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Eastern Washington Counties: Submit Bids for WSAC Summer Convention

If your county would like to present a bid for WSAC Summer Convention 2005, please submit a letter of interest to the Association signed by your board of commissioners. The letter should be accompanied by a bid from the main convention hotel and include projected meetings and sleeping room rates. Although a bid from your county in no way obligates you to plan the convention, WSAC will call upon the host county for some assistance. WSAC staff manages the convention planning and details.

Year - Site
1990 - Tacoma
1991 - Wenatchee
1992 - Ocean Shores
1993 - Yakima
1994 - Bellevue
1995 - Kennewick
1996 - Kelso
1997 - Spokane
1998 - Tacoma
1999 - Lake Chelan
2000 - Ocean Shores
2001 - Yakima
2002 - Bellevue
2003 - Spokane
2004 - Tacoma

Room requirements are a minimum of 200 guest rooms and six meeting rooms. The Annual Convention is held in June, opening on a Tuesday and ending mid-day on Friday. The convention alternates between east and west, in accordance with Association bylaws.

Budget Woes for Cowlitz County

At their June 7 meeting, Cowlitz County Commissioners took the first step to close a \$1.2 million gap in this year's budget by eliminating eight positions, starting at the top. Two positions, Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Building and Planning have been eliminated and the Director of Health and Human Services will be left vacant. Savings from the cuts add up to \$191,938 this year. Additional positions

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cut include the planning supervisor from building and planning, an exposition center groundskeeper, the geographic information systems surveyor, the records supervisor and the auditor's administrative assistant.

The shortfall is the result of cuts in state law and justice funding, reduced interest earnings and drops in District Court and building and planning revenues. Commissioners are also concerned that county coffers could be affected by declines in timber sale revenues, increases in property tax delinquencies and tax disputes with Longview Aluminum and Weyerhaeuser Co.

In December, commissioners eliminated the equivalent of eight and one-quarter full-time positions and deferred cost-of-living raises for elected officials and nonunion staff. In the next few weeks, the board will be looking at ways to cut an additional \$1.03 million.

State Revenues Begin to Recover

State revenue collections through June 10 continued to exceed the February forecast. The \$27.9 million positive variance for the month ending June 10, brings the total variance since February 10 to \$104 million. The Office of the Forecast Council (OFC) reports that despite changes in federal estate taxation and IRS audits, death, taxes, and audits remain a winning combination for Washington State. Consumers are also doing their part, boosting sales of autos, home building and hardware sales. For some reason food, home appliance and furniture stores continue to feel the slow down. Perhaps when the new cars get parked in front of the new homes and additions, folks will buy furniture and appliances. Forecast watchers expect the state forecast update for June to remain cautious, perhaps increasing only to recognize the variance through June 10.

Sales Tax Streamlining May Head to NGA in July

The 27 states working on sales tax streamlining will meet somewhere in the West (Salt Lake City or Seattle are possibilities) on July 11 to conclude their

negotiations. If everything goes according to schedule they make take the results of their work to the National Governor's Association meeting in Boise on July 13. At its last meeting the working group decided on a method of dealing with use based exemptions (for instance a hammer used in manufacturing versus a hammer used in Uncle Harry's home shop). These "use based" exemptions for taxable items would be dealt with through certificates (refunds to buyers) or permits (licenses to buy tax exempt for certain purposes). This would tighten the administration of exemptions in this state.

The fate of this effort remains uncertain. New York is participating as an observer. California has not been a regular attendee. Some participating states have indicated that they will pull out if they have to make significant changes to their tax systems. Many industry groups will oppose the effort is it does not produce an easy path to new or continued exemptions. Nevertheless, the growth of internet and catalogue sales serves as an incentive to cooperation.

Conservation Easements - HB 2758

An information gathering meeting on the legislation passed this year on Conservation Easements will be held June 21 at the Department of Ecology Building in Lacey. The meeting begins at 10 a.m. and is scheduled to adjourn at 4 p.m.

They are looking for information and guidance on delivering the intent of the program. This would include concepts on leveraging federal money for conservation easements recently approved in the 2002 Farm Bill; assisting local governments in planning and designing an easement program and developing a clearinghouse for data.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Debbie Becker at 360-407-6211 or dbec461@ecy.wa.gov by Monday June 17.

Whatcom county requests greater control over gas pipeline

Whatcom county has asked the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to dismiss a federal application for a natural gas pipeline crossing the Georgia Straits.

FERC has jurisdiction over interstate pipelines. The application concerns transporting gas from Canada to Canada with no deliveries in Washington state. The county argues that that takes the application away from FERC authority and places control with either the county or the Energy Facilities Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC). The county or EFSEC would then make recommendations to the governor over siting proposals. FERC would retain jurisdiction over the pipeline at the international crossings, however.

