

COUNTY OFFICIALS E-NEWS

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Welcome Dr. Byrd

The County Technical Assistance Service welcomes Dr. Herb Byrd III as the Interim Vice President of the Institute for Public Service (IPS). Dr. Byrd assumed this position in September 2014.

Prior to stepping into the Interim Vice President role at IPS, Dr. Byrd was the chief human resources officer for the Institute of Agriculture at The University of Tennessee. He previously held various jobs within the county director for Adult Agriculture and Resource Development in McMinn County. Many of you may have met Dr. Byrd at the TCSA or COAT annual fall conferences this year.



Marty Spears, CTAS Interim Assistant Executive Director, Dr. Herb Byrd III, IPS Interim Vice President, and Robin Roberts, CTAS Executive Director

Customer service is a big part of Dr. Byrd's modus operandi — ensuring both internal and external customers receive the highest quality of service is a key goal. Keeping our customers' needs at the forefront, Dr. Byrd believes, should drive our business model. He also believes the connection an agency like CTAS has with its customers is critical.

Dr. Byrd has a bachelor's degree in animal science, a master's degree in reproductive physiology, and a doctorate degree in educational leadership, all from The University of Tennessee. He has been married to his wife Resa for over 33 years. They have three children and five grandchildren. Dr. Byrd enjoys woodworking and fly fishing in his free time.

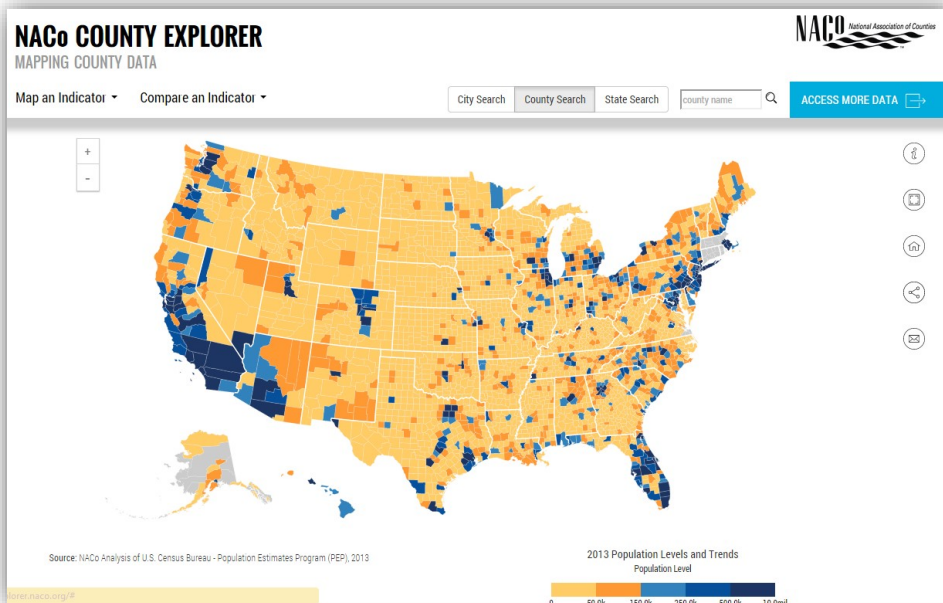
You can read more about Dr. Byrd in the upcoming November-December issue of Tennessee County News from TCSA.

NACo County Explorer – Mapping County Data

This past summer, the National Association of Counties (NACo) unveiled its latest map interactive tool, the County Explorer available at www.naco.org/countyexplorer. It is a one-stop-shop for county data and profiles for each and every of the 3,069 U.S. counties, while incorporating city-county searches and other queries. This is an upgraded version of the previous NACo database County Intelligence Connections (CIC), with the



addition of familiar “Find a county” searches available on the NACo website.



What the user can find on NACo’s County Explorer?

The map is available for free to NACo members and other users interested in county information. It is easy to access either going through the regular NACo website at www.naco.org/countyexplorer or going directly to

explorer.naco.org. The interactive allows the users to map county data from more than 70 datasets and 500 county indicators for the latest year available. The indicators range from county finance and demographics to the number of bridges and roads in a county.

Reminder:

CTAS offices will be closed from Monday, December 22 through Friday, December 26, and Thursday, January 1, 2015.

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!





Upcoming Events & CTAS Training Opportunities

TITLE	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Managing Your Office Efficiently	January 6, 2015	8:30am-12:30pm local time	Johnson City
Managing Your Office Efficiently	January 7, 2015	8:30am-12:30pm local time	Knoxville
Managing Your Office Efficiently	January 13, 2015	8:30am-12:30pm local time	Jackson
Managing Your Office Efficiently	January 15, 2015	8:30am-12:30pm local time	Franklin
Incident Management	January 13, 2015	8:30am-12:30pm local time	Murfreesboro
Incident Management	January 21, 2015	8:30am-12:30pm local time	Johnson City
Incident Management	January 22, 2015	8:30am-12:30pm local time	Knoxville
Incident Management	January 27, 2015	8:30am-12:30pm local time	Jackson

The 109th Tennessee General Assembly will convene
at noon on January 13, 2015.

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