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TRAVEL REPORT

Conference Highlights for NACO Conference 2010
Reno, NV – July 16-21 2010
Submitted by Council Chair Todd K. Apo

I attended several workshops throughout the conference, targeting speakers or sessions that highlighted and addressed current county issues such as health reform, taxes, alternative energy, economy stimulation, and transportation. Below are brief summaries from the most relevant sessions attended:

The Future of Taxes is Now

Speaker: Mitch Bryk

Director of state and local tax at Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide, Inc.

- Taxes are as old as government itself, and they are going to be around as long as counties support public goods.
- What won't necessarily be there is the source of tax revenue as its county officials know it. Bryk and other speakers in the forum discussed how tax bases and taxing authorities are changing in the 21st century.
- Bryk specifically discussed how it's now common for online travel companies whose disparity in room prices are causing counties to miss out on a portion of their occupancy taxes. He also gave a summary of legislation in various states that could limit counties' taxing authority.

Counties Restructure in a Changing Economy

Speaker: Virginia Valentine

Clark County, NV Manager

- When revenues fall and expenses start creeping up unchecked, many counties look to consolidation to cut costs.
- Valentine and four county officials presented their approaches to how their counties have restructured in the changed economy.
- Valentine said that although little things like moving to paperless paychecks have saved her county approximately \$1 million, cutting jobs and combining job functions may be unavoidable.

- In Clackmas County, OR work weeks have been consolidated for non-emergency service employees down to four 10-hour days. The county claims \$500,000 in energy savings from not heating or cooling several buildings on Fridays and reports few complaints about having one fewer day to use county services.

New Models for Financing Energy Upgrades in County Facilities

Speaker: James Scahill

Armstrong County Commissioner

- Considering there isn't much money in county budgets right now to make energy efficiency investments, some counties are utilizing "paid from savings" methods where projects are funded with the savings they generated over the long term.
- Scahill presented how counties are learning to finance county facility upgrades for energy efficiency using a variety of financing methods – including performance contracting, power purchase agreements and lease-purchase agreements.
- Energy Service Companies (ESCO) work to help counties save money. He also talked about choosing the right ESCO and how important it is for counties.
- Armstrong County implemented their energy conservation project by upgrading lighting, water fixtures and upgraded their boiler/chiller in old county buildings. The county spent \$2 million dollars over a three-year period on the upgrades.

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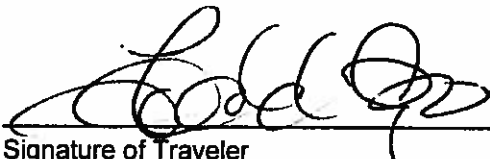
CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: August 25, 2010

Traveler: Todd Apo
 Event: 2010 NACo Annual Conference
 Location: Reno / Washoe County, NV
 Dates: From July 16, 2010 To July 20, 2010

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee	\$465.00	Online registration confirmation attached
2. Airfare	\$868.49	DR: 7/16/10 7:00 am RT: 7/21/10 9:44 pm
3. Hotel	\$675.74	
4. Meals	\$70.35	Receipts attached
5. Ground Transportation	\$332.00	Receipt attached
6. Tips		
7. Other		
Other		
Other		
8. Adjustment		
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	\$2,411.58	

This is to certify that the above data, based upon receipts submitted to Council Administrative Support Services via a CCLTRVL02 form, is accurate. Further, I am claiming reimbursement for expenses associated with a trip in which City business was conducted and personal funds were used to advance payment:



 Signature of Traveler

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 Date