The pipeline owner argues that gas would be purchased from both Canadian and U.S. sources giving FERC full authority. A county consultant, however, argues that, given the current location of gas supplies - and the amount of natural gas available - no domestic supplies will be carried through the pipe. The theoretical possibility of domestic gas supplies is not enough to give FERC jurisdiction. For further details, see: <http://news.bellinghamherald.com/stories/20020611/LocalState/103185.shtml>

Publication of Model Critical Areas Ordinance Delayed

The Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (DCTED) has decided to delay finalization of its Model Critical Areas Ordinance (Model CAO), based on concerns raised regarding the relationship between the model and state Ag-Fish-Wildlife caucus negotiations. The Growth Management Act requires local governments to designate and protect the functions of critical areas and include best available science. The Model CAO was designed to offer local governments a guide to effective regulatory and non-regulatory options for protecting critical areas, and was intended to provide consistent review of all critical areas.

CTED worked with state agencies and local planners to develop the draft, which was reviewed in several workshops around the state last month. Since the deadline for review and revision of CAOs by each county was revised during the legislative session - and due to concerns about the Model CAO length and specificity -- counties and cities had asked for more review time.

Although DCTED had initially planned to publish the Model CAO this month, it now will work with the state AFW caucus to revise its language and also provide the county caucus with an opportunity to comment.

Settlement Discussions Entered in Phase II of U.S. v. Washington

In the mid-1850s, the United States negotiated the "Stevens Treaties" with Indian Tribes inhabiting the western Washington Territory. These treaties were intended to clear native claims to the land, en route to promoting territorial settlement. In exchange for title, the Tribes reserved rights that included a fishing right. Use of fish for maintenance of culture and livelihood was pivotal to the Tribes, but by the late 1960s, the salmon supply had significantly diminished in the Northwest. The United States sued Oregon and Washington on behalf of the Tribes, to determine whether the Tribes were assured a particular quantity of fish by the treaties or whether they were only owed a shared opportunity to catch what fish were

available. In Phase I of *United States v. Washington*, Judge George Boldt interpreted the treaties as allowing both Tribes and non-Indians to take a fair share of harvestable fish. Dispute arose over what constituted a fair share. Affirming the Boldt decision, the Supreme Court held that because of Tribal reliance on the fish for their livelihood, the amount necessary to maintain that livelihood would be the maximum tribal share.

In 1976, in Phase II of the case, the Tribes claimed that the State had a treaty-based duty not to degrade fish habitat. A Ninth Circuit panel concluded that the treaties do not guarantee a moderate living from fishing alone, but that they do impose on the State and the United States an obligation to take reasonable steps to preserve and enhance fish habitat. Rehearing the case en banc, the Ninth Circuit remanded it to the district court which dismissed the complaint until "concrete facts underlying the dispute" could be presented.

On January 16, 2001, Phase II resumed, with the Tribes and the United States alleging that culverts underlying state highways and roadways that blocked fish passage significantly reduced the amount of fish available to treaty Indians. The Tribes claimed that the treaties preclude degradation that prevents them from achieving a moderate living from fishing. The State asserted that the treaties do not guarantee the Tribes any specified quantity of salmon, nor do they create an absolute right to relief from degradation. The State claimed that even if such a quantity or right is guaranteed, the State is shielded from liability by the United States' approval of the construction of the culverts in question.

The State further argued that compliance with the Endangered Species Act satisfies the treaty-based duty. In 1999, the federal government cited four species of fish that spawn in western Washington as "threatened" according to the ESA. The Act authorizes prohibition of the "take" of threatened species, and requires Secretaries of Commerce and the Interior to develop recovery plans for threatened species. These Secretaries have vowed to observe rights reserved in

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the treaties when establishing recovery plans.

Phase II of *U.S. v. Washington* calls into question whether the treaties secured a particular quantity of fish to the Tribes and whether acknowledgment of a particular quantity guarantee is relevant to the resolution of the degradation issue. If the Phase II obligation does impose a treaty-based duty on the State, what is the Federal Government's role in enforcement of that duty, or has the duty been fulfilled by enforcement of the ESA? The Tribes and the State of Washington are engaged in settlement discussions and on June 28, the State will make a presentation to counties on settlement discussions and how the terms of settlement could ultimately affect Washington counties. See related story.

County GMA/ESA Roundtable Scheduled

A Roundtable Discussion among county commissioners and councilmembers, county prosecutors and key staff is scheduled for June 28, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m in Olympia. The Roundtable is tentatively scheduled for the Washington Counties Building, but may move to a larger location if necessary.

This Roundtable has emerged out of county discussions in the Ag Fish Water process and a sense that there is a need to share information and experiences in developing critical areas ordinances and responding to growth board decisions, particularly where agriculture and CAOs may intersect. The Roundtable also will provide a venue for the State to brief counties on settlement discussions in Phase II of the *Boldt* litigation over tribal treaty rights.

