#### National Association of County Engineers "The Voice of County Road Officials"



#### What is NACE?

Nonprofit, non-partisan professional association
Representing over 1,900 members since 1956.
Roads - about 1.74 million miles by counties.
Bridges - counties also own 231,000 bridges and operate 1/3 of the nation's transit systems.

#### NACE – More Than Engineers, County Road Professionals Titles:

\* County Engineer \* Highway Superintendent \* Road & Bridge Superintendent \* Parish Engineer \* Road Supervisor \* Commissioner of Public Works \* Highway Administrator \* Transportation Director \* Road Operations Manager \* Public Works Director \* Highway Commissioner \* Engineer-Manager Road Commission \* Road Master \* Road Administrator

## NACE Officers 2013-2014

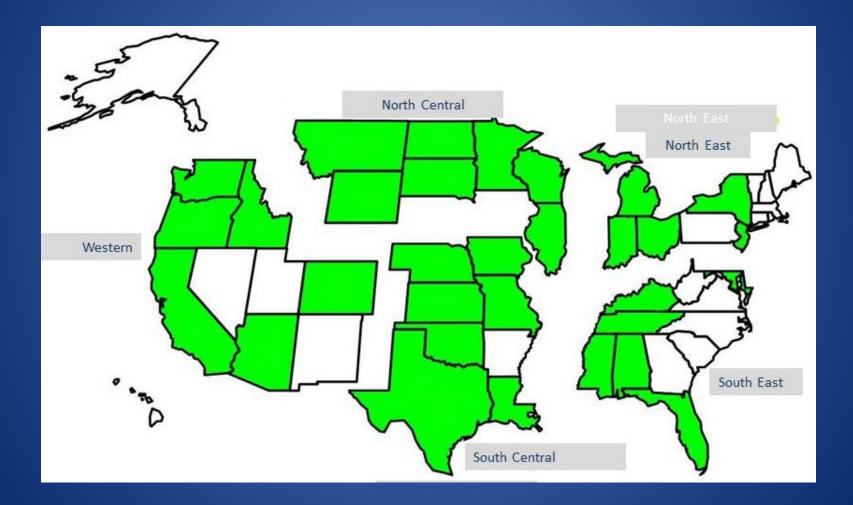


### NACE Prime Objectives:

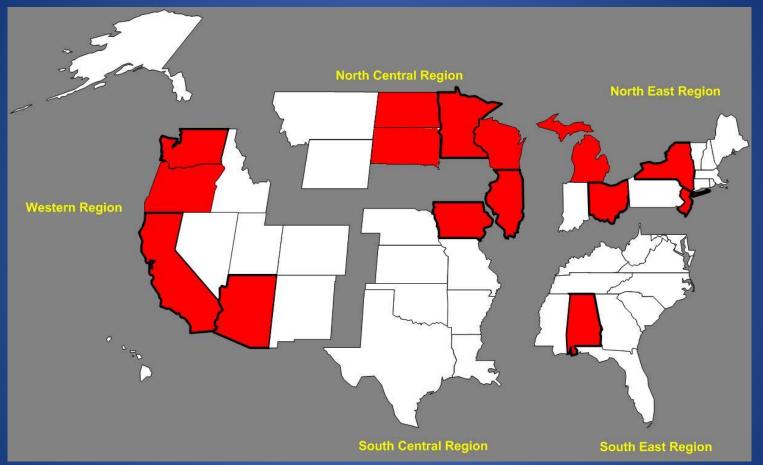
- To advance county engineering and management by providing a forum for exchange of ideas and information aimed at improving service to the public.
- To foster and stimulate the growth of individual state organizations of county engineers and county road officials.
- To improve relations and the spirit of cooperation among county engineers and other agencies.
- To monitor national legislation affecting county transportation/public works departments and through NACo, provide NACE's legislative opinions.

#### **Regions & State Affiliates**

(31 State Affiliates Shown in Green)



#### NACE 100% States



15 100% states (red):

AL, AZ, CA, IL, IA, MI, MN, ND, NJ, NY, ND, OH, OR, WA, WI

#### Networking







Meeting people you can count on and having a little fun.

