Athens County	3
Auglaize County	2
Belmont County	3
Brown County	2
Carroll County	2
Champaign County	2
Clark County	7
Clermont County	8
Clinton County	2
Cuyahoga County	61
Defiance County	2
Delaware County	4
Erie County	4
Fayette County	2
Franklin County	44
Fulton County	2
Gallia County	2
Geauga County	4
Hamilton County	38
Hocking County	2
Holmes County	2
Jackson County	2
Jefferson County	4
Knox County	3
Lake County	10
Lawrence County	3
Lorain County	13
Madison County	2
Mahoning County	12
Marion County	3
Montgomery County	25
Morrow County	2
Muskingum County	4
Ottawa County	2
Paulding County	1
Pike County	2
Portage County	7

Preble County	2
Richland County	6
Ross County	4
Sandusky County	3
Scioto County	4
Summit County	23
Trumbull County	10
Union County	2
Van Wert County	2
Warren County	6
Washington County	3
Williams County	2
Wood County	5
Wyandot County	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>366</b>

### Oklahoma

Alfalfa County	1
Beaver County	1
Beckham County	1
Blaine County	1
Bryan County	2
Caddo County	2
Canadian County	4
Cherokee County	2
Cimarron County	1
Cleveland County	9
Coal County	1
Cotton County	1
Craig County	1
Creek County	3
Custer County	2
Delaware County	2
Grady County	2
Grant County	1
Harmon County	1
Haskell County	1
Hughes County	1
Jackson County	2
Jefferson County	1
Johnston County	1
Kay County	3
Kiowa County	1
LeFlore County	2
Logan County	2
Love County	1
Major County	1
Marshall County	1
Mayes County	2
McClain County	2
McIntosh County	1
Muskogee County	3
Noble County	1
Oklahoma County	28
Osage County	2
Ottawa County	2
Pawnee County	1
Payne County	3
Pittsburg County	2
Pontotoc County	2
Pottawatomie County	3

Roger Mills County	1
Rogers County	3
Seminole County	2
Sequoyah County	2
Stephens County	2
Texas County	1
Tillman County	1
Tulsa County	23
Wagoner County	3
Washington County	3
Washita County	1
Woods County	1
Woodward County	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>151</b>

### Oregon

Baker County	1
Benton County	4
Clackamas County	14
Clatsop County	2
Columbia County	2
Coos County	3
Crook County	1
Curry County	1
Deschutes County	5
Douglas County	5
Gilliam County	1
Grant County	1
Harney County	1
Hood River County	1
Jackson County	8
Jefferson County	1
Josephine County	4
Klamath County	3
Lake County	1
Lane County	14
Lincoln County	2
Linn County	5
Malheur County	2
Marion County	12
Morrow County	1
Multnomah County	27
Polk County	3
Sherman County	1
Tillamook County	2
Umatilla County	3
Union County	2
Wallowa County	1
Wasco County	1
Washington County	17
Wheeler County	1
Yamhill County	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>157</b>

### Pennsylvania

Adams County	4
Allegheny County	57
Armstrong County	4
Beaver County	9



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Bedford County	3
Berks County	16
Bradford County	3
Butler County	8
Cambria County	7
Carbon County	3
Centre County	6
Chester County	18
Clarion County	2
Clearfield County	4
Clinton County	2
Columbia County	3
Crawford County	4
Dauphin County	11
Delaware County	24
Elk County	2
Erie County	13
Forest County	1
Franklin County	6
Fulton County	1
Greene County	2
Indiana County	4
Jefferson County	2
Juniata County	1
Lackawanna County	10
Lancaster County	20
Lawrence County	5
Lebanon County	6
Lehigh County	13
Luzerne County	15
Lycoming County	6
McKean County	3
Mercer County	6
Mifflin County	2
Monroe County	6
Montour County	1
Northampton County	12
Northumberland County	5
Pike County	2
Potter County	1
Snyder County	2
Somerset County	4
Sullivan County	1
Tioga County	2
Union County	2
Warren County	2
Washington County	9
Wayne County	2
Westmoreland County	17
Wyoming County	2
Total	376

South Carolina

Abbeville County	2
Allendale County	1
Anderson County	7
Bamberg County	1
Barnwell County	1

Beaufort County	5
Berkeley County	6
Calhoun County	1
Charleston County	13
Cherokee County	3
Chester County	2
Chesterfield County	2
Clarendon County	2
Colleton County	2
Darlington County	3
Dillon County	2
Dorchester County	4
Fairfield County	1
Florence County	6
Georgetown County	3
Greenville County	15
Greenwood County	3
Hampton County	1
Horry County	8
Jasper County	1
Kershaw County	3
Lancaster County	3
Laurens County	3
Lee County	1
Lexington County	9
Marion County	2
McCormick County	1
Newberry County	2
Oconee County	3
Orangeburg County	4
Richland County	13
Saluda County	1
Spartanburg County	11
Sumter County	5
Williamsburg County	2
York County	7
Total	165

South Dakota

Aurora County	1
Beadle County	1
Bennett County	1
Bon Homme County	1
Brookings County	2
Brown County	2
Brule County	1
Buffalo County	1
Butte County	1
Campbell County	1
Charles Mix County	1
Clark County	1
Clay County	1
Codington County	2
Corson County	1
Custer County	1
Davison County	1
Day County	1
Deuel County	1
Dewey County	1
Douglas County	1

Edmunds County	1
Fall River County	1
Faulk County	1
Grant County	1
Gregory County	1
Haakon County	1
Hamlin County	1
Hand County	1
Hanson County	1
Harding County	1
Hughes County	1
Hutchinson County	1
Hyde County	1
Jackson County	1
Jerauld County	1
Jones County	1
Kingsbury County	1
Lake County	1
Lawrence County	1
Lincoln County	1
Lyman County	1
Marshall County	1
McCook County	1
McPherson County	1
Meade County	2
Mellette County	1
Miner County	1
Minnehaha County	6
Moody County	1
Pennington County	4
Perkins County	1
Potter County	1
Roberts County	1
Sanborn County	1
Shannon County	1
Spink County	1
Stanley County	1
Sully County	1
Todd County	1
Tripp County	1
Turner County	1
Union County	1
Walworth County	1
Yankton County	1
Ziebach County	1
Total	78

