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### CCI Winter Conference Registration Now Open!



  
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- TABOR Legal Challenge
- Oil & Gas Task Force

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\*\*\*If you require a printed registration form, please contact Susan at 303-861-4076.

## County HUTF Estimates for FY2015 Now Available

CCI has assembled the projected HUTF revenues by county for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. CCI prepares these estimates annually using projected HUTF revenue numbers and revised figures on lane miles, vehicle registration and bridge deck area provided by CDOT and the state treasurer's office. The estimated HUTF revenues are provided for budgeting purposes only.

The HUTF estimates can be found on the CCI website at [www.ccionline.org](http://www.ccionline.org), under the "Announcements" section of the home page. If you have any questions, please call Eric Bergman at 303.861.4076 or e-mail him at [ebergman@ccionline.org](mailto:ebergman@ccionline.org).

## Child Welfare Training Committee – Commissioner Needed

The Child Welfare Training Committee advises the Colorado Department of Human Services on improvements that can be made to Child Welfare Training. Steps are being taken to identify new modes of training delivery and ways to administer training contracts more efficiently. State funds have been appropriated for enhanced training and resources for Colorado's first responders, mandatory reporters and county child welfare workers. Curriculum development and converting the appropriate curricula into a web-based format is in an early draft stage. CDHS is partnering with the Kempe Center, county departments, mandatory reporters, first responders and the child welfare community to develop the curriculum. Additional information about the Child Welfare Training Committee can be found [here](#).

If you are interested in serving on the oversight committee, please contact Gini Pingnot ([gpingenot@ccionline.org](mailto:gpingenot@ccionline.org)). Generally speaking, the committee meets the last Thursday of each month for 5-6 hours in the Denver area.

## Community Living Advisory Group - Commissioner Needed!

The Community Living Advisory Group (Advisory Group) was created by Governor Hickenlooper through an [Executive Order](#) in July 2012. It began its work in August 2012 and has been developing recommendations for changes to the Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) delivery system.

The Advisory Group is near the end of its work to develop its recommendations, which are on track for delivery to the Governor's Office in September 2014. The Advisory Group meets monthly for three hours. After September 2014, it is very likely that the Advisory Group will continue to meet, though less often, to advise on the implementation of recommendations for the LTSS system. Background information, meeting notes, member information, and subcommittee information can be found of the [Community Living Advisory Group Web Site](#).

If you are interested in serving and would like CCI's board to consider your appointment, please contact Gini Pingnot ([gpingenot@ccionline.org](mailto:gpingenot@ccionline.org)).

## OIT to Host Broadband Meetings

The Colorado Office of Information Technology will be holding a series of quarterly meetings around the state to allow stakeholders to come together and share perspectives and experiences on local and

regional broadband efforts. These quarterly meetings will be half-day meetings that include presentations as well open roundtable discussions.

**The first quarterly meeting will be held in Walsenburg on Thursday, Sept. 18, from 12:30 – 4 p.m.** For our planning purposes, please RSVP if you plan to attend.

**In Person:**

Huerfano County Ambulance Building, 326 Main Street, Walsenburg, CO 81089

Parking is immediately south of the railroad tracks at Heritage Park.

**Virtually:**

Online: <https://zoom.us/j/743334506>

Phone: [+1 \(415\) 762-9988](tel:+14157629988) or [+1 \(646\) 568-7788](tel:+16465687788) US Toll

Meeting ID: 743 334 506

International numbers available: <https://zoom.us/zoomconference>. For more information (including meeting location), please visit <http://coloradobroadband.state.co.us/events>.

## **Legislative Audit Committee approves audit of the Limited Gaming Impact Fund**

In late August, the Legislative Audit Committee agreed to audit the Limited Gaming Impact Fund. The audit will occur over the next 9 months – 1 year. The Audit will examine whether or not awarded grants comply with statute and address the documented impacts of gaming as well as the criteria used to determine gaming impacts on communities. For a full explanation of the audit’s scope, check out the attached file entitled ‘Approved Performance Audit Limited Gaming Impact Fund’.

## **Public Listening Sessions on BLM Planning 2.0 Initiative Slated for Denver and Sacramento**

*Ongoing effort works to improve the way we plan together*

As part of its ongoing effort to improve the management of the nation’s public lands by working more efficiently with the public and partners, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will hold two public listening sessions on its Planning 2.0 initiative in Denver and Sacramento during October. Both meetings will provide an overview of the effort as well as a group discussion on methods to improve the BLM’s planning process.