#### Conferences

Delivering best practices and the latest technology at national and regional meetings.

- General sessions and technical sessions on issues important to you.
- Acquire information to optimize your county's resources.
- Exhibit show latest & greatest.

#### **Conference Scenes**



#### Advocacy

Representing county engineers and professional road managers nationally.

local roads

National Association of County Engineers

- Local Roads Matter! Campaign Launched
- Legislative Priorities NACE and NACo
- Testimony before Congress
- Visits on the Hill and Legislative Fly-ins
- Information and Alerts for individual call to action
- Works with other groups such as the Local Officials for Transportation (LOT) coalition as well as the Roadway Infrastructure Safety Coalition (RISC)

#### NACE Website



News

E-news - biweekly for the latest informaton on legislation and regulatory issues, upcoming conferences-webinars, information on new publications, resource links and more (sign-up required on website).

NACE News - monthly publication for NACE members has current issues and member information in addition to articles of interest by NACE board members and committee members (be sure NACE has your current email address).



NACE is "The Voice of County Road Officials" You can view the NACE legislative priorities and the latest on Legislative and Regulatory issues and efforts!

Visit your members of Congress and tell them "Local Roads Matter!" see tips under communication with congress.

#### Upcoming Events

It's time to register for NACE 2012 in

Lexington, Kentucky

April 1-5, 2012

Conference registration is now open!

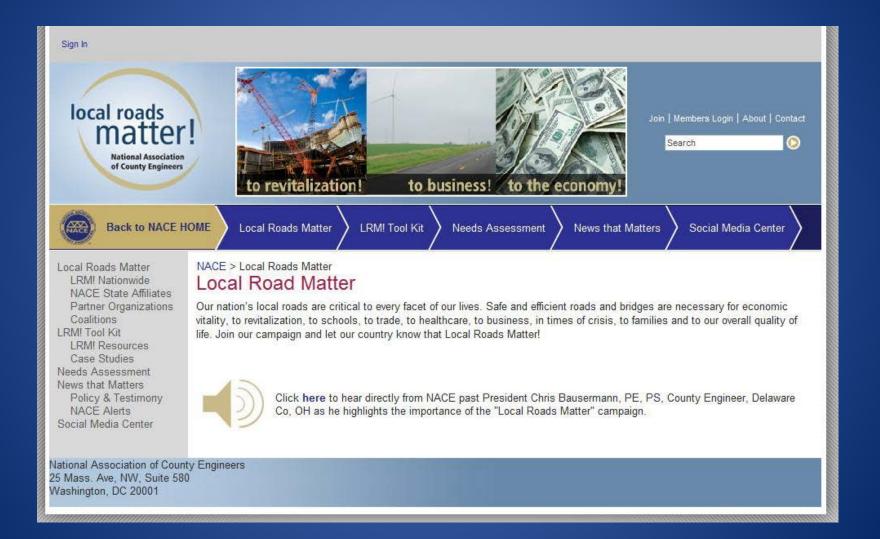
#### Member Info

See the new NACE membership video above and Join NACE to support "The Voice of County Road Officials"

NACE members include: county engineer, highway superintendent, public works director, highway commissioner, road manager, and many more titles - the goal is safe, efficient roads and bridges. See Membership.

Corporate members expand their marketing efforts by taking advantage of member benefits such as exclusive newsletter ads,

#### Local Roads Matter! website



#### NACE Officers Testify Before Congress



NACE President, George Webb, and President-elect, Sue Miller, testifying at U.S. House of Representatives Transportation & Infrastructure Committee on Bridge Deficiencies and Needs on Local Roads (Sept. 2007).