Tennessee

Anderson County	4
Bradley County	4
Carter County	3
Hamilton County	13
Haywood County	1
Henry County	2
Hickman County	1
Jefferson County	2
Knox County	16
Lauderdale County	2
Lincoln County	2
Macon County	1
Madison County	4

Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County	24
Montgomery County	6
Overton County	1
Putnam County	3
Rhea County	2
Roane County	3
Scott County	1
Sevier County	3
Shelby County	38
Tipton County	2
Weakley County	2
White County	1
Williamson County	5
Wilson County	4
Total	150

Texas

Andrews County	1
Aransas County	1
Austin County	1
Bandera County	1
Bastrop County	2
Bell County	10
Bexar County	56
Borden County	1
Bosque County	1
Brazoria County	10
Brazos County	6
Brewster County	1
Brooks County	1
Burleson County	1
Burnet County	2
Calhoun County	1
Callahan County	1
Camp County	1
Carson County	1
Chambers County	1
Cochran County	1
Comal County	3
Concho County	1
Cooke County	2
Coryell County	4
Crane County	1
Crockett County	1
Dallam County	1
Dallas County	87
Dawson County	1
Denton County	15
Dimmit County	1
Eastland County	1
Ellis County	5
Erath County	2
Falls County	1
Fannin County	2
Fayette County	1
Fort Bend County	13
Franklin County	1
Freestone County	1

Frio County	1
Gaines County	1
Garza County	1
Gillespie County	1
Glasscock County	1
Goliad County	1
Gonzales County	1
Gray County	1
Gregg County	5
Grimes County	1
Guadalupe County	4
Hamilton County	1
Hansford County	1
Harris County	97
Harrison County	3
Hartley County	1
Hays County	4
Hidalgo County	21
Hood County	2
Hopkins County	2
Houston County	1
Hudspeth County	1
Hutchinson County	2
Irion County	1
Jack County	1
Jackson County	1
Jasper County	2
Jefferson County	11
Jim Hogg County	1
Jim Wells County	2
Karnes County	1
Kaufman County	3
Kenedy County	1
Kimble County	1
Kleberg County	2
La Salle County	1
Lampasas County	1
Lavaca County	1
Leon County	1
Liberty County	3
Lipscomb County	1
Live Oak County	1
Llano County	1
Madison County	1
Marion County	1
Martin County	1
McCulloch County	1
McLennan County	9
McMullen County	1
Midland County	5
Milam County	2
Montague County	1
Moore County	1
Morris County	1
Navarro County	2
Newton County	1
Nolan County	1
Nueces County	14
Ochiltree County	1





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Oldham County	1
Palo Pinto County	2
Panola County	1
Parker County	4
Polk County	2
Presidio County	1
Rains County	1
Real County	1
Red River County	1
Refugio County	1
Robertson County	1
Rockwall County	2
Runnels County	1
Rusk County	2
Sabine County	1
San Augustine County	1
San Jacinto County	1
San Patricio County	3
Scurry County	1
Shackelford County	1
Smith County	7
Somervell County	1
Starr County	3
Stephens County	1
Sterling County	1
Sutton County	1
Tarrant County	56
Terrell County	1
Terry County	1
Throckmorton County	1
Titus County	2
Tom Green County	5
Travis County	30
Trinity County	1
Tyler County	1
Upshur County	2
Upton County	1
Val Verde County	2
Victoria County	4
Walker County	3
Washington County	2
Wharton County	2
Wheeler County	1
Willacy County	1
Williamson County	8
Wilson County	2
Wise County	2
Yoakum County	1
Young County	1
Zapata County	1
Zavala County	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>654</b>
<b>Utah</b>	
Beaver County	1
Box Elder County	2
Cache County	4
Carbon County	1
Daggett County	1

Davis County	10
Duchesne County	1
Emery County	1
Garfield County	1
Grand County	1
Iron County	2
Juab County	1
Kane County	1
Millard County	1
Morgan County	1
Piute County	1
Rich County	1
Salt Lake County	36
San Juan County	1
Sanpete County	1
Sevier County	1
Summit County	2
Tooele County	2
Uintah County	2
Utah County	14
Wasatch County	1
Washington County	4
Wayne County	1
Weber County	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>

### Virginia

Accomack County	2
Albemarle County	4
Alleghany County	1
Amelia County	1
Amherst County	2
Appomattox County	1
Arlington County	8
Augusta County	3
Bath County	1
Bedford County	3
Bland County	1
Botetourt County	2
Brunswick County	1
Buchanan County	2
Buckingham County	1
Campbell County	3
Caroline County	1
Carroll County	2
Charles City County	1
Charlotte County	1
Chesterfield County	11
Clarke County	1
Craig County	1
Culpeper County	2
Cumberland County	1
Dickenson County	1
Dinwiddie County	2
Essex County	1
Fairfax County	39
Fauquier County	3
Floyd County	1
Fluvanna County	1
Franklin County	2

Frederick County	3
Giles County	1
Gloucester County	2
Grayson County	1
Greene County	1
Greensville County	1
Halifax County	2
Hanover County	4
Henrico County	11
Henry County	3
Highland County	1
Isle of Wight County	2
James City County	2
King And Queen County	1
King George County	1
King William County	1
Lancaster County	1
Lee County	2
Loudoun County	5
Louisa County	1
Lunenburg County	1
Madison County	1
Mathews County	1
Mecklenburg County	2
Middlesex County	1
Montgomery County	4
Nelson County	1
New Kent County	1
Northampton County	1
Northumberland County	1
Nottoway County	1
Orange County	2
Page County	1
Patrick County	1
Powhatan County	1
Prince Edward County	1
Prince George County	2
Prince William County	11
Pulaski County	2
Rappahannock County	1
Richmond County	1
Roanoke County	4
Rockbridge County	1
Rockingham County	3
Russell County	2
Scott County	2
Shenandoah County	2
Southampton County	1
Spotsylvania County	4
Stafford County	4
Surry County	1
Sussex County	1
Warren County	2
Washington County	3
Westmoreland County	1
Wise County	2
Wythe County	2
York County	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>229</b>