The Planning 2.0 effort is aimed at creating a more dynamic and efficient way of developing the [Resource Management Plans](#) (RMPs) that provide the framework for the management of public lands. Congress has directed the BLM to develop RMPs under the principles of multiple use and sustained yield and in consultation with the public and with its partners from tribal, state, and local governments and other federal agencies. RMPs provide the basis for every action the BLM takes and serve as its primary tool for providing the public a voice in the management of public lands.

The initiative addresses the goals set forth in the [Roadmap for Success](#) and incorporates elements of the [landscape approach](#) into the BLM land use planning process to create a framework to allow more effective and efficient planning across landscapes.

Specifically, the Planning 2.0 effort seeks improvements in the agency’s ability to:

- Respond to environmental and social change in a timely manner.

- Provide for a more cooperative and collaborative planning process.
- Plan across landscapes and at multiple scales.

The Denver meeting will convene October 1, 2014, 1pm to 5pm, MDT, at the Denver Marriott West, 1717 Denver West Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401. The Denver meeting will have a livestream option for people to participate remotely. The meeting can be accessed at [www.blm.gov/live/](http://www.blm.gov/live/).

The Sacramento meeting will take place October 7, 2014, 1pm to 5pm, at the Double Tree by Hilton Sacramento, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, CA 95815.

Individuals interested in preregistration for the listening sessions or subscription to the Planning 2.0 email contact list can contact the agency through the project's website at [www.blm.gov/plan2](http://www.blm.gov/plan2). Pre-registration is optional and is intended to help us plan for meeting setup.

To learn more about the BLM Planning 2.0 initiative, visit our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page.

## **CARSE Award Nominations**

CARSE is soliciting nominations for our annual awards to be presented at the 2014 Winter CCI conference. Attached are the award categories and a brief description of each. Also included is a copy of our award nomination form. Nominations will be accepted from county elected or appointed officials and county employees and may be considered by the committee if submitted by the public. We will require all nominations to be submitted by October 20th in order to allow for consideration by our Awards Committee and to have time to have award plaques made.

Award nominations may be e-mailed to me at [dhershman@bouldercounty.org](mailto:dhershman@bouldercounty.org) or mailed to me at 5201 Saint Vrain Road, Bldg 5, Longmont, CO, 80503.

## **Join us for the EDCC's 2nd Annual Drive | Lead | Succeed Conference on October 2-3, 2014**

On behalf of the Economic Development Council of Colorado (EDCC), we cordially invite you to attend the 2nd Annual Drive | Lead | Succeed Conference held at The Westin Hotel in Westminster on October 2-3, 2014. The conference will include sessions from keynote speakers Amy Liu from the Brookings Institute, and Bob Rice and Walter Rob from Whole Foods. Sessions will also highlight panelists from the Greater Portland Export Initiative and Detroit Innovation Districts who will share their innovative approaches to regional economic development. And new to the conference this year, we are hosting 'Genius Sessions' featuring executives, entrepreneurs, and innovators in Colorado's key, advanced and lifestyle industries from across the state. We hope you can attend this exciting and engaging event!

For more information, please see the attached flyer.




Dianne E. Ray, CPA  
State Auditor

## MEMORANDUM

Date: August 11, 2014

To: Members of the Legislative Audit Committee

From: Dianne E. Ray, CPA, State Auditor 

Re: Evaluation of a request for a performance audit of the Limited Gaming Impact Fund

This memorandum is in response to a June 23, 2014, request our office received from Senator Jeanne Nicholson, Representative Dianne Primavera, and Representative KC Becker for an audit of Colorado's Limited Gaming Impact Fund (Fund), including the Department of Local Affairs' Local Government Limited Gaming Impact Program and the Department of Human Services' Gambling Addiction Program. On July 15, 2014, the Legislative Audit Committee considered the audit request, which is attached here, and authorized our office to conduct preliminary research on the feasibility of an audit.

We have completed our preliminary research and Senator Jeanne Nicholson reviewed and approved this memo. We conclude that, should the Legislative Audit Committee decide to move forward with an audit of the Fund, we could conduct a performance audit that would address the following questions:

1. To what extent do the Department of Local Affairs and the Limited Gaming Impact Advisory Committee ensure that Local Government Limited Gaming Impact Program grants comply with statute and address the documented impacts of gaming, including but not limited to gambling addiction? What criteria are used to determine the gaming impact on communities and to award grants? Is there a correlation between gaming's impact on communities and the grant funds that communities receive?
2. Does the Department of Human Services administer the Gambling Addiction Program and Gambling Addiction Account in accordance with statute? What outcomes has the Gambling Addiction Program achieved and have outcomes met legislative intent, such as reducing problem gambling and providing Colorado residents counseling when needed?



