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News & Updates: April 22, 2014

Second Round County Caucus Meetings

All OVRDC 2nd Round County Caucus meetings have been scheduled (see schedule below) and notices will be e-mailed to all members at least two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting date. Please be aware that meeting dates are subject to change for justified reasons.

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| COUNTY | MEETING LOCATION | DAY | MEETING DATE | TIME |
|----------|--|--------|--------------|------------|
| ADAMS | Commissioner's Office 110 West Main Street West Union, Ohio (937-544-3286) | Mon. | 05-19-14 | 9:00 a.m. |
| BROWN | County Commissioners Office Administrative Building Georgetown (937-378-3956) | Mon. | 05-19-14 | 1:30 p.m. |
| CLERMONT | 101 East Main Street Administration Building 3 rd Floor Conference Room Batavia (513-732-7300) | Wed. | 05-07-14 | 2:00 p.m. |
| GALLIA | Courthouse, 2 nd Floor Meeting Room 18 Locust Street Gallipolis (740-446-4612) | Thurs. | 05-15-14 | 10:00 a.m. |
| HIGHLAND | County Commissioners Office Administration Building 114 Governor Foraker Place Hillsboro (937-393-1911) | Wed. | 05-07-14 | 11:00 a.m. |
| JACKSON | County Commissioners Office County Annex Building 275 Portsmouth Street Jackson (740-286-3301) | Tues. | 05-06-14 | 1:30 p.m. |
| LAWRENCE | County Commissioners Office Courthouse, 111 S. Fourth Street Ironton (740-533-4300) | Thurs. | 05-08-14 | 11:00 a.m. |
| PIKE | Pike County Government Center Conference Room 230 Waverly Plaza Waverly (740-947-4817) | Mon. | 05-12-14 | 1:30 p.m. |
| ROSS | County Commissioners Office Courthouse, 2 N. Paint Street, Suite H Chillicothe (740-702-3085) | Mon. | 05-05-14 | 10:00 a.m. |
| SCIOTO | Department of Job & Family Services Left-side meeting room 710 Court Street Portsmouth (740-355-8313) | Thurs. | 05-08-14 | 2:00 p.m. |
| VINTON | County Commissioners Office Courthouse, 100 East Main Street McArthur (740-596-4571) | Mon. | 05-12-14 | 10:00 a.m. |

OVRDC Full Commission Banquet and Election of Officers

OVRDC'S Full Commission Meeting and Election of Officers was held in Adams County on March 21st at the Red Barn Convention Center in Winchester, Ohio with over 90 members and guests attending. Keynote Speaker for the event was Jason Wilson, Director of the Governor's Office of Appalachia.

Mr. Proud presented an Appreciation Certificate to the Adams County Commissioners for hosting the event. The award was accepted by Paul Worley, Steve Caraway and Brian Baldrige, Adams County Commissioners.



The officers elected for 2014-2015 were Bob Proud, (Clermont County Commissioner) Chairman; Shane Wilkin, (Highland County Commissioner), Vice-Chairman; and Blaine Beekman, (Pike County Commissioner) Treasurer. The slate of Executive Committee Member nominations were also approved for 2014-2015.

| OVRDC Officers & Executive Committee Member Nominations | | |
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| County | Member | OVRDC Office/Seat |
| Adams | Paul Worley | Caucus Chair |
| Adams | Debora Plymail | Member-at-Large |
| Brown | Tony Applegate | Caucus Chair |
| Brown | Harry Foxworthy | Private Sector Rep |
| Clermont | Bob Proud | OVRDC Chair/Caucus Chair |
| Clermont | Matt Van Sant | Member-at-Large |
| Fayette | Jack DeWeese | Caucus Chair |
| Fayette | Jim Gusweiler | Private Sector Rep |
| Gallia | Steve Wallis | Caucus Chair |
| Gallia | Michelle Miller | Member-at-Large |
| Highland | Shane Wilkin | OVRDC Vice-Chairman/Caucus Chair |
| Highland | Charles Stevens | Private Sector Rep |
| Jackson | Jerry Hall | Caucus Chair |
| Jackson | Rick McNelly | Private Sector Rep |
| Lawrence | Doug Cade | Caucus Chair |
| Lawrence | Rick Griffith | Private Sector Rep |
| Pike | Blaine Beekman | OVRDC Treasurer |
| Pike | Ted West | Caucus Chair |
| Pike | Shirley Bandy | Member-at-Large |
| Ross | Doug Corcoran | Caucus Chair |
| Ross | Jack Everson | City of Chillicothe |
| Ross | Tom White | Private Sector Rep |
| Ross | Mal Payne | Minority Representative |
| Scioto | Mike Crabtree | Caucus Chair |
| Scioto | Kevin Johnson | City of Portsmouth |
| Scioto | Wayne Kempf | Member-at-Large |
| Vinton | Jerry Zinn | Caucus Chair |
| Vinton | Clyde Hall | Member-at-Large |

The OVRDC 2013 Annual Report was also presented to members that evening by John Hemmings, OVRDC Executive Director. Click [here](#) to see the OVRDC 2013 Annual Report.

