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PAST TO PRESENT — PENNSYLVANIA'S LEGACY UNITES IN GETTYSBURG

138TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW • ADAMS COUNTY
August 4 – 7, 2024
Wyndham Gettysburg, Courtyard by Marriott Gettysburg and the R/C Gateway Theater 8

Don't Miss Out - Discounted Registration Rates Until June 30

Join us August 4-7, 2024 in Gettysburg, Adams County for the 138th Annual Conference and Trade Show.

Online registration is now open with **discounted rates until 4 p.m. on June 30.**

Room blocks are filling up fast, so book your hotel reservation before it's too late. **The deadline for room reservations is July 14.**

For more information and the latest Conference agenda click the link below:

2024 U.S. Federal Elections: The Insider Threat

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Counterintelligence, Criminal, and Cyber Divisions, in coordination with the FBI's Office of Private Sector, the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A), and the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), released a resource to help partners to defend against insider threat concerns that could materialize during the 2024 election cycle.

To learn more, visit **2024 U.S. Federal Elections: The Insider Threat**

For more information,contact **EISRMA@cisa.dhs.gov**.

Applications Open for New $20 Million Program

Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority (PBDA) Executive Director Brandon Carson announced the opening of the Digital Connectivity Technology Program application period from June 20 to August 19, 2024.

The program will distribute $20 million in laptops to libraries, municipalities, workforce training organizations, and other community institutions in areas where broadband affordability is a barrier. Applications can be submitted online via the **PBDA website.**

The PBDA will review applications starting August 20, with grant awards expected in November. Projects will commence in early 2025. Grant recipients must offer digital skills training, although participation for end users is optional.

This initiative, funded by the American Rescue Plan Capital Projects, aims to bridge the digital divide for 286,000 households, businesses, schools, and libraries in Pennsylvania lacking sufficient broadband access. Additionally, Pennsylvania will receive over $1.16 billion from the federal BEAD Program to expand broadband in underserved areas.

Further investments include $204 million from the Capital Projects Fund for Broadband Infrastructure and $45 million for community facility improvements.

These efforts support the Shapiro Administration's goal of ensuring that all Pennsylvanians have access to high-speed internet for education, business, and healthcare.

For more details, visit the **PBDA website.**

Municipal Opportunities for Retrofits and Energy

Efficiency (MORE)

The Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority is launching the MORE Program under the Energy Accelerator Program, offering grants and loans to municipal governments (counties, towns, cities, townships, authorities, and boroughs) not eligible for an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG).

We strongly encourage all eligible entities to apply and use this opportunity to boost their energy efficiency projects.

An informative webinar will be held on **Tuesday, June 25, from 9-10 a.m**. Contact Alayna Schmieder for details at **aschmeider@pa.gov**.

Local governments are encouraged to apply early. The **MORE Program** website will be regularly updated with resources and information.

CCAP Board of Directors' Retreat and Meeting

The CCAP Board of Directors held their annual retreat June 5-7, in Berks County, home to CCAP President Michael Rivera. The Board experienced a comprehensive tour of the area, visiting notable sites such as East Penn Manufacturing, Corner View Farm, and the Colebrookdale Railroad.

CCAP Technology Hosts Events for County IT Leaders

CCAP Technology Holds Fourth Annual Golf Outing

The CCAP Technology Fourth Annual golf outing on Tuesday, June 11th, 2024, was a perfect blend of competition, camaraderie, and beautiful (but cool) weather. Held at the picturesque Range End Golf Club in Dillsburg, PA, the day started early with County IT leaders and Technology Vendor Partners arriving eager to showcase their skills and enjoy a day outdoors. CCAP's vendor partners contributed prize giveaways worth over $2,000

IT Quarterly Meeting Covers Elections, AI, and More

The June IT Quarterly Meeting, held on Wednesday, June 12th, 2024, focused on innovation, collaboration, and strategic advancements. Hosted at CCAP Headquarters, the gathering brought IT leaders from counties across Pennsylvania.

The meeting kicked off with various updates from the Commonwealth including Elections from the Department of State, AI work and the OpenAI pilot program from the Pennsylvania Office of Administration, soc 2 requirements and cyber grants.

A series of Technology Vendor presentations by Sectri, GDC IT, and Accenture followed. Each addressed critical areas such as AI integration, cybersecurity, and an Emergency Services/911 Offline Dispatch System. These sessions provided valuable insights into emerging trends, best practices, and actionable strategies.

PA County Careers

Check out the **CCAP Job Center webpage**, where you'll find county government job openings statewide! You can also use this page to submit a county job posting.

For information on submitting a job posting, contact **CCAP**.