### Washington

Asotin County	1
Benton County	6
Chelan County	3
Clallam County	3
Clark County	13
Columbia County	1
Cowlitz County	4
Ferry County	1
Franklin County	2
Garfield County	1
Grant County	3
Island County	3
Jefferson County	2
King County	70
Kitsap County	10
Kittitas County	2
Klickitat County	1
Lewis County	3
Lincoln County	1
Mason County	2
Okanogan County	2
Pacific County	1
Pend Oreille County	1
San Juan County	1
Skagit County	5
Skamania County	1
Snohomish County	23
Spokane County	18
Stevens County	2
Thurston County	9
Wahkiakum County	1
Walla Walla County	3
Whatcom County	7
Whitman County	2
Yakima County	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>218</b>

### West Virginia

Barbour County	1
Berkeley County	3
Boone County	2
Braxton County	1
Brooke County	2
Cabell County	5
Calhoun County	1
Clay County	1
Doddridge County	1
Fayette County	3
Gilmer County	1
Grant County	1
Greenbrier County	2
Hampshire County	1
Hancock County	2
Hardy County	1
Harrison County	3
Jackson County	2
Jefferson County	2
Kanawha County	9
Lewis County	1

Lincoln County	1
Logan County	2
Marion County	3
Marshall County	2
Mason County	2
McDowell County	2
Mercer County	3
Mineral County	2
Mingo County	2
Monongalia County	4
Monroe County	1
Morgan County	1
Nicholas County	2
Ohio County	3
Pendleton County	1
Pleasants County	1
Pocahontas County	1
Preston County	2
Putnam County	3
Raleigh County	4
Randolph County	2
Ritchie County	1
Roane County	1
Summers County	1
Taylor County	1
Tucker County	1
Tyler County	1
Upshur County	2
Wayne County	2
Webster County	1
Wetzel County	1
Wirt County	1
Wood County	4
Wyoming County	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>108</b>

### Wisconsin

Adams County	1
Ashland County	1
Barron County	2
Bayfield County	1
Brown County	10
Burnett County	1
Calumet County	2
Chippewa County	3
Clark County	2
Columbia County	3
Dane County	18
Dodge County	4
Door County	2
Douglas County	2
Dunn County	2
Eau Claire County	4
Florence County	1
Fond du Lac County	5
Forest County	1
Grant County	3
Green County	2
Green Lake County	1



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Iowa County	1
Jackson County	1
Jefferson County	4
Juneau County	2
Kenosha County	7
Kewaunee County	1
La Crosse County	5
Langlade County	1
Lincoln County	2
Marathon County	6
Marinette County	2
Marquette County	1
Milwaukee County	41
Oconto County	2
Oneida County	2
Outagamie County	7
Ozaukee County	4
Pierce County	2
Polk County	2
Portage County	3
Price County	1
Racine County	8
Richland County	1
Rock County	7
Rusk County	1
Sauk County	3
Sawyer County	1
Sheboygan County	5
St. Croix County	3
Taylor County	1
Trempealeau County	2
Vernon County	2
Vilas County	1
Washburn County	1
Washington County	5
Waukesha County	15
Waupaca County	3
Waushara County	1
Winnebago County	7
Wood County	4
Total	239

Wyoming	
Albany County	2
Big Horn County	1
Campbell County	2
Carbon County	1
Converse County	1
Crook County	1
Fremont County	2
Goshen County	1
Hot Springs County	1
Johnson County	1
Laramie County	4
Lincoln County	1
Natrona County	3
Niobrara County	1
Park County	2
Platte County	1
Sheridan County	2
Sublette County	1
Sweetwater County	2
Teton County	1
Uinta County	1
Washakie County	1
Weston County	1
Total	34



County Innovations and Solutions

Maricopa County, Ariz.

Teen Bands Attract Peers to Libraries

By CHARLIE BAN  
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For teenagers, the only thing that is cool about a library is its temperature in the summer.

That’s true on two counts for Maricopa County, Ariz. which has a summer reading program for teens, but it hadn’t been getting high marks.

“It’s a notoriously difficult population to reach,” said Caris O’Malley, the teen services manager for the Maricopa County Library District. “We kept hearing back that teenagers weren’t happy with the prizes they were receiving for the program. We had to change that.”

Thanks to the experience Rob Wilson, teen librarian had prior to coming to Maricopa County’s library system, he and O’Malley had a plan — a series of concerts for teenagers at the library, featuring the work of their peers.

The name, Notes from the Underground, worked on several levels. It mimicked the name of a local music venue, the Underground, but was also a play on Fyodor Dostoyevsky’s



Photo courtesy of the Maricopa County Library District

The band Jonnie and Brookie plays at one of the Maricopa County, Ariz. Library District’s “Notes from the Underground” concerts.

existentialist novel. If there’s anything teenagers have in spades, it’s existential angst.

“The bands we were featuring were technically underground, that ties into the name, too,” O’Malley said.

County credits programs for its kid-healthy ranking

HEALTHY KIDS from page 3

Montgomery County’s health department has about 100 employees, Baysinger said, for a staff to resident ratio of about 1.2 per 10,000 residents, well below the national average of 5.5 for every 10,000 in population. It’s operating budget is about \$9.3 million.

Shapiro called the county’s inclusion on the list “significant and very meaningful to us.”