Please call WSAC by June 25 to RSVP if you plan to attend this Workshop.

The Draft Agenda for the Roundtable follows:

10:00 a.m. Presentation by State of Washington on settlement discussions in *U.S. v. Washington* (Phase II, *Boldt* Litigation)

What does this mean to counties?

11:00 a.m. County roundtable presentations on the following topics:

- The proposed Model Critical Areas Ordinance

Which elements of the Model CAO are helpful and which should be deleted?

- Development and use of Best Available Science

Is any local jurisdiction creating its own BAS? What would a successful legal defense of a locally-generated BAS require?

- Regulatory and non-regulatory options for application of critical areas ordinances to agricultural land

Can counties be required to regulate agriculture through their CAO's, or could GMA be read to preclude counties from local CAO regulation?

1:00 p.m. Discussion

Should counties develop a state-wide response to the above topics?

How can counties be more collegial in their approach to the Hearings Boards and other legal challenges to CAO's?

Ron Walter appointed to WDFW Advisory panel

Chelan County Commissioner Ron Walter is one of 19 state citizens the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has appointed to a new panel that will advise the department on management of its lands.

The advisory council members were selected to represent both eastern and western Washington communities ranging from rural areas to large urban centers. The new council is one of three such citizen advisory groups to the WDFW Wildlife Program, which also seeks input from a citizen Game Management Advisory Council and a citizen Wildlife Diversity Advisory Council.

The department's lands are managed for fish and wildlife needs and a variety of recreational uses such as hunting, wildlife watching, camping, hiking, boating and other outdoor pursuits. In addition, livestock grazing, agricultural and some commercial uses occur on some of the lands.

The Lands Management Advisory Council, scheduled to meet quarterly, will convene for the first time June 22 in Mount Vernon.

PILT Full-Funding Bill Clears Senate Panel

The public lands counties' "impossible

dream" of full funding for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program became a little closer to reality on June 5 when the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee approved the PILT and Refuge Revenue Sharing Permanent Funding Act (S. 454). The bill, which would permanently fund the program at its full authorization, was ordered to be reported favorably without amendment. A staff member for committee chair and bill author Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-N.M.) indicated that the next step is to work with Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle (D-S.D.) to move the bill to the Senate floor for a vote.

Meanwhile, the House version of the bill, H.R. 1811, has been scheduled for hearing, June 27 before the Forests and Forest Health Subcommittee of the House Natural Resources Committee. Its sponsor, Representative Scott McInnis (R-Colo.) chairs the subcommittee.

In addition to the long-term effort to move S. 454/H.R.1811, the National Association of Counties (NACo) is seeking short-term relief in the form of a modest incremental increase for the program in the FY2003 Interior and related agencies appropriation measure - a total of \$235 million.

In addition, NACo President Javier Gonzales will meet with Secretary of Interior Gale Norton on PILT funding this week and NACo is scheduling a PILT Fly-In for June 26-27.

For more information, please contact Associate Legislative Director, Paul Beddoe at 202/942-4234 or pbeddoe@naco.org <mailto:pbeddoe@naco.org> .

Funding Available for Agricultural Conservation Easements

The new Farm Act established the Farmland Protection Program (FPP), for which the Natural Resources Conservation Service is making available \$50 million dollars in matching funds to any federally recognized tribe, state, or local government that has a pending offer to purchase a conservation easement (or other interest in the land for the purpose of protecting topsoil by limiting non-agricultural uses of the land) for the pur-

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pose of protecting prime soil or historical or archaeological resources.

The FPP makes it mandatory that the entity asking for funds show that there is an offer for an easement... or other topsoil-protecting interest... in the

works, and that the particular entity currently has a farmland protection program. The farmland must be of statewide or local importance and used to produce food, feed, fiber, forage, or oilseed crops.

Proposals must be received in the

NRCS State Office by July 15, 2002.

You can visit the federal register Web site to read the RFP:

<http://frwebgate6.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/waisgate.cgi?>

WAISdocID=791306476556

Courts, Law and Justice

14 Counties Receive Jail Grants

The state Department of Corrections (DOC) this week announced local recipients of state and federal jail grant funding for adding bed capacity. Fourteen counties will receive from \$50,000 to \$750,000 each.

The state funds were made available in the state 2001-03 state capital budget, which appropriated \$3.5 million to assist with local jail expansion projects, including planning. Approximately another \$1.5 million was provided through the federal Violent Offender Incarceration Truth in Sentencing (VOITIS) program. Both state grant funds and federal VOITIS funds have specific requirements for how the grants may be used. DOC will manage the contracts.

Congratulations to the following award recipients!