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By focusing on these issues, we would expect to provide members of the General Assembly and the public with valuable information on the use of Fund moneys and effectiveness of the Fund in addressing gaming impacts around the State.

We provide background information about the Fund in the following section.

### **Background Information**

The Department of Revenue receives all revenues generated from taxes, fines, and fees on limited gaming activities in Colorado, such as the gaming tax, gaming application and licensing fees, and fines levied for casino noncompliance with regulations. The Department of Revenue distributes 50 percent of the revenue from these taxes, fines, and fees to the State General Fund, and distributes the remaining revenue to the State Historical Society, the gaming counties of Gilpin and Teller, and the gaming cities of Cripple Creek, Black Hawk, and Central City [Section 12-47.1-701(1)(d), C.R.S.]. By statute, [Section 12-47.1-701(2)(a)(III), C.R.S.] \$5 million of the revenues that the General Fund receives is then disbursed annually to the Limited Gaming Impact Fund (Fund).

According to statute, the purpose of the Fund is to provide financial assistance to designated local governments to address documented gaming impacts stemming from limited stakes gaming, and award grants for the provision of gambling addiction counseling to Colorado residents [Sections 12-47.1-1601(1)(a) and 1602, C.R.S.]. Statute [Section 12-47.1-1601(1)(a), C.R.S.] requires the State Treasurer to allocate the Fund monies to two areas: (1) 98 percent is allocated to the Limited Gaming Impact Account which funds the Local Government Limited Gaming Impact Program, and (2) 2 percent is allocated to the Gambling Addiction Account which funds the Gambling Addiction Program. These programs are described below.

### **The Local Government Limited Gaming Impact Program**

The Local Government Limited Gaming Impact Program is a grant program administered by the Department of Local Affairs (Department) that provides local governments financial assistance to address documented gaming impacts stemming from limited stakes gaming. Statute [Section 12-47.1-1601(1)(a), C.R.S.] states that “documented gaming impacts” are the documented expenses, costs, and other impacts incurred directly as a result of limited gaming. Statute states that grant recipients must meet the following criteria:

- **Grantees must be located in an eligible county.** The only entities eligible for grants are: (1) the counties of Archuleta, Boulder, Clear Creek, Douglas, El Paso, Fremont, Gilpin, Grand, Jefferson, La Plata, Montezuma, Park, and Teller; (2) the municipalities within these counties; and (3) special districts providing emergency services within these counties [Section 12-47.1-1601(4)(b), C.R.S.]. The gaming cities of Cripple Creek, Black Hawk, and Central City receive a portion of Fund revenues, as described above, and by statute [Section 12-47.1-1601(4)(b)(II), C.R.S.], are not eligible for grants.



- **Grantees must demonstrate need.** Each grantee must demonstrate that it has been impacted by limited gaming [Sections 12-47.1-1601(1)(a) and 12-47.1-1602(3)(c), C.R.S.].

According to statute [Section 12-47.1-1602(3), C.R.S.], the Limited Gaming Impact Advisory Committee (Committee) is responsible for establishing a standard methodology and criteria for measuring gaming impacts, reviewing gaming impacts and grant applications, and making grant award recommendations to the Executive Director of the Department. The Committee is made up of the Department's Executive Director, staff of county and municipal governments and special districts, members of the General Assembly, staff from the Departments of Revenue and Public Safety, and two members appointed by the Governor. Statute states that, once the Committee has made its recommendations, the Executive Director has the authority to make final grant award funding decisions [Section 12-47.1-1601(4)(a)(I), C.R.S.].

According to the Department, during the Fiscal Year 2014 grant cycle, the Department received applications from 43 local governments requesting approximately \$7.1 million in grants from the Local Government Limited Gaming Impact Program. The Department approved 40 of the 43 applicants' projects (93 percent), in part or whole, and awarded a total of about \$4.9 million in grants. The approved projects included grants for law enforcement personnel, fire and rescue equipment, costs related to detaining individuals in jail, victim services programs, and community health centers.