“We always boast about having a great quality of life in Montgomery County.... This recognition further demonstrates our commitment to public health.”

Abbey Cofsky, senior program officer at RWJF, said: “We know from our work on the County Health Rankings & Roadmaps that it’s not just one single thing

that makes our children healthy or unhealthy, it’s a variety of factors including whether children are living in poverty or whether families have access to education programs that help prepare kids for lifelong learning.”

U.S. News evaluated about 1,200 of the nation’s counties. It noted that many states don’t collect county-level population health data. Ranked counties varied in population size from about 66,000 in Grand Forks County, N.D. to more than 3 million in Orange County, Calif. All of the top-ranked counties had lower percentages of low-birth-weight babies and lower rates of infant deaths and teen pregnancies than the U.S. median.

(\*See this story online at [www.naco.org/countynews](http://www.naco.org/countynews) to access the list of all 50 ranked counties.)

Starting in 2011, the Fountain Hills library began playing host to a series of concerts. After a year, performances were recorded, for about \$300 per concert, and compiled on a CD that became one of the prizes for the summer reading program. Selections from concerts are also available, streaming, on the library’s website. Over the autumn in 2011 and spring of 2012, four bands played in the inaugural concert season.

Recently, the library received a grant that supplied mobile tech labs, including a recording studio, which allows high school students to learn the technical side of music production.

“They work with professional equipment and get a little taste of what it’s like to do that,” O’Malley said. “We can do all of our albums in-house and push technical literacy to the kids. It keeps them invested and engaged in what the library does.”

The local bands receive modest stipends, usually \$150, for their performances, but get valuable ex-

perience performing and learning how to secure bookings. With any luck, that experience will help the young musicians with future gigs.

The concerts, often held in a courtyard outside of the library, are relatively low key and open to improvisation. As one concert was about to begin, O’Malley said, one audience member asked if he could open for the band, hopped to a piano and dazzled the crowd with some ragtime music.

“It’s definitely getting kids more involved with the library,” he said. “It’s a more interactive place to them, with more options than just reading a book. They’re involved in creating the prize for the summer reading program, so there is a lot more investment in what we, as a library system, are doing.”

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## Financial Services News

# FINRA Foundation Releases Study on 'Financial Capability' for Americans



As America struggles to find its footing on a recovering economic landscape, personal financial behaviors and capability have become front and center for not only individual American families but also policy makers.

The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Investor Education Foundation recently released the results of its National Financial Capability Study as an outcome of a partnership with the U.S. Department of Treasury and

the President's Advisory Council on Financial Literacy.

The results, released as a follow-up to an initial study done in 2009, reflect the study's goals to identify the critical characteristics of "financial capability" and demonstrate trends among various demographics based upon these characteristics. For purposes of this study, financial capability was defined as "the ability to manage and maintain financial resources, as well as the ability to make strong financial decisions." The survey highlighted trends

and behaviors among the 25,000 surveyed individuals.

According to the study, younger Americans are more likely to show signs of financial stress, which, based on FINRA's criteria, indicate a lack of financial capability. Geographically, the study labeled residents of Massachusetts, California and New Jersey as among the most capable, and identified residents of Mississippi as some of the least capable.

The FINRA Foundation included a financial knowledge and skills assessment in the survey to determine participants' fundamental financial knowledge and their ability to make basic financial decisions. The survey asked participants five questions regarding simple economic concepts such as inflation and interest.

Of those surveyed, 61 percent had three or fewer questions correct. FINRA concluded that this information indicates a severe lack of fundamental financial knowledge and skill. The average number of correct answers was 2.88 out of a total of 5. This finding suggests potential opportunities to refurbish educational curriculums with general personal finance-oriented units and generate more community and workplace based financial education workshops, both of which FINRA supports.

The findings also reported interesting information regarding medical expenses; according to the study, 26 percent of those surveyed have medical debt. Of those with medical debt, 31 percent were between the ages of 18 and 34. In Mississippi, 41 percent of respondents reported having unpaid health care and medical bills, while only 14 percent of residents in Hawaii reported similar unpaid bills. Residents in Kentucky and Arkansas also reported high medical bills, while residents in California and Pennsylvania reported lower medical bills.

The study also focused on personal financial savings in an attempt to evaluate individuals' ability to plan ahead. Of those surveyed, 56 percent reported that they do not have a "rainy day fund," and, therefore, do not have resources set aside for emergencies, unexpected instability, or a sudden financial downturn. Similarly, 61 percent of those

surveyed do not compare credit card offers or perform research when shopping for credit cards.

Residents of Mississippi, Nevada and the District of Columbia had the highest reported incidents of charges for an over-the-limit fee for exceeding their credit lines on a credit card. The FINRA Foundation claims that credit card abuse not only diminishes the national economy, but also encourages financial apathy.

The FINRA Foundation study underscored the lack of financial competency in the U.S. government entities, and policy makers should be aware of the personal financial challenges. Americans

face as a whole and especially in their jurisdictions. The foundation has set up an interactive map that allows state-by-state comparisons. It hopes that these results can be used to determine upcoming strategic priorities of both individuals and communities in order to guarantee better personal financial footing for all Americans.

The study is an outcome of a partnership with the U.S. Department of Treasury and the President's Advisory Council on Financial Literacy.

*(Financial Services News was written by Kelly Boggs, intern, NACo Financial Services Corporation.)*

## NACo on the Move

### » NACo Officers, County Officials

• NACo President **Chris Rodgers** spoke about NACo and its priorities to counties at the Smart Justice Expungement seminar in Cook County, Ill. June 7. NACo Executive Director **Matthew Chase** also attended.

### » NACo Staff

• **Arthur Scott** has been named the new associate legislative director for Agriculture and the Rural Action Caucus (RAC). Scott graduated from Emory and Henry College with a B.A. in geography and minor in business management. He also served as assistant to the chief of staff for former Sen. Jim Webb (D-Va.).

