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Thursday, August 18, 2022

2022 VACo County Officials' Summit



Enter the VACo 2022 Achievement Awards



Dear VACo Members -

It's time for the 2022 Achievement Awards Program. Any county department is eligible to compete so ENTER NOW!

Achievement Awards Submission Form

All entries are required to be submitted in electronic form. No paper copy submissions are necessary. The electronic copy should be a PDF or WORD file. Email entries to Gage Harter at <u>gharter@vaco.org</u>. Submissions must be received by July 1, 2022.

Last year, <u>we processed 102 entries</u> and selected 30 winners from 19 Counties. VACo presented awards at 19 Board of Supervisors Meetings, recognized winners at the 87th Annual Conference, and issued a news release to statewide media.

The judges for the 2022 Achievement Awards will be announced soon.

VACo has received close to 1,000 entries over the past decade. Last year's Best Achievement winner was Henrico County for its "Equity Ambassadors" program.

VACo encourages all Counties, big and small, to enter the 2022 Achievement Awards Program. Please contact <u>gharter@vaco.org</u> with questions or for more information.

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<u>Children's Services Act Workgroup on Special</u> <u>Education Beginning to Formulate Recommendations</u>

A stakeholder workgroup charged with examining the use of Children's Services Act (CSA) funding to support special education needs, to include housing the funding and oversight of private special education placements at the Department of Education, is beginning to develop recommendations. The workgroup was created by 2021 legislation that was introduced in response to a study of the Children's Services Act by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission that was released in fall 2020. Among other changes, the legislation authorized the use of CSA pool funds for up to 12 months of transitional services within the public school setting for youth who were previously served in private school. In order to look more extensively at the issue of CSA funding for private special education placements, the legislation directed the Secretary of Education and the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to convene a workgroup to develop a detailed plan for the transfer of CSA private day school and residential placement funding to the Department of Education, make recommendations on the use of CSA funds for services within public schools to avoid out-of-school placements, and make recommendations on the most effective use of CSA funds to transition students from out-of-school placements back to public school, among other duties.

The workgroup met several times in the summer and fall of 2021, and in January and March of 2022, in addition to its April 19 meeting. Key issues under discussion in the workgroup include the following:

- Plan for the transfer of funding and oversight responsibility to the Department of Education: Several workgroup members have expressed concerns about developing a plan with an assumption that the funding will be transferred, preferring instead to evaluate the merits of such a transfer. Other workgroup members have expressed reluctance to approve the development of a plan in concept and have requested to review details of a draft that would be drafted by the Department of Education.
- **Sum-sufficiency:** Workgroup members have expressed broad support for retaining sumsufficiency requirements for private placements, regardless of whether the state funding is administered by the Department of Education or remains with the Office of Children's Services.
- **State and local cost-sharing:** At one of the workgroup's first meetings, Scott Reiner, Executive Director of the Office of Children's Services, provided information comparing current expenditures by locality for CSA-funded special education services using local CSA match rates with projected local expenditures if costs for those services were shared via the Local Composite Index. Local representatives have expressed serious reservations about the potential disruptions involved in moving to a different funding structure.
- **Expansion of the use of CSA funding within public schools**: Information provided to the workgroup indicated that since passage of the 2021 legislation enabling use of CSA funds for certain transitional services in public schools, only a handful of students have made use of these funds. Workgroup members have expressed interest in collecting more data about the use of the limited transitional funds over time before expanding use of CSA funding in public schools.

The workgroup's next meeting is scheduled for May 19.

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A Message from the Chair

The Honorable Emily M. Brewer, Virginia House of Delegates It is my pleasure as Chair of the General Assembly's Commission on Youth to welcome you to our website. The Commission on Youth is tasked with providing a forum for review and study of youth policies and services. Whether

Commission on Youth Adopts Work Plan for 2022

The Commission on Youth met on April 19 to receive updates on several aspects of the child welfare system and to adopt its plan of work for the remainder of 2022. Commission members agreed to undertake four study projects:

- **Evaluating the effectiveness and efficiency of Virginia's juvenile detention centers:** The genesis of this study is the significant reduction in the numbers of children housed in juvenile detention centers as a result of recent juvenile justice reform efforts focused on diverting young offenders into less restrictive settings. As the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission documented in its study of the juvenile justice system last year, juvenile detention centers now have significant excess capacity. As discussed by Commission on Youth members and noted in the study plan document, assuming a continued decline in the population in juvenile detention centers, potential savings may be achieved by consolidating facilities. At the April 19 meeting, legislators indicated their interest in reinvesting any such savings into other services for youth. VACo was invited to participate in an advisory committee that will assist Commission staff in undertaking the study.
- **Transition process for students with disabilities regarding records and services at the age of majority:** This study is intended to review how youth with disabilities can be better supported as they transition to adulthood, to include reviewing laws, policies, and procedures related to federal secondary school transition requirements, recordkeeping by local school divisions and potential use of these records by community services boards, and best practices for transition, among other activities.
- **Collection of Evidence-Based Practices for Children and Adolescents with Mental Health Treatment**. **Needs:** The Commission will be disseminating the most recent edition (produced in 2021) and preparing to undertake the next biennial revision of this document, which compiles evidence-based practices in the field of child and adolescent mental health in order to assist families and other interested parties in making informed decisions.
- **Safe and Sound Task Force:** This effort was initiated by the Governor at the beginning of the month in response to difficulties in finding appropriate placements for children in foster care, some of whom have had to sleep in the offices of local departments of social services, hotels, or emergency rooms. Janet Kelly, Special Advisor to the Governor for Children's Issues, provided an update to the Commission on the Task Force's first two meetings, which were held last week. In its first phase, the Task Force is focused on addressing the immediate crisis of children without appropriate placements; in future phases of work, the Task Force will be examining systemic problems, such as workforce shortages and the need to provide better support to foster families. Commission staff will be providing assistance to the Task Force as needed.

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TOURISM



Visit Amherst County and the Amherst County Courthouse

Location: 113 Taylor Street / 2nd Street Built: 1996 – 1997 Style: Modern Architect: Hancock-Fuqua-Robertson Inc. of Lynchburg Contractor: Sandy Pearce of Amherst

Description

The building faces east and is a two story red colored brick and concrete structure. The building is located on landscaped grounds in the center of Amherst. The east front has a large portico in the center supported by four large white colored columns rising to a pediment at the roof line. Behind the columns is a glass wall. The north and south wings project from the main building. The roof line is flat. The building houses the County Circuit Court, County General District Court and County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court of the 24th Judicial Circuit. The old courthouse is attached on the west side. A further addition was constructed in 1977.

Note

The railing from the original courthouse was removed and installed on the second floor of the new courthouse. It has a prominent place in front of the large window. As you look out the window notice in the left section of the railing. It has a number of notches, which are believed to represent the number of hangings. There are eight notches.

SOURCE: <u>American Courthouses | Courthouses.co</u>

IT'S TIME TO HIT THE ROAD FOR THE... VACO 2022 REGIONAL MEETINGS

IN-PERSON MEETING

REGIONS 2&3 - MAY 23 | HENRICO REGIONS 6&9 - JUNE 9 | AUGUSTA REGIONS 5&7 - JULY 12 | FLUVANNA REGIONS 1&4 - TBA | DINWIDDIE REGIONS 10&11 - TBA | FRANKLIN REGIONS 12&13 - TBA | RUSSELL

VIRTUAL MEETING

REGIONS 6&7&8 - TBA



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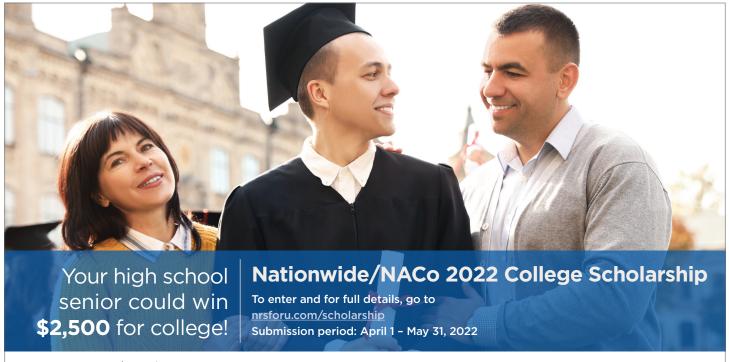


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Nationwide and NACo College Scholarship

The application period for the Nationwide and NACo College Scholarship is open through May 31. Are you the parent, grandparent or legal guardian of a high school senior? If you actively contribute to a 457(b) plan offered through the NACo Deferred Compensation Program, your student is eligible to apply for one of four \$2,500 college scholarships. Scholarships will be awarded in the fall of 2020.