CRFP5643, VOITIS Grants Awarded to:

Chelan County	\$200,000
Douglas County	\$200,000
Garfield County	\$ 57,957
Grant County	\$200,000
Lewis County	\$200,000
Okanogan County	\$200,000
Pend Oreille County	\$104,506
Stevens County	\$100,000
Wenatchee, City of	\$200,000

CRFP5655, State Fund Grants Awarded to:

Columbia & Garfield Counties	\$ 50,000
Makah Tribe	\$ 50,000
Marysville, City of	\$ 50,000
Stevens County	\$ 50,000
Whatcom County	\$ 50,000
Cowlitz County	\$434,000
Grays Harbor County	\$500,000
Kittitas County	\$500,000
Lewis County	\$550,000

Pacific County	\$750,000
Snohomish County	\$500,000

DOC has mailed an award letter to each recipient. If you have questions regarding this announcement, you may contact RFP Coordinator Barbara Parry at (360) 664-0867.

COPS Program Grants Available

The U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) announced the availability of Universal Hiring Program (UHP) grants to pay up to 75 percent of the entry-level salary and benefits for newly hired, additional sworn officers over a three year grant term, up to a maximum of \$75,000 per officer (Federal Register, Apr. 4, 2002, pp. 16119-16120, http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002_register&docid=02-8115-filed).

A minimum 25 percent local match is required. To qualify for funding, officers must be hired on or after the grant award start date. Funding will begin once the new officers have been hired on or after the date of the award, and will be paid over the course of the grant. At the time of application, applicants must agree to plan for the retention of each COPS-funded UHP position awarded with state, local or other non-COPS funds at the conclusion of federal funding, for a minimum of one full local budget cycle. The retention requirement cannot be satisfied through attrition.

All policing agencies, as well as jurisdictions seeking to establish new policing agencies, are eligible to apply. The priority consideration deadline for UHP funding is May 24; the second and

final deadline date for all UHP applications is June 21. To obtain an application or for more information, call the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center at 800-421-6770 or go online to http://www.usdoj.gov/cops/gpa/grant_prog/uhp/default.htm.

Courthouse Ramblings

State Senate Sergeant-at-Arms Gene Gotovac; know for treating senators and tourists with equal kindness and respect, died of leukemia Monday night at Capital Medical Center in Olympia. Gotovac had served the Senate as Sergeant at Arms since 1999 and has been on Senate staff since 1985. Gene, a friend to WACO/WSAC, was an Aberdeen native who once owned a men's clothing store as well as the legendary Spar Café there for many years.

Gene graduated from Aberdeen High School in 1938 and attended Grays Harbor College. During World War II, Gene was a cadet in an aviation program of the U.S. Army Air Force. He made it through training to bombardier school at Victorville, California, when a scar was discovered on one of his lungs and he was discharged. He worked at various jobs in the 1940's and 50's, mostly in sales. In 1955, he bought a men's clothing store renaming it "Gotovac's". In 1961, he bought the Spar and ran it until 1984.

Gene loved sports and played baseball and basketball as a youth and more recently, was an avid golfer. He also loved clam digging and going to Mariner's games. Gene was married to the former Linda Mitchell who has been executive assistant to Lt. Gov. Brad Owen for 10 years and is retiring at the end of June.

Gene, 81, was diagnosed with acute leukemia about one month ago and entered the hospital May 24 for a week of chemotherapy. There will be a memorial service in Aberdeen, tentatively scheduled for June 22. Our heartfelt sorrow and sympathy go out to Linda and Gene's family.

Dick Armstrong, Senate Judiciary Committee Staff Coordinator/Counsel, is retiring the end of June after nearly 29 years on Senate Staff. Dick went to work in the Senate right out of law school and has analyzed thousands of pieces of proposed legislation and presented them to the Judiciary, Ways

and Means, and State and Local Government Committees. No one knows for sure how many of those are bills WACO and WSAC has brought forward over the years, but he has certainly done a great job on our behalf. He plans on biking and playing tennis. We wish Dick a long, happy, healthy retirement.

Walla Walla County Sheriff Mike Humphrey's department is sporting a new image but the acquisition of two new Sea-Doo personal watercraft is intended to bolster its marine patrol capabilities. The Sea-Doos will be used in tandem with the department's jet boat to conduct water patrols, search and rescue operations, and to educate river users on the Snake River. Even better news is the special lease agreement with a Canadian airplane and watercraft manufacturer allowing the department to lease the vehicles for only \$1.00 per year.