• **Bert Jarreau**, chief innovation officer, moderated a general session panel presentation on Berks County, Pa.'s handling of the enterprise-wide implementation and maintenance of technology solutions at the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) conference in Centre County May 30–31. Jarreau also provided the closing general session presentation, "The Evolving Role of the Chief Information Officer."

• **Michael Belarmino**, associate legislative director, also gave a presentation at the CCAP Conference on "Federal Issues and Their Significance for Pennsylvania Counties." Earlier in the month, he spoke about federal legislation and initiatives that could impact local communities during a workshop at the 2013 Power of Partners: Eastern Region Community Media Conference in Middlesex County, N.J. May 17.

• **Deborah Cox**, legislative director, and **Michael Belarmino**, associate legislative director, toured several villages within the Hopi Indian Reservation in Coconino County, Ariz. May 22. The tour was arranged as both an educational experience to foster a greater understanding of the challenges faced by tribal communities and as a case study in how some counties are working to create better working relationships between county and tribal governments.

### » Coming Up

• **Andrew Goldschmidt**, director, membership marketing, will be exhibiting on behalf of membership recruitment and retention at the Florida Association of Counties annual conference in Hillsborough County June 25–27.

*On the Move is compiled by Christopher Johnson.*



Arthur Scott

## What's in a Seal?

### » St. James Parish, La.

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Louisiana is known for its Creole and Cajun heritage. The seal for St. James Parish captures the true meaning with several different elements that represent a mixture of industry and businesses, agriculture and community. The parish government, community, local businesses, industries and agricultural resources grow, work and prosper together.

St. James Parish was governed under a police jury until 1982 when the residents of the parish voted to adopt a home rule charter, electing a parish president and council. At that time, the emblem was deemed the official logo for St. James Parish Government.

The Mississippi River is shown in the middle of the seal, depicting the actual location of the river in the parish. It serves as the nucleus of the parish's commerce, and divides St. James into the east and west bank. The river has proven to be a major resource as several industries are attracted to the area.

The next important component of the seal is found above the Mississippi River representing industry. The parish is home to approximately 29 different industrial facilities. The parish is comprised of 166,000 acres, including wooded lowlands. The farming community is depicted by the thick vertical lines found below the industrial icons on both sides of the river to represent sugarcane and soybean farming.

The tobacco leaf is strategically placed in the middle of Louisiana because it is the only location a rare form of tobacco, known as perique tobacco, can grow. It has been produced and manufactured in St. James since the 1800s.

The plantation home, found in the right-hand corner of the seal, represents strong Southern heritage.

*(If you would like your county's seal featured, please contact Christopher Johnson at 202.942.4256 or [cjohnson@naco.org](mailto:cjohnson@naco.org).)*





# News From the Nation's Counties

## ► ALABAMA

**JEFFERSON COUNTY** commissioners approved a series of agreements that will help the county **end its record-setting bankruptcy** by the end of 2013. The plan with rate increases, will reduce the sewer debt; settle sewer litigation and limit future rates increases. Several creditors will give up portions of the debt, according to the *Birmingham Times*.

The agreements are with investment bank JPMorgan Chase & Co.; three bond insurers and seven hedge funds. Together, they hold approximately \$2.4 billion of the \$3.08 billion sewer debt and make up a "critical mass" of creditors needed to get the deal approved by the bankruptcy court.

## ► CALIFORNIA

• **MARIN COUNTY** announced the return of its annual **Soda-Free Summer campaign**, imploring locals to replace sugary beverages with less exciting alternatives like water and milk.

Marin isn't seeking a legal ban on soda, but it has put up a cheerful website with tip sheets, activity packets for kids (including the Sugar Savvy Maze, in which sugary drinks are dead ends), and materials featuring Potter the Otter, a cartoon otter that teaches the benefits of drinking water.

The campaign also tries shock value, including a story on its Facebook page comparing "meth mouth" to a soda drinker's mouth.

• The **SANTA CLARA COUNTY** Housing Authority Commission approved a **5 percent rent increase** for thousands of households in the local Section 8 housing program in the face of sequester-related federal cuts.

The agency said the rent increase is the lesser of two evils, the alternative being to simply cut participants from the program, because it is funded entirely by the federal government and sequestration has meant a monthly \$2.6 million reduction in funding.

## ► COLORADO

Over the next two years, **BOULDER COUNTY** will gradually phase in the **resumption of oil and gas exploration** by limiting the number of oil and gas development applications the county will process at any given time, under a system recommended by the county's staff.

The staff's recommendation would apply to oil and gas companies' applications for the county's approval of plans to build new well pads, or for drilling additional wells



Photo courtesy of Howard County, Md.

## ► MARYLAND

• **HOWARD COUNTY** Executive Ken Ulman and Valerie J. Gross, president and CEO of the county's library system, lead the pack as library employees flash the No. 1 sign in celebration of their **Library of the Year Award**.

*Library Journal* magazine and Gale, part of Cengage Learning and a publisher of research resources for libraries, schools and businesses, recently announced this year's winner.

Ian Singer, *Library Journal's* publisher, said the Howard County Library System (HCLS) serves local residents "through unique partnerships with various community groups, innovative programming and a strong focus on education for all...."

HCLS is featured as the cover story for the June 15 issue of *Library Journal*.

from existing pads. "A phased approach," a staff memo said, "would temper the pace of new (oil and gas) development, which would in turn allow the county and other agencies to carefully monitor the initially approved wells to ensure that the county's new land use regulations are sufficiently protective of public health, safety and welfare ..." and to try to prevent any negative impacts that drilling might have on air and water quality.

Boulder County's moratorium on new applications for oil and gas exploration in unincorporated areas outside the county's cities and towns expired on June 10, according to the *Daily Camera*.

## ► FLORIDA

• Florida counties will have to **pay an additional \$264 million** into

the state pension system under a rate increase passed by the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Rick Scott (R).