In its 16th year of existence, the NACo/Nationwide scholarship essay contest is an educational opportunity for high school students transitioning into a new stage of their lives. Engaging young people in civic life and responsibilities is a great way to show high school students the valuable roles that counties play in the lives of their residents. The 2020 scholarship program's goal is to help ensure that young people get involved and stay involved in local government -- and understand the importance of being good stewards of their future finances.

To help students consider the importance of saving early and consistently, students are asked to write an essay that answers the following questions: Most high school students dream of the day when they will be on their own and no longer depend on their parents, but that kind of freedom requires financial independence. What does financial freedom mean to you? What is your plan to achieve financial freedom for yourself and how are you going to ensure that your financial freedom will continue through your retirement years?

Application process

Parents, grandparents or legal guardians should talk to their eligible high school seniors about applying right away. Applications can be completed online at <u>nrsforu.com/scholarship</u> beginning April 1. <u>Click here for more information</u>.



Premier Partner Spotlight

The Berkley Group



The Berkley Group | Part 2

Join Dean Lynch and Drew Williams, CEO, as they discuss the array of services provided by the Berkley Group. The Berkley Group is the go-to consultant for Virginia counties and their communities. For more information, please visit <u>www.bgllc.net</u>.

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Jeffrey D. Stoke Hired As County Administrator

Prince George, VA – The Prince George County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously at its April 12th meeting to name Jeffrey D. Stoke as the County's next Administrator. Stoke, who was appointed Interim County Administrator on December 4, 2021, will transition into his new role of County Administrator on April 13th.

Stoke was hired in 2009 as the Director of Economic Development and in 2011 was promoted to Deputy County Administrator - Economic Development. He has a Master's degree in Public Administration from James Madison University and is a Certified Economic Developer (C.Ec.D.) through the International Economic Development Council and an International City/County Management Association Credentialed Manager (ICMA-CM).

"Stoke's demonstrated success and leadership with the County, along with his qualifications and performance during the selection process has made it clear that he is the right person to lead the organization as we move forward to the next chapter," said Board Chair Marlene Waymack. "Stoke was one of 63 applicants from 21 states, Washington DC, and Canada."

"I am tremendously honored to be selected as Prince George County's next Administrator," Stoke said. "I am humbled by the trust that the County Board of Supervisors has placed in me and look forward to leading a group of talented employees as we collaborate with our community partners to implement the priorities of the Board of Supervisors."



Congratulations!

We honor our Virginia Certified County Supervisors' Program Graduates at Board of Supervisors Meetings



Congratulations to Rappahannock County Chair Debbie Donehey on her graduation from the Virginia Certified County Supervisors' Program! Well done!

COUNTY NEWS



Congratulations!

VACo's **Valerie Russell** and **Karie Walker** completed the Virginia Society of Association Executives' Meeting Planner Summit held March 24-25 at the Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel. The event focused on analyzing contracts, fine-tuning networking skills, applying meeting planning skills with sponsors, and much more. Attendees also talked about current challenges, explored the importance of data, and shared words of wisdom with each other. Valerie and Karie both said they learned a lot and had a great time.

STATE NEWS

<u>State General Fund revenues post strong</u> <u>growth in March</u>



Last week Governor Youngkin announced that state General Fund revenues had turned in a strong performance in March. Despite a decline in February (largely attributable to comparisons to the previous year being skewed by issues of timing for tax refunds and certain revenue collections), revenue collections on a fiscal year-to-date basis have grown by 14.5 percent through March, comfortably ahead of the forecasted 9.2 percent growth. Secretary of Finance Stephen E. Cummings indicated in his revenue report that he is confident that FY 2022 revenues will meet the February 2022 revised revenue forecast, noting that revenues could decline by 1 percent during the remainder of the year relative to the same period in FY 2021 and the state would still meet the revised forecast.

March revenue growth was driven by individual income tax and sales tax collections. Individual income tax withholding increased by 11.8 percent in March, and collections have grown by 10 percent on a year-to-date basis, ahead of the forecasted 9 percent growth. Individual income tax nonwithholding is up

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13.6 percent on a year-to-date basis, comfortably ahead of the forecast of 2.5 percent growth, although this revenue source has historically been volatile. Sales tax collections grew by 18.7 percent in March, possibly reflecting sales that might otherwise have been made in January but were shifted to February due to inclement weather. On a fiscal year-to-date basis, sales tax collections are up 15.2 percent, outpacing the forecast of 11.4 percent growth.