Upcoming Events and Training

CPO Training Opportunity

The Washington Counties Risk Pool (WCRP) has announced a training opportunity which is being offered as part of their Summer Conference. The Conference will held July 23-26 in Downtown Spokane. WCRP is an active part-

ner in the development of the Certified Public Official (CPO) program. The Workshop, entitled, "**THE LEADERSHIP MOMENT**" will be conducted on July 24. If your county is a member of WCRP the workshop is being offered at no cost. If your county is not a member

of WCRP the cost is only \$50.00. Additional course and registration information is attached. Please register directly with WCRP. Attendance at this workshop will give you "**4**" **Elective course credits** toward your CPO.

Calendar of Events

- June 15
American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators certification testing, 8:00 a.m.–noon, Room 2605, Mt. Hood Community College, Gresham, OR.
- June 16–19
Government Finance Officers' Association (GFOA) Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado
- June 17
WSALPHO Meeting in conjunction with WSAC Summer Convention, Bellevue
- June 17–20
WA State Association of County Assessors Annual Conference, Rosario Resort, Orcas Island
- June 18
WCIF Board in conjunction with WSAC Summer Conference, 4:30–6:30, Hilton Bellevue
- June 18
CPO *Financial Management: Understanding County Government Financing*, Bellevue—Cost: \$120, CPO Credits: 4 (Core Course). An additional elective course will also be offered at the Summer convention, topic TBD
- June 18–21
WSAC Summer Convention, Bellevue
- June 18–21
Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Annual Conference, Yakima
- June 19–21
Washington State Association of Prosecuting Attorneys' (WAPA) Summer Training Program, Campbell's Lodge, Chelan, Civil & Criminal Tracks, 15 hrs of CLE.
- June 22–26
National Sheriffs Association's Annual Conference, Tulsa, Oklahoma
- June 24–28
Washington State Association of County Clerks' Annual Conference, Best Western Suites, Walla Walla
- June 24–28
Washington State Association of County Treasurers' Annual Conference, Lakeway Inn, Bellingham
- July 9–12
Northwest Regional Election Conference 2002, Jantzen Beach Doubletree Hotel, Portland
- July 12–16
NACo Annual Conference, New Orleans Parish, New Orleans, LA
- July 17–19
ACHS, Clark County
- July 24
CPO *Washington Counties Risk Pool—Leadership Skills in Response to Current Issues*, Spokane—Cost: Free to Risk Pool Members, \$50 non-members, CPO Credits: 4 (Elective Course)
- June 19–21
WAPA *Summer Training Program—Campbell's Lodge, Lake Chelan. Civil & Criminal Tracks*, 15 hours of CLE.
- August 22
WCIP Board/Rate Setting Session, 9–3 pm SeaTac
- September 4–6
WAPA *Drug Training Program—Ice Inn, Leavenworth*. 15 hrs of CLE.
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WAPA *Drug Training Program—Ice Inn, Leavenworth*. 15 hrs of CLE.
- September 8–10
WAPA *Juvenile Training Program—Ice Inn, Leavenworth*. 15 hrs of CLE.
- September 10–13
City/County Planning Directors, Lake Chelan
- September 12
WSALPHO Meeting, Spokane
- September 18–20
ACHS, Leavenworth
- September 19
WCIF/WCIP Boards/Insurance Advisory Committee (All Day Meeting), SeaTac
- September 30–October 4
WACO/WSAC Annual Conference, WestCoast Hotel & Convention Center, Wenatchee
- October 1
CPO *Personnel/Human Resources—Understand the Laws; Maximize Your Personnel System*, Wenatchee—Cost: \$120, CPO Credits: 4 (Core Course)
- October 2
CPO *The Class-Act County Government Official—Building Courthouse Partnerships*, Wenatchee—Cost TBD, CPO Credits: 2 (Elective Course)
- November 14
WCIF Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m.–noon, Eastern Washington Location
- November 18–21
WASPC Annual Fall Conference, Red Lion Hotel at the Quay, Vancouver
- November 20–22
ACHS, Seattle
- December 3–4
WAPA Newly Elected Prosecutor Course—WAPA Conference Room, Olympia
- December 5
WSALPHO Meeting, SeaTac
- December 10–13
CPO *Newly Elected Officials Training—Understanding Your New Job at the Courthouse*, Olympia—Cost: TBD, CPO Credits: All newly elected officials **must** attend to become certified.
- December 12–13
WAPA Winter Meeting & Banquet Crowne Plaza Hotel, Seattle.