Although the increase affects all areas of government, counties weren't given money to cover the costs, unlike school districts, universities and state agencies, the *Tampa Bay Times* and *Miami Herald* reported.

Now counties are trying to figure out how to cover the additional costs, which some officials say were unexpected.

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY** — the state's largest — will have to contribute an additional \$21.2 million into the retirement system, **BROWARD COUNTY** will have to pay an extra \$17 million, **HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY**'s cost will be \$7 million, and **PINELLAS COUNTY** is on the hook for \$5.5

million.

• With existing law apparently not doing the job, **BROWARD COUNTY** commissioners are planning a stronger law to hinder **unscrupulous automobile towing companies**.

The county attorney's staff will meet with tow truck operators over the summer and draft a new law that could be ready for a vote in the fall, using towing laws in place in **PALM BEACH COUNTY** and **MIAMI-DADE**.

A *Sun Sentinel* investigation found rampant disregard for the law in the towing industry. In Broward, a tow truck operator needs only a simple occupational license to work, and towing companies in the county routinely dissolve and open under new names, making accountability difficult. In the neighboring counties, tow truck operators must obtain a county tow license, which wouldn't be issued to someone with a criminal background in auto-related crimes. The license could be yanked from a company with a bad track record.

## ► MARYLAND

Residents, software developers and entrepreneurs came together for **MONTGOMERY COUNTY's "hackathon"** event at the Universities of Shady Grove. The Hack for Change Hackathon was part of the inaugural National Day of Civic Hacking, designed to leverage the power of public data with the expertise of residents and entrepreneurs in finding technology solutions for the common good.

It offered an opportunity to develop new applications for smartphones and other devices.

County staff members pitched government challenges, potential solutions and desired outcomes to spur ideas for technology solutions, and participants pitched their own ideas for new apps that could benefit the public.

Participants selected the idea they found most compelling and formed development teams to work on it.

## ► MICHIGAN

**OTTAWA COUNTY** representatives will be going door-to-door to make sure all dogs are properly licensed in what they are calling a **dog census**.

State law says all dogs 4 months or older must be licensed. Owners who don't get a proper license can face a \$65 fine. There are about 18,000 active dog licenses in Ottawa County, but officials say there should be 54,000, if not more. Many

dog owners have no idea they need a license, according to 24 Hour News 8. The county hired four people to go door-to-door for the next three months to let people know.

## ► NEW JERSEY

The Coastal Research Center at Richard Stockton College will review the **new federal flood maps** for **CAPE MAY** and **ATLANTIC counties**, the *Press of Atlantic City* reported.

Cape May County Freeholder Director Jerry Thornton said a cost-sharing agreement has been worked out between the counties to split the cost. His Board of Freeholders recently approved paying the center \$4,729 for its half of the work.

Thornton said an expert coastal geologist will be heading the review. "He will look at the maps and advise us what to do," Thornton said.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency rushed out advisory maps following Hurricane Sandy as it worked on the first major revision to the maps in about 25 years. The maps will be the basis for Flood Insurance Rate maps due to come out in 2014.

## ► NEW YORK

**MADISON** and **ONEIDA counties** have approved an agreement with the **Oneida Indian Nation** and the state that gives the tribe exclusive gaming rights in a 10-county swath of central New York.

It also ensures that the state and affected counties won't oppose the placement of up to 25,000 acres of land into federal Indian trust, the *Herkimer Telegram* reported.

The state also will get 25 percent of the revenue from slot machines at the Oneidas' Turning Stone Resort Casino. The estimated take is \$200 million, and the state's share is \$50 million.

The agreement now goes before the state Legislature, whose session ends late this month. A vote was expected before then.

John Becker, Madison County Board of Supervisors chairman, said the deal isn't perfect but could have been much worse. At least the agreement caps the amount of county land that can be taken into trust and guarantees a revenue stream, he said.

## ► OHIO

• **CUYAHOGA COUNTY** Executive Ed FitzGerald and Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson



# The H.R. Doctor Is In

## Space Center Blues

Beautiful HR spouse Charlotte and some friends had the chance to travel to the Kennedy Space Center to tour the complex of museums and spacecraft relics. I chose not to go despite being a very avid amateur astronomer, mentioning that I needed to do a variety of home chores. That may sound strange for me to miss the chance to visit the iconic place in history for much of the space program. However I had previously visited years earlier and had some rather strong feelings about the place.

On my previous visit, guided by NASA's public information officer, I saw a place of exciting activity and the spirit of imminent possibilities for discovery and adventures. I saw high morale and a "We can do it!"

philosophy on the part of every employee, irrespective of whether their collar was blue or white.

This time chats with retired NASA employees in economically troubled places like the city of Titusville, Fla. near the Space Center, left me with a sense of the blues about the end of the space shuttle program. No substitute was imminent to excite the nation's spirit or to promise quantum leaps of discovery. Charlotte confirmed that the current version of the Space Center was focusing on what had been. Displays of rockets and parts, models and displays were all symptomatic of looking backwards. They were all associated with prior accomplishments.

Celebrating the past is certainly

a wonderful and an appropriate thing to do, but not simply the past for its own sake. What is important is celebrating the past as a stepping stone for what could be in the future. Looking only at where we have been is not good enough unless it is paired with a compelling sense of where we are going — with having a vision of a future that we can create, no matter how difficult the pathway might be to get there.

There are certainly plans underway to develop possible missions to Mars, unmanned missions, robotic asteroid mining and space tourism. Perhaps the most important of all is the launch of the James Webb Space Telescope, successor to the Hubble Space Telescope. The

potential for discovery and technological leaps forward represented by projects like the telescope are beyond our current comprehension. Consider, for example, that you now have a smartphone in your pocket or purse which likely has more computer power than those which guided the Apollo moon lander.

In a sense, my choosing not to go back for another visit was an expression of concern not only about the space program but also worry that as a nation we seem to be losing on long-range vision and our sense of discovery. Of course, it is handy to simply call the Russian Hertz Rent-a-Rocket, and spend about \$60 million per ticket to take people and supplies to

the International Space Station and return with a load of solid waste.

