



# RURAL ACTION CAUCUS

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## National Association of Counties

### 2014 Rural Action Caucus Fall Symposium

November 6 – 8, 2014

The Northern Hotel • 19 North Broadway, Billings, Montana 59101

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### DRAFT AGENDA

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

**6:30pm – 8:00pm**      **Welcome Reception**  
Northern Hotel  
Hart Albin Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

**8:00am**      **Networking Breakfast**  
Northern Hotel  
North Ballroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**8:30am**      **Welcome and Introductions**

- **Hon. Michael Victorino**, Chairman, Rural Action Caucus and Council Member, Maui County, Hawaii
- **Hon. Sallie Clark**, NACo First Vice President, and Commissioner, El Paso County, Colorado
- **Harold Blattie**, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties [invited]
- **Hon. David Schulz**, Commissioner, Madison County, Montana and Incoming President of Montana Association of Counties [invited]
- **Hon. Bill Kennedy**, Commissioner, Yellowstone County, Montana
- **Hon. Jim Reno**, Commission Chair, Yellowstone County, Montana [invited]

**9:00am**      **NACo Legislative Update: Key Federal Issues Facing Rural Counties**  
*NACo Staff will discuss pressing federal legislative issues impacting counties and our strategy to address these issues. Join this discussion on the solvency of the Highway Trust Fund and surface transportation reauthorization, Marketplace Fairness Act, tax-exempt municipal bonds, the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and Secure Rural Schools (SRS) programs, and the "Waters of the U.S." proposed rule.*

- **NACo Legislative Staff**

**9:15am – 11:00am**      **2014-2015 RAC Legislative Strategy Session**

*This discussion will examine ways to make NACo's Rural Action Caucus more relevant in the federal legislative and policy arena. Caucus members will take an in-depth look at the annual calendar of events to determine how to efficiently and effectively address key county priorities through RAC engagements.*

- **Hon. Michael Victorino**, Chairman, Rural Action Caucus and Council Member, Maui County, Hawaii

**11:00am**                      **Peer Networking/Break**

**11:15am**                      **White House Rural Council**

*The National Association of Counties and the White House Rural Council have been working together on their Made in Rural America Export and Investment Initiative and have developed a series of regional forums held over the past year to bring together rural business and community leaders with federal partners to discuss new opportunities to bolster rural exports and strengthen the local economy. This session will examine the initiative and discuss future opportunities for engagement.*

- **Doug McKalip**, Senior Policy Advisor for Rural Affairs, White House Domestic Policy Council

**12:00pm**                      **Lunch**  
Northern Hotel  
Babcock Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**1:00pm**                      **PANEL – “Cultivating a Competitive Advantage: How Rural Counties are Growing Economies with Local Assets and Regional Partners”**  
*NACo is working to identify current best practices and innovative economic development activities in rural counties. This panel of peers will elaborate on the discussions held at the Rural Action Caucus meeting at the 2014 Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA.*

- **Jen Horton**, Program Manager, NACo

**2:45pm**                      **Montana Delegation [Invited]**

**5:00pm**                      **Adjourn**

**6:30pm – 8:30pm**                      **Dinner**  
Billings Petroleum Club  
27 N 27<sup>th</sup> St. #2200  
Billings, MT 59101

## **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

**7:00am**                      **Breakfast**  
Northern Hotel  
North Ballroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**8:00am – 2:30pm**                      **Mobile Workshop**

3:00pm

Return to Hotel / Adjourn

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