2003 MEETINGS

May 19–22
WASPC Spring Conference, WestCoast Grand Hotel, Spokane

June 24–27, 2003
WSAC Summer Convention, Spokane

July 11–15, 2003
NACo Annual Conference, Milwaukee County, Milwaukee, WI

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Joint WACO/WSAC Conference,
Doubletree Hotel Seattle Airport

November 17–20

WASPC Fall Conference, Campbell's
Resort, Chelan

2004 MEETINGS

May 24–27

WASPC Spring Conference, Yakima
Convention Center, Yakima

June 22–25, 2004

WSAC Summer Convention, Sheraton
Tacoma, Pierce County

July 16–20, 2004

NACo Annual Conference Maricopa
County, Phoenix, AZ

October 4–8, 2004

WACO/WSAC Joint Legislative Confer-
ence, WestCoast Grand Hotel at the
Park, Spokane

November 15–18

WASPC Fall Conference, Shilo Inn,
Ocean Shores

2005 MEETINGS

May 23–26

WASPC Spring Conference, West Coast
Wenatchee Center Hotel, Wenatchee

July 15–19, 2005

NACo Annual Conference, City &
County of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI

Employment Opportunities

Washington State Department of Ecology - Water Quality Section Manager Washington State Department of Ecology is recruiting for a Water Quality Program Section Manager in their regional office in Spokane. Typical salary range is \$60,000 to \$64,000. Position manages a multidisciplinary staff of 26 and a biennial budget of approximately \$2 million directed toward water quality protection and restoration work throughout eastern Washington. Responsible for directing professional staff in making regulatory decisions through permits and enforcement actions, delivery of educational programs, and providing quality technical assistance to business, local government, and others. An application packet can be obtained from: Department of Ecology, Julie Ruster, (360) 407-6448 (e-mail @jrus461@ecy.wa.gov) or at the Washington State Department of Personnel's website at <http://hr.dop.wa.gov/statejobs/bulletins/CURRENT/Mgmtcurrent/020604eco.htm>. Completed application packets must be postmarked or received by 5:00 p.m., June 24, 2002.

JEFFERSON COUNTY - Health and Human Services - Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist. Position is full-time, 35 hour per week, UFCW Grade 27, beginning at \$15.33 per hour. Essential Duties and Responsibilities: Coordinates and evaluates county substance abuse prevention programs. Responsible for community education in partnership with schools, parents, community groups, other agencies and county pro-

grams. Participates in interdisciplinary prevention team, reports to Community Health Director. Writes monthly program reports and plans. Prepares community based needs assessment and data. Seeks out funding sources and prevention grants. Familiar with Best Practices and community mobilization leadership.

Education /Qualifications: Bachelor's degree (BA) from four year college or university in Human Services or equivalent field; and two (2) years related experience and/or training in child /adolescent learning and development. Must possess full working knowledge of substance abuse prevention principals in a wide diversity of work situations.

Interested applicants must submit an application and letter of interest to the Board of County Commissioners Office, Jefferson County Courthouse, PO 1220, 1820 Jefferson Street, Pt. Townsend, WA 98368; or call (360) 385-9100. Applications & a complete job description are available at the County Commissioners Office. Applications must be received and postmarked by June 21, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. EOE

ADAMS COUNTY – Building, Planning and Solid Waste Manager – Department of Public Works. Adams County seeks a professional with strong leadership and team building skills to manage our Building, Planning and Solid Waste Division of the Public Works. Pay range \$37, 252 - \$56,867, including benefits. Minimum qualifications: Bachelor of Arts Degree in planning or closely related field and four

years of work experience with two years at supervisory level, or a combination of education and experience deemed equivalent. A valid Washington State Driver's license is required. For additional information and an application packet, please call (509) 659-3276 or visit our website at www.co.adams.wa.us or write to: Adams County Department of Public Works, 210 W. Alder, Ritzville, WA 99169. Position open until filled.

THURSTON COUNTY - Senior Property Control Analyst. Responsible for the analysis, collection, organization and maintenance of real property records system for the assessment and taxation process. Uses independent judgment in the interpretation of legal property descriptions, legal documents, and technical aspects of work performed. Performs updates and edits to the parcel layer in the County's Geographic Information System (GIS). Works closely with the public and several agencies to interpret and explain property records. Works under management and review of Account Management Manager for adherence to program standards, performance, and regulatory legislation. This position may be analogous to land segregation and cartography position in other counties.

Minimum Qualifications: Education: High school diploma or GED required plus courses in drafting and math. Courses in real estate law, appraisal and computers is desirable. Experience: Two years experience in work related to

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the examination and interpretation of legal property descriptions and instruments of title.

Salary range \$2569/mo. to \$3507/mo. This is a bargaining union position and is currently under negotiation for cost of living increase for 2002. Closing date: June 28, 2002. Call (360) 754-3800 for application or for further questions regarding job duties contact Marlene Pool, Account Management Manager at (360) 357-2474.