However, to have to rely on another country's need for foreign currency rather than having a joint capability, mutually developed for the benefit of the species in general, is very short-sighted. Using NASA simply as a contract auditor for private corporations may also appear to be a cost accountant's dream, but there is a spirit and a pride, not to mention an inspiration to the next generation, in seeing the "Stars and Stripes" decorating space missions rather than a large scale drawing of Sir Richard Branson.

Every significant and successful management challenge, in the space program as well as in local government and private business, has a strong dose of looking at "over the horizon" possibilities and seeking out innovative change. Sometimes that is known as "the view from 40,000 feet." In this case, "the view from 400 million miles" seems more appropriate.

The opportunity to rally others behind a new proposal or major innovation, whether it might be transportation planning, civil service reform, agency consolidation, social services, education, health care or defense — the list is nearly endless — all require having a consistent vision and staying power to carry on with overcoming obstacles to get to the end product. It involves taking risks.

America became the incredibly great country that it is not because of our successes but because of our efforts and perseverance of overcoming failures. Working in county government provides a great opportunity for elected and appointed officials to create those dreams and become the catalysts for others to "sign on."

The courage to seize that role is the mark of a truly great steward of the public's business. It is time to argue that we could put a human on Mars before the end of the decade. It is time to support the space telescope project. It is time to put aside the terribly destructive partisan rancor and rally the nation. It is time to restore vision and to keep on dreaming. I'm sure President Kennedy would be reading this and nodding in agreement.



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## Northeast Colorado counties ponder creating new state

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have agreed to move forward on some \$350 million worth of **downtown development** that will include a convention center hotel, the *Plain Dealer* reported.

FitzGerald plans to use savings from construction of the convention center and attached Global Center for Health Innovation to build a 600-to-700-room hotel where the county's administration building now sits.

"Through good fiscal management, we have managed to accrue a pretty sizeable surplus, and we're plowing that surplus back into development in this whole area," FitzGerald said.

The hotel is the largest of the planned improvements, estimated to cost up to \$260 million. The county would contribute its land and, essentially, play the role of developer.

• **HAMILTON COUNTY** and the city of Cincinnati's innovative plan to control **combined sewer overflows** has won the U.S. EPA's stamp of approval.

Combined Sewer Systems collect both sewage and rainwater, and can become overwhelmed during significant rain events, allowing raw sewage mixed with rainwater to be discharged into local waterways and the Ohio River.

The county and its partners' plan will restore a buried underground stream to the surface, which will provide alternate drainage for rainwater.

EPA had proposed the construction of an underground tunnel, according to the *Business Courier*.

Hamilton County Commissioner Todd Portune said, "EPA's approval of our alternative to the extremely expensive deep tunnel approach will save county ratepayers over \$200 million in costs and is much better for the environment."

### ► TEXAS

The surge in oil drilling in south and west Texas has taken a toll on county roads, because of increased heavy industrial vehicle traffic.

State lawmakers designated **\$225 million to repair county roads** and an equal amount for state-owned roads. County officials say that will help, but it isn't enough, the *Texas Tribune* reported. The Texas Department of Transportation had asked legislators for \$1.6 billion to address the issues.

"We appreciate what we got, but we feel over time it's going to prove to be too little," said **DEWITT COUNTY** Judge Daryl Fowler, who advocated for several counties in the Eagle Ford Shale in south Texas. "We'll run with it and try to come back next session and find a long-term solution."

### ► WASHINGTON

**CLARK COUNTY** has embarked on the road to changing its form of government to home rule. County commissioners recently voted unanimously to schedule a November election of 15 partisan

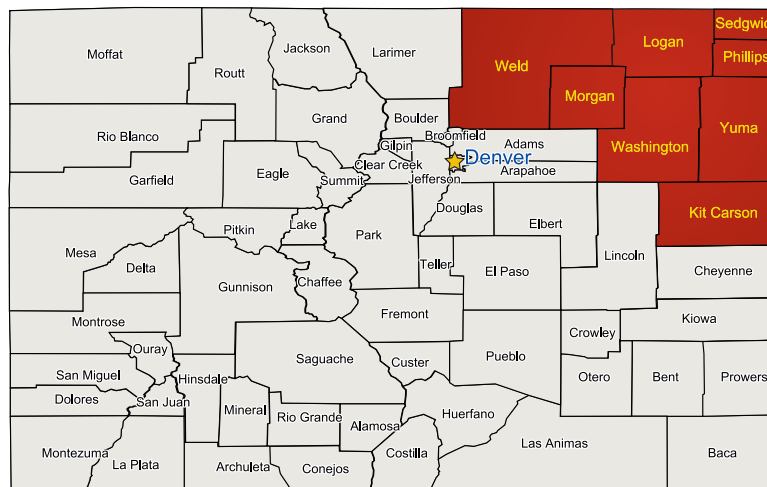
freeholder positions, five each from the three commissioner districts.

*The Columbian* reported that those freeholders will begin the process of drafting new rules for how the county operates. Within two years, they are expected to present voters with the option of adopting those rules.

Under home rule, voters could

expand the number of county commissioners, and choose to separate legislative and executive powers by electing a county executive, among other options.

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### ► COLORADO

A group of counties, angered by what they see as a liberal shift in state government, have raised the idea of forming a new state. **WELD, MORGAN, LOGAN, SEDGWICK, PHILLIPS, WASHINGTON, YUMA** and **KIT CARSON** counties in northeastern Colorado are considering the idea.

Weld County Commissioner Douglas Rademacher said of the more rural counties: "Our vision and our morals are no longer represented by the state and the current administration, and we think it's time that we do take seriously what our options are. This is just one of our options, but we will be moving forward with it," *The Christian Science Monitor* reported.

