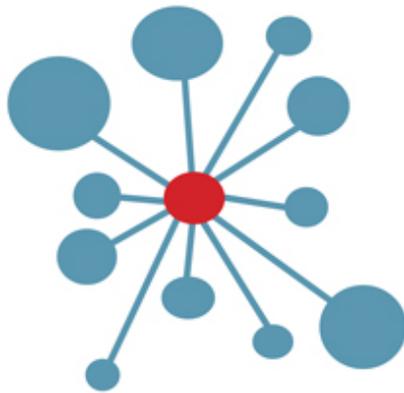




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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

Congress is not in session and will return after Labor Day.

Overview

Legislators will soon return from their seven week recess to work on the funding issues they left behind and hopefully prevent a government shutdown before their September 30 deadline. Congress will likely adopt a short term spending agreement and face critical decisions on funding to combat the Zika virus now that cases have appeared in Florida.

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) reports a 10% increase in the FY2016 deficit, which is \$56 billion higher than the March estimate. CBO notes that the increase is primarily due to lower-than-expected revenue.

What Regions Need to Know about Zika

Now that the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Florida Department of Health have confirmed Zika virus infections and persistent mosquito populations in the Wynwood neighborhood of north Miami, CDC has provided information on the situation in Florida and precautions for other communities.

OTHER NEWS

NACo Survey of County Officials

A National Association of Counties (NACo) survey of county officials serving on NACo policy steering committees found that counties continue to struggle to fund the more than \$550 billion annual cost of providing services and programs to their 310 million residents. The survey found that most county budgets have not returned to pre-recession levels, including a persistent dip in median home prices and the number of jobs. Over one-third of the county respondents said they had reduced programs or services due to the budget constraints and 40 percent expressed concern over those restraints on the county safety net. Most respondents also indicated efforts to join with another local government or non-government entity to cut costs by sharing services.

We Want You, COG Environmental and Energy Directors!

Join NARC and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments for a peer exchange on regional environmental and energy issues on Monday, September 19 during the 2016 Executive Directors Conference in South Bend, Indiana. We want this initial convening to spearhead future efforts and engagement among regional COG directors in the areas of energy and environment – to initiate a network of peer-to-peer learning and best practice sharing. If you are interested in participating, please email Cameron Herbolsheimer (cameron@narc.org) with the proper contact for your organization and the topics most important to your region. See below for a list.

- **Stormwater:** Opportunities and challenges meeting MS4 and other stormwater management requirements; options for coordinated regional actions in product/technology evaluation, permit streamlining, contracting, workforce training/ certification?
- **Air Quality:** Opportunities and challenges meeting federal 2015 ozone NAAQS standards; options for coordinated regional actions to address the point, area, non-road and on-road sectors.
- **Regional Resiliency and Adaptation:** Opportunities and challenges in resilient regions, climate adaptation, inventory of regional greenhouse gas emissions.
- **Drinking Water:** Opportunities and challenges in drinking water system resiliency planning and implementation.
- **Waste Management:** Adding organics composting and addressing recycled material markets
- **Communications Strategies:** How to best communicate environmental challenges and successes across regions.
- Updates on NARC alternative fuel vehicle cooperative procurement and solar roadmap projects.

2018 IECC Advocacy Campaign Update

NARC, the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, Building Codes Assistance Project, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, Institute for Market Transformation, and the Urban Sustainability Directors Network are spearheading an effort to engage local governments in participating in the voting process for updating the 2018 *International Energy Conservation Code* (IECC) this November. The IECC is updated every three years by local and state official voting and this process has led to a 38% efficiency boost over the last three IECCs. This summer, NARC and its partners have already visited with local and state officials in the Boston, Philadelphia, Washington DC, Raleigh, and Atlanta regions. We've got eight more regions on the books and hope to include a few more. As we get closer to November, we will announce online opportunities for all regions to engage.

New Census Business Builder Tool Webinar Recording

If you missed the NARC webinar hosted by the Census Bureau on July 21st, you can still learn about Census' new suite of tools and watch their demonstration in this [recording](#).

FEATURED JOBS

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Senior Public Safety Planner

Houston-Galveston Area Council, Houston, TX

SharePoint Analyst

Houston-Galveston Area Council, Houston, TX

Quality Assurance Analyst

Houston-Galveston Area Council, Houston, TX

Natural Resources Director

Alamo Area Council of Governments, San Antonio, TX

FUNDING

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FEMA FY2016 Countering Violent Extremism Grants

Applications Due: September 6

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security FY2016 CVE Grant Program addresses the evolving landscape of international and domestic terrorism. Foreign terrorist organizations continue to encourage travel to conflict zones outside the U.S. However, they are also increasingly encouraging individuals to commit violence wherever they happen to be in the name of their cause. Additionally, domestic organizations that span the ideological spectrum are recruiting and influencing individuals to engage in violence to advance their causes. Foreign terrorist organizations and domestic terrorists are increasingly using social media and other on-line tools to recruit and inspire individuals to action. The FY 2016 CVE Grant Program supports programs, projects, and activities that prevent recruitment or radicalization to violence by interrupting those efforts, building community-level resilience to them, and identifying the early signs of radicalization to violence and providing appropriate interventions through civic organizations, law enforcement, or other entities. Community resilience in the CVE context means those communities where violent extremists routinely meet disinterest and opposition, recruitment attempts routinely fail, and communities know what tools and support are available to assist individuals that may be on a path towards violence.

EVENTS

View full list of events!

WEBCAST: Welfare Reform Turns 20: Looking Back, Going Forward

August 22, 9:00 AM - 12:45 PM ET

Welfare reform was not just one of the most important legislative achievements of its era, it continues to serve as the starting point for discussions of poverty and inequality today. This Cato Institute conference will look back at the goals of welfare reform and whether or not it has achieved them, as well as looking forward to next steps. We hope to answer such questions as the following: Did welfare reform achieve its goal of moving people from welfare to work? Did welfare reform improve economic self-sufficiency and mobility? How did welfare reform impact family structure, health, and child achievement? Did reformed welfare still provide an adequate safety net during the economic turbulence of the last decade? Is welfare reform still relevant today? How can we build on welfare reform to reduce poverty and increase opportunity? What should a safety net look like in the future? Learn about the conference and webcast [HERE](#).

Registration is open! NARC's 2016 Executive Directors Conference and Board Retreat

EDC: September 18-20 – South Bend, IN

Board Retreat: September 20-21 – South Bend, IN

Join NARC and the Michiana Area Council of Governments for the 2016 Executive Directors Conference in South Bend, Indiana. This conference brings executive directors, deputy directors, and senior staff together to network, share best practices, and explore opportunities for strengthening professional capacity and development. *Please plan to arrive on Sunday, September 18. Hotel rooms will not be available on Saturday night at our hotel or any others in the area.* More details on our website.

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