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New Economic Development Opportunity: Apply Now to Host a County Prosperity Summit

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NACo is pleased to announce a new opportunity for rural and mid-size counties to host innovative economic development workshops, to be held in Winter/Spring 2014. NACo will work with your county or region to organize a **County Prosperity Summit** tailored to your county's specific needs. NACo will invite national experts to your community who will engage with local leaders to generate new and creative solutions for building and strengthening your local economy.

The goal of these summits is to help small and mid-size counties strategize innovative economic development approaches. The workshops will introduce counties to the **WealthWorks** framework (learn more here), help counties build strategies to strengthen regional relationships, identify ways to deepen and sustain economic development activities and investigate strategies to infuse equitable development principles into local economic approaches.

The County Prosperity Summit **application** is open to counties with populations of 250,000 or less and to multi-county regions with a total population of 400,000 or less. The application **deadline is October 3, 2014** at 5p.m. EDT. More information and the application form can be found **here**, and additional questions can be directed to NACo Program Director **Kathy Nothstine**.



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Five Counties Chosen to Host a County Prosperity Summit in 2015

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NACo is pleased to announce the five county recipients that will host a County Prosperity Summit in 2015. The selected counties for the County Prosperity Summit program are*:

- Cape May County, NJ
- Cheatham County, TN
- Scott County, KY
- Shasta County, Calif.
- Titus County, TX

With support from the Ford Foundation, the goal of these summits is to convene local leaders in each county to introduce counties to the [WealthWorks](#) framework (learn more [here](#)), help counties build strategies to strengthen regional relationships and identify ways to deepen and sustain economic development activities. NACo will invite national experts to each county who will engage with local leaders to generate new and creative solutions for building and strengthening local economies, and NACo staff will work with each selected county to develop a personalized agenda and individualized content relevant to specific local issues.

Each summit will convene approximately 25-50 participants, including a broad mixture of county elected officials and staff, other local and regional public officials, business owners, representatives of the nonprofit and philanthropic community and other relevant stakeholders.

*NACo's panel of expert reviewers was overwhelmed by the many qualified applications received for the County Prosperity Summit program. NACo is currently formulating additional resources to support counties interested in new economic development approaches. For more information about NACo's community and economic development resources, contact Kathy Nothstine at knothstine@naco.org.