WHITMAN COUNTY - Administrative Director. Advisor to the Board of County Commissioners on all issues. Responsible for claims administration and county insurance policies. Analyze county finances on a regular basis. Provide the BOCC with timely updates regarding the budgeting process. Create, negotiate and administer county contracts and grants. Minimum qualifications: four-year college degree in business administration or closely related field that includes major studies in accounting. Three years of professional accounting or auditing experience, with two years in governmental budgeting and accounting within an administrative or supervisory capacity preferred. Experience in risk management and grant administration preferred. Starting salary: \$3397 - \$3713 per month DOQ, plus benefits. Position open until filled. Applications are available at 402 N Main St., Colfax or www.whitmancounty.org. Or call (509) 397-6205. AA/EOE

THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY, TRADE, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, is seeking to fill three key agency positions: **Deputy Director, Assistant Director of Local Government, and Budget Director.**

The **Deputy Director** provides oversight and assists the Director of CTED in directing the Office of Community Development (OCD). The Office is staffed with 237 dedicated FTE's, three divisions (Housing, Local Government and Community Services) with over 100 programs and an annual budget of more than \$1.39 billion in state and federal funds. The OCD provides grants, loans, and technical assistance to

help local governments and nonprofit agencies build the social and physical infrastructure necessary to support community economic growth and prosperity. The full position announcement can be viewed at <http://hr.dop.wa.gov/ess/positionscurrent.html>.

The **Assistant Director of Local Government**, serves as a member of the agency's management team and is responsible for leading and ensuring the coordination of six work units: Growth Management, Safe and Drug Free Communities, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, Community Development Programs, Public Works Board and Local Government Fiscal Notes. The Division is staffed with 80 employees and has a biennial-operating budget of \$272 million and manages \$345 million in the capital budget. The Assistant Director serves as the Director's representative on several task forces and standing committees. Full position announcement can be viewed at <http://hr.dop.wa.gov/ess/positionscurrent.html>.

The **Budget Director for CTED** is responsible for providing leadership in budget management for the agency. This includes providing direction to the agency for the effective, creative and flexible use of available resources to achieve the agencies missions. This position has critical influence on the decisions that are made to ensure that financial resources are managed properly and meet the Governor's and Legislative intent. This position establishes and directs the implementation of the agency's budget process including budget development, allotment preparation, fiscal monitoring and analysis, revenue monitoring and analysis, implementation of Office of Financial Management (OFM) and legislative directives and agency-wide priority setting. <http://hr.dop.wa.gov/ess/positionscurrent.html>

For more information about these positions, please contact Phyllis Gallegos at (360) 664-1952, or by email at phyllisg@dop.wa.gov.

STATE OF WASHINGTON - Local Government Investment Pool Administrator. The Office of the State Treasurer (OST) seeks a Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) Administrator. The LGIP is a state program which pools

and invests money from local governments, (e.g., counties, cities) in order to gain the benefits of economies of scale for local governments. The LGIP Administrator is part of a 5 person investment team which manages several portfolios of state and local funds totaling \$5 to 8 billion. This position is responsible for the administration of the LGIP - deposits and withdrawals, determination of daily investable balances, interest allocation, and reconciliation of bank activity. This position also serves as a representative of the OST at statewide conferences, speaking on behalf of the LGIP in a marketing, educational and public relations role. Desirable Qualifications: The strongest candidates will possess a Bachelor's degree in finance, business administration, economics or closely allied field. Candidates should have experience in public speaking, strong computer skills, organizational and analytical aptitudes and a keen customer service ethic. The hours for this position are 7 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Reliability in punctuality and attendance is essential. Competitive salary DOQ. Application Deadline June 21, 2002. For application information, visit our website at: <http://www.wa.gov/tre>, or contact Jeanne Ray, Personnel Officer, OST, PO Box 40200, Olympia, WA 98504-0200; phone (360) 902-9009; email: jeanne@tre.wa.gov. EOE - M/F/D/V

DOUGLAS COUNTY - Planning Manager & Associate Manager (Transportation & Land Services) East Wenatchee office. **Planning Manager.** Responsible for coordinating and supervising the advanced planning and permitting functions of the Land Use section of the department. Plans, organizes, manages and conducts long range comprehensive planning projects affecting land use, transportation, capital facilities, utilities and other plan elements required by the Growth Management Act. Knowledge of land use planning and regulatory concepts and practices. Experience in supervising professional and technical employees. Bachelor degree in planning/related field and five years public agency planning experience. Salary range: \$3,497/mo. to \$3,966/ mo. Placement DOQ.

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development permit processing functions of the department. Responsible for processing applications for land use permits and associated activities. Provides support for the hearing examiner process and customer service to applicants and citizens. Knowledge of land use planning and regulatory concepts and practices. Bachelor degree in planning/related field and one year experience working for a local government or private entity dealing with land use applications. Salary range: \$3,115/mo. to \$3,451/ mo. Placement DOQ.

A county application form and resume are required for applying for these

positions. Additional information, forms and complete position descriptions are available on the Internet at the employment opportunities link on our web site at www.DouglasCountyWA.net or by contacting our Human Resource Assistant at 509/884-7173. Posting for both positions closes at 5:00 PM on Friday, June 21, 2002.