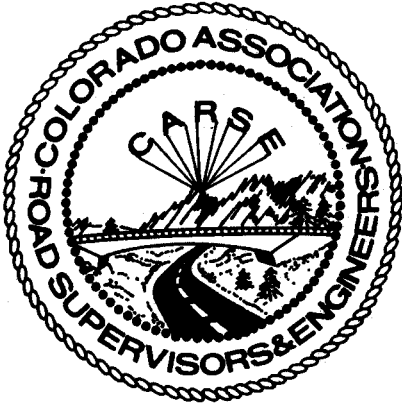
### **Gambling Addiction Program**

The Department of Human Services administers the Gambling Addiction Account which is required by statute to be used to award grants to state and local public and private entities that provide gambling addiction counseling services and to individuals actively pursuing national accreditation as gambling addiction counselors [Section 12-47.1-1601(4)(a.5)(I), C.R.S.]. According to the Department, the funds in the Gambling Addiction Account are used administer the Gambling Addiction Program. During Fiscal Years 2011 through 2013, the Department hired the University of Denver to administer the Program. In October 2013, the Department of Human Services awarded a contract to the Colorado Center for Governmental Training (Center) to administer the Program.

House Bill 08-1314 requires the Department of Human Services to submit an annual report on the Gambling Addiction Program to the legislature. The Department's most recent report stated that, during Fiscal Year 2013, about \$64,000 had been allocated to the Gambling Addiction Account, and with these funds 15 counselors received online training (up from 10 in the previous year), five of these counselors were certified as gambling addiction counselors, and 39 clients received counseling services (up from 29 the previous year). The Department's report did not include Program outcomes. Department staff stated that the report for Fiscal Year 2014 is in progress.

The Department of Human Services reported to us that during Fiscal Year 2014, it paid the Center about \$55,000 to operate this program, of which, about \$45,000 was for 12 grants to counselors participating in the program and program advertising, and the remaining \$10,000 was for the Center's administrative expenses. Department rules state that the counselors who receive grants are required to give 10 hours of pro bono counseling for gambling addiction. Department staff stated that they did not have information on Program outcomes at the time of our request.





# Colorado Association of Road Supervisors and Engineers

September 8, 2014

To: County Commissioners, Administrators/Managers and CARSE Members

From: Dan Hershman, CARSE Board of Directors

Subject: CARSE Annual Awards Nominations

CARSE is soliciting nominations for our annual awards to be presented at the 2014 Winter CCI conference. Listed below are our award categories and a brief description of each. Also included is a copy of our award nomination form. Nominations will be accepted from county elected or appointed officials and county employees and may be considered by the committee if submitted by the public.

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Award nominations may be e-mailed to me at [dhershman@bouldercounty.org](mailto:dhershman@bouldercounty.org) or mailed to me at 5201 Saint Vrain Road, Bldg 5, Longmont, CO, 80503.

- **County Engineer of the Year Award** – Awarded to a professional engineer who is a CARSE member that has demonstrated leadership, engineering expertise, community and CARSE involvement as well as other exceptional attributes. The Engineer of the Year award follows NACE nomination guidelines so the CARSE award winner can be submitted to NACE.
- **County Road Supervisor of the Year Award** – Awarded to a road supervisor who is a CARSE member that has demonstrated leadership, road and bridge expertise, community and CARSE involvement as well as other exceptional attributes. The Road Supervisor of the Year award follows NACE nomination guidelines so the CARSE award winner can be submitted to NACE.
- **CARSE Member Of The Year Award** – Awarded to a CARSE member that has demonstrated leadership, road and bridge expertise, community and CARSE involvement or other exceptional attributes. This award is not required to follow NACE nomination guidelines and is not submitted to NACE for national award consideration.
- **"Elaine Spencer Award"** Is awarded to a person in recognition of outstanding service to the CARSE organization.

Thank you in advance for your submission.

## **CARSE Award Nomination Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated For (Please Circle): Engineer, Road Supervisor, Member of the year or Elaine Spencer.

### **Nominee's County Information**

Population: \_\_\_\_\_ Highway Mileage in County System: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Bridges: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Employees Supervised: \_\_\_\_\_

Yearly Highway Budget: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit the following information which will be used as criteria by the committee in selection of the award(s) winners.**

1. Description of the major achievement(s) by the nominee in the performance of his/her County Engineering, Supervisory or other functions.
2. Professional positions held, beginning with current employment.
3. CARSE/NACE activities including number of years in CARSE/NACE, committee service and offices held.
4. Colleges and Universities attended (including degrees received).
5. Engineering areas in which licensed professionally.
6. Professional organizations of which the nominee is a member.
7. Awards received for outstanding contribution to the professional community.
8. Published articles in professional or trade magazines and formal papers prepared for presentation to professional or trade conferences.
9. Community service club awards nominee has received.

**Include a list of Local Newspapers and News Media that should be notified in the event the nominee is one of the award recipients.**

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_



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