The Full Commission Appreciation Banquet will be held in Jackson County in September.

2013 Appalachian Impact Report Available

The Appalachian region is home to more than 25 million people covering 420 counties in 13 states from New York to Mississippi. The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) is a federal-state partnership that works with the people of Appalachia to create opportunities for economic development and improved quality of life.

Projects create thousands of new jobs, improve local water and sewer systems, increase workforce skills, and expand health care access. By creating or retaining jobs, providing access to education or training,

and increasing availability to water and sanitary sewer services, the projects administered by LDDs build the region's infrastructure for future growth.

In 2013, Ohio's Local Development Districts (LDDs) administered 48 ARC projects with \$49,104,840 in total project costs which resulted in 829 new jobs and another 2,434 jobs retained in the region. LDDs secured \$49 in Direct Project Dollars for every \$1 spent on administration.

[Click here to download the 2013 Impact Report.](#)

ARC Reimbursement Opportunity for TAACCCT Grant Competition

ARC plans to assist organizations serving the Appalachian Region in developing applications for the upcoming fourth round of the **Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT)** grant program implemented by the US Departments of Labor (DOL) and Education (ED). This grant program will provide institutions of higher education "with funds to expand and improve their ability to deliver education and career training programs that can be completed in two years or less, and that result in skills, degrees, and credentials that prepare program participants for employment in high-wage, high-skill occupations, and are suited for workers who are eligible for training under the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Workers program."

Approximately \$500 million is expected to be available for this round of funding.

This grant program is aimed at workforce development with colleges providing the primary delivery mechanism. This will be the fourth and final year of funding that was provided under the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010.

ARC Reimbursement

ARC plans to reimburse organizations up to \$5,000 each for costs incurred in developing a TAACCCT application. Reimbursable costs include expenses directly related to the development and writing of the application, including the costs of a professional grantwriter (either external or internal to the organization or organizations applying for the grants), costs for limited travel to facilitate meetings with the grantwriter and application partners, and reasonable costs for meetings of partners and grantwriters. ARC is setting aside a total of \$75,000 for this effort.

To be eligible for reimbursement of proposal development expenses, applicants must submit a Letter of Intent to participate in the program by 5:00 p.m. ET two weeks after the SGA Issue Date (TBD). Applicants must send their Letter of Intent by email to wpaine@arc.gov. The letter must include a point of contact in the applicant's organization, a list of the proposed partner organizations/applicant team members, and the area served. ARC funding is limited for this activity and may not be sufficient to fund all requests. Applicants are encouraged to submit their letters of intent and accompanying information early to guarantee consideration of their application.

ARC funding applicants will be notified of their eligibility for reimbursement within four weeks of the release of the SGA. **To receive reimbursement, applicants will be asked to provide ARC with a list of actual expenses incurred in putting together the application, and evidence that their application was successfully uploaded via Grants.gov to the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training program by the application deadline: TBD. Only the lead applicant for each application will be eligible for reimbursement.**

Applying to TAACT Grant Program

In previous years, grants were available to individual institutions (approximately \$2.5 to \$5 million each) and both single- and multi-state consortia of institutions (up to \$25 million each). While the announcement for FY 2014 has not yet been made, previous Solicitations for Grant Applications (SGAs) were released in March or April with submission deadlines in late May to early July, providing only 60-90 days to respond.

Interested institutions are encouraged to begin preparing now by reading prior year SGAs, reviewing successful applications, and contacting recipients from the first three rounds.

General information on the TAACCCT program can be found on the DOL web site at:

http://www.doleta.gov/TAACCCT/eta_default.cfm

SGAs for previous years are also available at:

- FY2011: <http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/SGA-DFA-PY-10-03.pdf>
- FY2012: http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/taaccct_sga_dfa_py_11_08.pdf
- FY2013: http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/taaccct_sga_dfa_py_12_10.pdf

Additional Information

1. Information on all three rounds of grant awards, including state-by-state summaries, project descriptions, links to full applications, and lists of grantees can be found on the DOL web site here: <http://www.doleta.gov/taaccct/grantawards.cfm>

2. To receive prompt notification of the release of the SGA, all interested applicants should go to <http://www.grants.gov> and “subscribe” to receive notifications of new opportunities as they are posted. Click on “manage subscriptions” or go directly to: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/manage-subscriptions.html>
3. DOL typically provides technical assistance in responding to SGAs. For information on DOL technical assistance and training resources, register on the Workforce3One website: <https://www.workforce3one.org/>