



County Officials E-News

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U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division Opinions are Back



The U.S. Department of Labor will reinstate the issuance of opinion letters, U.S. Secretary of Labor Alexander Acosta has announced. The action allows the department's Wage and Hour Division to use opinion letters as one of its methods for providing guidance to covered employers and employees.

An opinion letter is an official, written opinion by the Wage and Hour Division of how a particular law applies in specific circumstances presented by an employer, employee or other entity requesting the opinion. The letters were a division practice for more than 70 years until being stopped and replaced by general guidance in 2010.

"Reinstating opinion letters will benefit employees and employers as they provide a means by which both can develop a clearer understanding of the Fair Labor Standards Act and other statutes," said Secretary Acosta. "The U.S. Department of Labor is committed to helping employers and employees clearly understand their labor responsibilities so employers can concentrate on doing what they do best: growing their businesses and creating jobs."

The division has established a [webpage](#) where the public can see if existing agency guidance already addresses their questions or submit a request for an opinion letter. The webpage explains what to include in the request, where to submit the request, and where to review existing guidance. The division will exercise discretion in determining which requests for opinion letters will be responded to, and the appropriate form of guidance to be issued.

For more information, visit the DOL Wage and Hour Division's website at
<https://www.dol.gov/whd/>.

Have questions about personnel matters? Give your County Government Consultant a call! We are here to help.

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Training Opportunities

All classes are 8:30am-12:30pm local time.

Risk Management

August 1—Johnson City | Carnegie Hotel

August 2—Knoxville | UT Conference Center

August 8—Jackson | Jackson Energy Authority

August 9—Murfreesboro | Embassy Suites

ACM Annual Conference

August 9-11—Murfreesboro | Embassy Suites



Register Today!

Online:

<http://www.ctas.tennessee.edu>

By Email:

ctas.training@tennessee.edu

By Phone:

615-532-3555

(Ask for Training)

Participant Cancellation Policy

Please cancel 3 days prior to a class if you cannot attend. Expenses are incurred for our classes based on the number of registrations that we have in each class.

Class Cancellation Policy

Each class requires a minimum of 15 participants for the class to be held. Classes with less than 15 participants enrolled will be cancelled.

Department of Health and Human Services Grant Opportunity: Rural Health Opioid Program

The Department of Health and Human Services has a grant opportunity available – the Rural Health Opioid Program. This grant has been designed to promote rural health care services outreach by expanding the delivery of opioid-related health care services to rural communities.

Eligibility to apply: To be eligible to receive a grant under Section 330A of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c), an entity must be a rural public or rural non-profit private entity; represent a consortium composed of members; must include 3 or more health care providers; members may be nonprofit or for-profit entities; not have previously received a grant under this subsection for the same or a similar project, unless the entity is proposing to expand the scope of the project or the area that will be served through the project. Any state, public, or private entity may apply for this funding opportunity, assuming they meet the RHOP requirements. This includes faith-based and community-based organizations as well as federally recognized tribes and tribal organizations.

For more information or to apply, please visit <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=284888>.

Application Closing Date: July 21, 2017 (Friday)





ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY MAYORS

ACM Strategic Leadership Conference

August 9-11, 2017

Embassy Suites—Murfreesboro

Conference Agenda

County Spotlight

Johnson County

In the 1940s, the town of Butler in Jefferson County was flooded by the Tennessee Valley Authority when the Watauga Lake was created. The entire town was eventually moved to a location on State Route 67. At the time, Butler had a population of about 600 people and included more than 125 homes and 50 businesses. The relocation project required construction of nearly 55 miles of roads



The former main street of Butler prior to the flooding.

and highways, three bridges, and over 60 miles of utility lines, as well as relocation of over 1,200 graves.



County Seat: Mountain City
2010 Census Population: 18,244
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CTAS is transitioning from our current learning management system, Solution Point, to a new system - **k@te** (Knowledge and Training Excellence).

k@te will replace Solution Point as the new online interface for the County Officials Certificate Training Program beginning August 1.

What does this mean to you the customer?

- ⇒ Your transcript and/or current enrollments will transfer to **k@te**.
- ⇒ Your user ID will transfer as well, and you will create a new password when you sign in the first time.
- ⇒ Any courses not finished by June 30 will have to be started over on August 1.
- ⇒ New enrollments to online courses will be on hold from June 30–August 1.
- ⇒ New enrollments in instructor-led courses will also be on hold June 30–August 1.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation during this transition. **k@te** will provide a much better customer experience. CTAS Training is very excited about this new opportunity to serve you better!



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