Virginia received another piece of positive economic news last week with the <u>release of the state's March</u> <u>unemployment figures</u>. The state's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate dropped by 0.2 percentage points in March; the current rate of 3 percent is below the national rate of 3.6 percent. Total seasonally-adjusted nonfarm employment increased by 2.8 percent between March 2021 and March 2022, with the largest growth in leisure and hospitality services, followed by professional and business services and trade and transportation. Relative to March 2021, all ten metropolitan areas in Virginia experienced job growth, with the largest growth in Northern Virginia, followed by Richmond and the Hampton Roads area. With overall non-agricultural wage and salary employment now estimated at 4,020,900, Virginia is approaching pre-pandemic job levels (nonagricultural wage and salary employment was estimated at 4,106,800 in February 2020).

Economic headwinds, notably high levels of inflation in consumer goods and geopolitical instability, complicate the picture at the national and global levels. The Federal Reserve's Federal Open Market Committee raised interest rates by 25 basis points (from 0.25 to 0.5 percent) at its March meeting, and said in its <u>statement following the meeting</u> that it "anticipates that ongoing increases in the target range will be appropriate." The Committee's summary of economic conditions indicated that "[i]nflation remains elevated, reflecting supply and demand imbalances related to the pandemic, higher energy prices, and broader price pressures...in the near term the invasion [of Ukraine] and related events are likely to create additional upward pressure on inflation and weigh on economic activity." The <u>release of inflation figures by the Bureau of Labor Statistics</u> last week underscored these concerns; the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 1.2 percent in March, and notched growth of 8.5 percent over the last 12 months, the largest 12-month increase since December 1981. Taming inflation without harming a robust labor market will be a major challenge facing economic policymakers in the coming months.

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COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD INVITES PUBLIC FEEDBACK ON TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS, INITIATIVES

RICHMOND, Va. – The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) will host nine meetings across Virginia and is inviting the public to share feedback on transportation initiatives and projects that have been recommended for funding, including highway, road, bridge, rail, bicycle, pedestrian, public transportation and transportation demand management projects. Members of the community may participate by attending public meetings or submitting comments online, by email or by mail.

The public meetings are scheduled in each of the locations at 4 p.m. except as noted below:

Monday, April 25 Fredericksburg District James Monroe High School 2300 Washington Avenue Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401

Tuesday, April 26 Culpeper District Culpeper District Auditorium 1601 Orange Road Culpeper, Virginia 22701

Thursday, April 28 **Richmond District Richmond District Auditorium** 2430 Pine Forest Drive Colonial Heights, Virginia 23834

Monday, May 2 Staunton District Blue Ridge Community College Plecker Center 1 College Lane Weyers Cave, Virginia 24486

Tuesday, May 3 Lynchburg District Virginian Hotel 712 Church Street Lynchburg, Virginia 24504

Wednesday, May 4

*Northern Virginia District Northern Virginia District Office Potomac Conference Room 4975 Alliance Drive Fairfax, Virginia 22030 *meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.

Monday, May 9 Hampton Roads District 7511 Burbage Drive, Suffolk, Virginia 23435

Wednesday, May 11 **Bristol District** Hampton Roads District Auditorium Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center One Partnership Circle Abingdon, Virginia 24210

Thursday, May 12 Salem District Holiday Inn Valley View 3315 Ordway Drive NW Roanoke, Virginia 24017

*The Northern Virginia District meeting will serve as the required joint public meeting with the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, the Virginia Railway Express, and the CTB per § 33.2-214.3 of the Code of Virginia.

Online sources

Six-Year Improvement Program VDOT: https://www.ctb.virginia.gov/planning/springmeetings2022/default.asp DRPT: https://data.drpt.virginia.gov/

For additional information about the CTB, visit ctb.virginia.gov/.



We want to hear from you!

The Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) is partnering with the Local Leadership Workgroup to help survey local elected leaders on their knowledge and capacity around water resource issues. Results will be used to improve and enhance services for local leaders. Please take 5-8 minutes to share your opinions! We appreciate your help. The survey is being conducted by an independent contractor. Your feedback is confidential.

https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/5735969/VACo

<u>Please take the Survey</u>



GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

GMU's Regional Elected Leaders Initiative Overview of Spring 2022 Governance Webinars Co-sponsored by VACo and VML

Friday, May 6: Noon –1:15 pm

Webinar #1: NOVA Effectively Managing Council/Board Meetings: Handling Contentious Issues and Potential Disruptions

Speakers:

Hon. Babur Lateef, Chair, Prince William School Board Hon. Phyllis Randall, Chair, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Hon. David Tarter, Mayor, City of Falls Church Roger Wiley Esg., Legal Counsel, Virginia Municipal League

Key questions:

- How have political polarization and citizen activism appeared in Council/Board rooms?
- · What strategies have others used to effectively manage their meetings?
- Is Robert's Rules of Order an obstacle to managing disruptions or a useful tool?
- What are the powers of the presiding officer?
- What are your options in setting the rules for public comment?
- Are there Codes of Conduct or agreements that help member-to-member dynamics stay civil?
- · What role do professional staff play when meetings are contentious?

Friday, May 20: Noon –1:15 pm

Webinar #2: ALL OF VIRGINIA Effectively Managing Council/Board Meetings: Handling Contentious Issues and Potential Disruptions

Speakers:

Hon. D. Michael Barber, Mayor, Town of Christiansburg Dr. James Coleman, Chair, Lynchburg City School Board Hon. Katie Cristol, Chair, Arlington County Board Walter Erwin, Esq., Former Attorney, City of Lynchburg

Key Questions: same as above.

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Affordable Housing Conference May 24-25 in Newport News



Explore the innovations that are transforming the affordable housing industry at HousingX 2022, <u>HousingForward</u> <u>Virginia</u>'s premier learning event co-hosted with the <u>Virginia Center for Housing Research</u>. This learning-focused "un-conference" will feature nationally recognized experts telling their stories and leading interactive workshops, demonstrations of new advances in housing technology, and fast-paced, dynamic presentations from attendees. From zoning to building design, there are innovations happening across the nation and right in our backyards. Learn from the experts who are helping to transform how we design, build, plan, and advocate for housing in our local communities.

FEATURED EXPERTS:

Zachary Mannheimer, Founder & CEO of <u>Alquist 3D</u> and <u>Atlas Community Studios</u> Curtis J. Moody, FAIA, Founder of <u>Moody Nolan</u> Anna Mackay, Founder of <u>Sister City</u> Carlos Valdes-Dapena, <u>High-Performance Collaboration</u> Expert Abhijeet Mohapatra, Co-Founder and CTO of <u>Symbium</u> Theo Henderson, Activist and Creator of <u>We The Unhoused</u>

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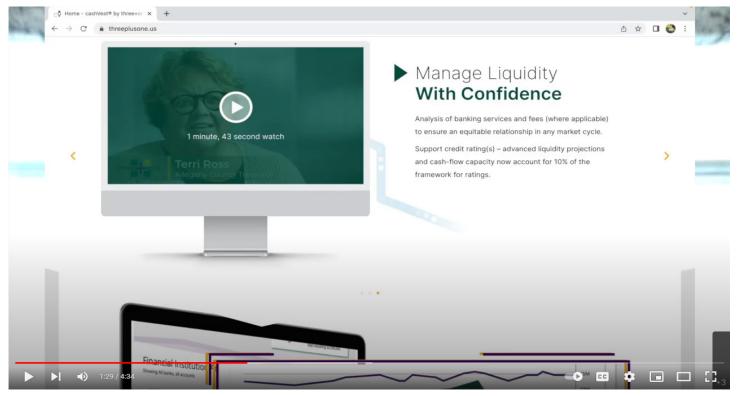
Join industry-leading planners, developers, funders, policymakers, and more at the **Newport News Marriott at City Center, May 24th and 25th**. More information about the program, schedule, and sponsorship opportunities is available on the <u>HousingForward website</u>, where you can also <u>purchase tickets</u>.

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Blue Line Solutions | ALPR Cameras

VACo's newest Premier Partner, Blue Line Solutions, offers a TrueBlue Highway Safety Program that can be implemented in School Zones and Construction Zones, where data has shown that drivers are unaware that their driving behavior is not in alignment with public safety. ALPR Cameras – aka automated light recognition – analytic patterns can be detected and can strengthen law enforcement investigations. To learn more about the public safety benefits of this program, please join VACo Executive Director, Dean Lynch, and Blue Line Solutions' Founder & CEO, Mark Hutchinson, as they dive into the data and the results.