### **Legislative Priorities**

- 1. **Project Streamlining** 
  - Elimination of Federal requirements on projects \$5 million or less.
- 2. Safety
  - Retain the off-system bridge program at or above current levels.
  - Support the SAFE Bridge Act, which would allocate additional funding for structurally deficient of functionally obsolete bridges, regardless of ownership.
  - Work toward the achievement of the Towards Zero Death (TZD) initiative by supporting safety funding.
- 3. Funding Support the development of sustainable funding mechanisms to maintain the Highway Trust Fund.

#### NACE Ohio State Director Testifies Before Congress



David P. Brand P.E., P.S. County Engineer Madison County, OH testifies before the Senate Environment & Public Works Committee on S. 1876, the Clean Water Restoration Act of 2007 (April 9, 2008).

#### **Other Legislative Issues:**

- Expand funding for the Local Technical Assistance Program.
- Support for the principals in the Metropolitan Congestion Relief Act.
- Remain opposed to change the definition of the Clean Water Act from "navigable waters" to "waters of the United States."
- Remain opposed to issuance by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) of any standard on performance measurement.
- Support greater use of automated traffic law enforcement.
- Support the use of motorcycle safety programs.
- Support increased use of renewable and alternative fuels programs.

 Oppose any increases in vehicle size and weights unless set-aside funding is provided for the improvement of all roads.

#### NACE 2012 Conference NACE Leadership & FHWA Administrator Victor Mendez



#### Staying Up-to-Date

Communicating vital information, ideas, and available resources.

E-News Updates

Monthly newsletters - NACE News

NACE Website <u>www.countyengineers.org</u>

#### **Research & Information**

Supplying specific answers to specific questions.

- Research of special subject areas such as bridge standards, best practices, consultant selection, capital programming, road benchmarking, and a multitude of other subjects.
- The NACE list service provides an easy venue to ask your colleagues about how they "solved" issues you face.

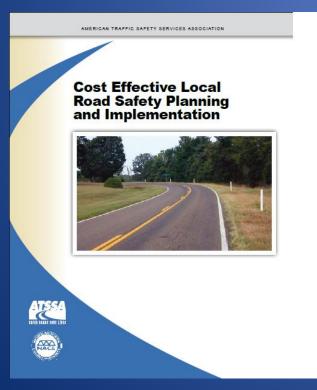
### Technical Assistance and Training

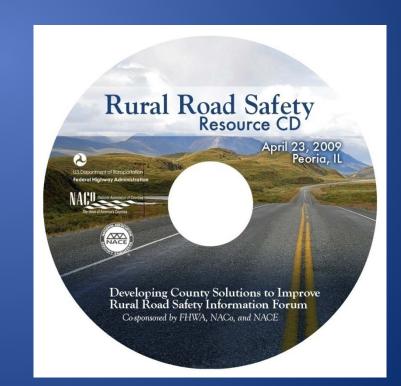
Exploring the best way to deploy technologies and information.

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- Full catalog of training publications available in print, on CD, and on the members only section of website.
- Local & Tribal Technical Assistance Program (LTAP/TTAP) centers in every state to promote expanded and state-of-theart training.
- Other Partners (AASHTO, ATSSA, FHWA, Forest Service, NCPP, NACo) and NACE Corporate members.

#### National Partnerships

## Working with others to promote better communication within the industry.





#### Professionalism









#### EDC2 - LPA Initiative

- Certification/qualification-type programs
- Indefinite-Delivery/Indefinite-Quantity (IDIQ) Consultant Contracts, and Stakeholder Committees.
- "Stakeholder Committee" comprised of FHWA, STA and LPA representatives to ensure dialogs of understanding are created, to ensure appropriate training is provided, and to review and refine project development and delivery processes.

#### How can you get involved?

- Get Active in NACE Committees, task forces, or volunteer for national committees, studies, etc.
- Sign up for NACE List service programs. Share your experience and help other colleagues.
- Stay informed on Federal & State Legislative/Regulatory Issues – Join the NACE Alert.
- Establish communications and relationships with Federal, state, and local elected officials in your State. Take the "Local Roads Matter!" message to them.
- Get Active in your State Association by volunteering for committees, task forces, etc.

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