The move would require a secession vote at the county level, approval by Colorado's Legislature and by the U.S. Congress. The last state to successfully secede from its parent state (Virginia) was West Virginia in 1863.



# Volunteer attorneys examined records for expungement eligibility

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Her experience mirrored that of a 19-year-old man who was able to get into the armed services after an incident when he was 14 was expunged.

"Some people made a mistake, or they were in the wrong place at the wrong time, or they had a bad lawyer who advised them to take a plea bargain to get something out of the way when they were innocent," Brown said.

Seventy-five attorneys, organized by the Cabrini Green Legal Aid clinic, volunteered their time, staying more than two hours after the doors closed at 6 p.m. Seven judges showed up to move things along, and more than 300 volunteers who work for the clerk of court's office staffed all kinds of functions.

"Having the judges there made a world of difference," said Beth Johnson, a program director for the clinic. "It was a great collaboration between the county and the judiciary. For a lot of people, it meant saving them a day going downtown to take care of things."

Patrick Reardon, an assistant to the county's public defender, recognized the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's affirming Clarence Earl Gideon's right to an



NACo President Chris Rodgers and Cook County, Ill. Commissioner Gregg Goslin inspect the video monitoring system in the Cook County Jail's new building.

attorney.

"Clerk Brown's expungement summit is carrying on what started 50 years ago by *Gideon v. Wainwright*," he said to those assembled at the beginning of the summit. "People deserve second chances."

State representatives gave up-

dates on bills in various stages of the legislative process, including that seven additional felonies could potentially be sealed in records, other felonies that are being downgraded to misdemeanors and "ban the box" legislation that would force employers to remove questions about an

applicant's criminal record before the interview process.

The attendees were separated by the offense they wished to address, and went off to do just that with the prison review board, public defender's office, state's attorney's office and the clerk of court's office.

Exhibitors from dozens of government agencies and nonprofit organizations were on hand, in addition to some businesses to advertise job openings. Brown's office distributed a list of more than 200 employers with histories of hiring applicants with criminal records. Fees were waived for many of the functions for applicants who could demonstrate inability to pay.

One young man took the day off of work to have his record expunged, but first had to swear to a judge that because he was just starting his job, he didn't have the disposable income

to pay his fees. While he was there, he had the judge sign an affidavit that proved he was at the expungement summit to show his boss.

Brown started the summit in an effort to bring awareness to the continuing problems that a prior criminal record could bring to a job seeker. She felt it was a way to enact one of her campaign pledges to bring her office to the people.

NACo President Chris Rodgers told the crowd that the summit was exactly what he envisioned in a smart justice program. He recalled coming home to East St. Louis, Ill. after his freshman year in college to find his uncle, a habitual drug offender, living in a refrigerator box on his grandmother's porch.

"His drug problem has taken him in and out of jail, trying to battle it, and I'm sympathetic to that because I know there are a lot of similar people around this country with that same issue," he said, "with low and minor offenses that have to be given grace, to have a second chance."

He said he hoped the model Brown had established could be replicated in other counties across the country. Brown said the most important step a county could take in doing so would be to get the clerk of courts involved.

"That office is the nucleus of the wheel," she said. "We accept the filings, so everything would go through that office."

Any expungement summit would follow a state's expungement law, and in some cases legislative pressure to broaden it can help clarify how cases are treated. The state's attorney and public defender's office, and public safety agencies are also key.

"People have served their times, police agencies should not have a problem with helping people get on with their lives," Brown said.

## Cook County, Ill. Smart Justice Symposium

Before the clerk of court's expungement summit, the NACo Smart Justice Symposium, June 6-8, touched on two crucial parts of the Cook County, Ill. justice environment.

A trip to the Cook County Jail June 6 included a walk through a new building that reflected the county's effort to build a jail incorporating the needs of the professionals working inside. It was clear this was no longer Al Capone's jail.

The new building, with more open space and no bars, contrasted dramatically with the jail's oldest building, from the 1920s, which remains in use. In the mental health screening area for inmate processing, alcoves — enclosed with windows — provided privacy yet maintained a line of sight for guards. The new building also has separate areas for men and women under one roof, a departure from the older, single-sex buildings.

Tour participants from a variety of counties remarked on several innovative measures the jail took, including:

- refusing to take gang affiliation into account when assigning housing for inmates, which delegitimizes the gang power structure in the jail
- centralizing clothing intake and storage facilities, which freed almost a dozen staffers to work elsewhere, and
- stressing inmate education by locating classrooms in one building.

The 96-acre site is one of the largest single-site jails in the country, averaging more than 9,000 inmates with roughly 200 coming in and out daily. Seventy percent of inmates are nonviolent offenders, and 90

percent of all inmates are awaiting trial.

The next day's meeting offered several perspectives on the barriers that exist once people complete their sentences and try to return to their normal lives.

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle addressed these difficulties: "The longer you stay (in jail), the more likely you are to lose your job, to lose your place in school and to be estranged from your family," she said. "It's a profoundly disturbing fact that I think is characteristic not just of Cook County but of most of our counties. We have to be smarter on justice and not just tough on crime."

She was encouraged, politically, that there was pressure from fiscal conservatives to look at the cost of incarceration, given the comparatively lower costs of treating nonviolent offenders and electronic monitoring.

The theme throughout the day hammered home that the local economy is largely missing out on the contributions from people whose criminal records stand in their way of getting a job. And, without that job and a means to provide for themselves and their families, people are more likely to reoffend.

Elected county officials, county staff members and representatives from various organizations discussed their local approaches to helping reduce unemployment in their populations who had been in jail at one point. That included creating incentives for employers to hire from that population, fostering mentoring relationships between people who have successfully continued their careers after incarceration and ways to understand the legal jungle that people in that situation face.



(l-r) Mike Myers, community corrections manager for Douglas County, Neb., and Don Klemme, director of the Arapahoe County, Colo. Community Resources Department, examine a day room in the Cook County Jail's oldest building, dating back to the 1920s.