WASHINGTON STATE SENATE COMMITTEE SERVICES - Fiscal Analyst to the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Senate Committee Services assists Senators in developing and evaluating policy alternatives to achieve their policy objectives. These

are full-time, non-partisan positions, exempt from civil service.

Application procedure - Interested applicants should submit: (1) a letter of interest describing specific qualifications for the position; (2) a current resume detailing experience and education; and (3) a minimum of three references with current telephone numbers.

Please send to: Stan Pynch, Director, Senate Committee Services, PO Box 40466, Olympia, Washington 98504-0466, Phone contact: Judy Rus (360) 786-7417. Applications must be received by 5:00 PM, June 21, 2002.

Warrant backlog swept clean

From the Bellingham Herald, June 3, 2002

"Where were you all arrested?" growled Kitsap County Sheriff's Chief Larry Bertholf, towering over a line of jail inmates. "In the shower," one told him. "After taking out the garbage," another said. Myron Cross, 24, told Bertholf he was pulled out of bed. He was going to meet a banker about a truck loan before his plans were derailed by a pair of handcuffs.

On almost any other morning, the inmates who were stacked up in the Kitsap County Jail yesterday would have been left alone -- even though they were wanted for misdemeanors such as driving with a suspended license or failing to complete a drunken-driving sentence. But then came "Warrant Fest," where once a month, Washington State Patrol troopers and officers from around Kitsap County track down these scofflaws, take them to jail and then straight to a judge to confront their lingering past. "We come to your house, we come to your place of business, we come to your grandma's house," said trooper Glen Tyrrell, who works in the state patrol's Bremerton district.

A large problem festering within Washington's justice system is the overwhelming number of arrest warrants that never get served. In Kitsap County, court officials say that about 5,000 warrants languish. Statewide, court administrators estimate the number is somewhere around 370,000. "This makes us look ineffective and this issue needs to be addressed," said Judge Vance Peterson, who sits on the bench in Spokane County District Court and has studied the problem.

Most jails don't have the room to take offenders wanted on misdemeanors. So even if cops catch a person on the street, they are usually set free. "It pains an officer when he confronts someone with warrants and can't take them in," said Bertholf, who runs the jail.

But authorities in Kitsap County feel their occasional sweeps are a right step toward confronting this monumental backlog. The program -- so far the state's most established -- was initially started by the state patrol in December

as a way to track down drunken drivers who skipped court obligations. It has since grown to include the nearly 30 officers who took part in yesterday's crackdown, and all misdemeanor warrants are now fair game. "It clears cases, brings people in and holds them accountable," said Kitsap County Prosecutor Russ Hauge. "It also lets people know that if someone doesn't come to court, there's a likelihood that someone will come visit them and drag them in." As "Warrant Fest" has grown, so has its notoriety around the Kitsap Peninsula.

"It's a small town and all it takes is one person to hear something," said Bernard Pierce, who was arrested by state troopers on a warrant for driving with a suspended license. Pierce was surprised when the troopers showed up at his house, just after he had finished his morning shower. He thought he had taken care of the warrant but then admitted he did not set up a fee-payment plan -- a critical oversight, as he found out. "I didn't do what I was supposed to do... and it's nobody's fault but my own for not following up," he said.

If troopers don't find their misdemeanor suspects on sweep days, that's OK. They leave a big red sign on their door that says: "We are looking for you" and "Remember -- We'll be back." The poster lists all of the person's warrants and their dollar amounts. Tyrrell said they have a way of sparking personal initiative, especially if they are posted in an apartment complex for everyone to see.

Volunteers also make calls in the days before the crackdowns reminding people they run the risk of being arrested if they don't come to court on their own. "I was going to take care of a couple more warrants, but I guess I didn't have enough time," said Cross, who was in jail yesterday. When misdemeanor offenders pass through the jail system and into the courtroom, justice during "Warrant Fest" begins to move at a breakneck pace. The defendants are scrunched into the jury box and have a public defender to represent them.

Richard Tuenge, 49, was one of the defendants who decided to plead guilty and dispose of his problems. Judge Marilyn Paja sentenced him to 10 days in jail and fined him \$1,000 for possession of stolen property, driving with a suspended license and failing to transfer

a title. He could have been hit with a year in jail.

Authorities yesterday booked 38 people into jail on misdemeanor warrants. Tyrrell said another 37 people surrendered to the court when they heard the sweep was in progress. The warrant sweep netted 28 in December. Last month, it got 42.

Some jurisdictions have dealt with their misdemeanor warrant mess by simply purging them from their system. Last December, Seattle Municipal Court purged about 20,000 warrants from its system. Bertholf scoffed at the idea, believing that a wholesale warrant dump sends the wrong message. "We're purging by arresting," he said.