Please contact Greg Hogston for more information: <u>ghogston@bluelinesolutions.org</u> or 276.759.8064 or visit <u>https://bluelinesolutions.org</u>.

Watch the Premier Partner Video

STATE NEWS



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

VIRGINIA VETERANS: JOIN US FOR A VETERANS EXPERIENCE **ACTION CENTER (VEAC) APRIL 26–28** 10 AM-3PM ET

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VA Health Care

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Community Services

Peer-to-Peer Connection

Memorial Affairs



Crisis Resources



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Limited appointments available. Registration runs through Sunday, April 24th.



"Together, VA and our ecosystem of partners can work to deliberately and consciously change the way benefits, care, and services are delivered to marginalized and underserved communities."

-VA Secretary Denis McDonough





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As you plan your budget and build your Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2022-2023, the Berkley Group offers localities the following services:

ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT

- Executive Recruitment
- Pay & Classification Studies
- Job Description & Employee Handbook Updates
- Organizational Strategic Assessments
- Capital Improvement Planning

STRATEGY & ENGAGEMENT

- Board & Staff Retreats
- Strategic Planning
- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
- Community & Stakeholder Engagement
- Public Meeting Facilitation

PLANNING

- Comprehensive Plans
- Zoning & Subdivision Ordinance Updates
- Historic Preservation Planning

- Mapping & GIS
- Project Planning, Development & Management

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

- Resilience Plans
- Hazard Mitigation Plans
- Envision Assessments

Renewable Energy Diagnostics & Policy Updates

• Solar & Wind Third-Party Application Reviews

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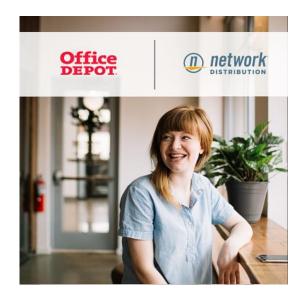


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Cleaning Supplies, Breakroom and Related Products



This new contract was awarded by Region 4 ESC to **Office Depot** and **Network** to provide all of the breakroom, janitorial, foodservice, air purification and PPE supplies your agency requires.

VIEW CONTRACTS

<u>Click here to view more Omnia Partners Cooperative Contracts</u>

STATE NEWS



A Conference to Connect Virginia MAY 18-19 | HILTON SHORT PUMP Richmond, VA www.broadbandtogether.com

An event presented by Virginia Municipal League Virginia Association of Counties VCTA- Broadband Association of Virginia

Broadband Together 2022 Information

Dates: May 18-19

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Booking Link: <u>https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=RICWSHF&groupC</u> ode=VCTA22&arrivaldate=2022-05-17&departuredate=2022-05-19&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN, DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT

Room Rate: \$139

Registration Link: https://fs16.formsite.com/kvoxland/i5lveb2brs/index.html

Registration Cost: \$175



We are proud to be a member of the Virginia Promise Partnership, a coalition of 30+ leading organizations committed to quality, affordable child care for all Virginia families.

Please watch and share this video to show your support for child care! <u>#VaPromise</u> <u>#ChildCareIsEssential</u> <u>#MoreChildrenMoreChoices</u> #WeNeedChildCareVA #InvestinChildCareVA

<u>Virginia Promise in Action - Video Campaign</u> <u>Compilation - YouTube</u>

NACo NEWS

2022 National County Government Month



<u>Celebrate National County</u> <u>Government Month</u>

Join the National Association of Counties (NACo) in celebrating **National County Government Month (NCGM)**. Held each April, NCGM is an annual celebration of county government and an excellent opportunity for counties, parishes and boroughs to highlight effective county programs and raise public awareness about services provided to the community.

Throughout April, counties have an opportunity to focus on our work to help

Watch: <u>NACo President Larry Johnson invites</u> <u>counties to celebrate NCGM</u>

our communities <u>THRIVE</u> – <u>this year's NCGM theme</u>. Now is the time to spotlight your county's role in achieving successes at the local level and to educate the public about how counties provide real support, identifying challenges on the ground and pursuing solutions.

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The Virginia Association of Counties accepts employment ads in a PDF file or a link to a job site. Please include information for applying, and a link to other important information. Please do not fax your employment ad. VACo members are not charged for placing an employment ad. The cost is \$50 per ad for non-VACo members. VACo publishes the ad on its website and mobile app as well as the upcoming County Connections issue. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Valerie Russell.



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