A MESSAGE FROM NASC’S PRESIDENT

BY DAVID A. VON MOLL, PRESIDENT OF NASC, 2014-15

The 2015 NASC Annual Conference will be held this March 11-13 in Richmond, Virginia. I’m honored to host the conference at the Omni Hotel, located in downtown Richmond just two blocks from the newly-renovated Virginia State Capitol – home to the oldest continuously serving legislative body in the Western Hemisphere, originally built in 1788 and restored in 2007 with an underground visitor’s center. I look forward to joining you on a tour of this beautiful building. You will also enjoy the restaurants and nightlife in the Shockoe Slip just across the street from the Omni. If you are able to extend your stay, many historical sites from the Colonial, Revolutionary War and Civil War eras are available for exploring in nearby Williamsburg and Petersburg. Of course, Washington D.C. is just two hours away as well.

The conference committee, chaired by John Reidhead, director of Utah’s Division of Finance, has been working hard to ensure our technical agenda covers timely and interesting topics. I want to thank John for his leadership and the entire committee for taking time out of their busy schedules to put together a conference program that is sure to provide a wide range of valuable information and engaging speakers.

We’re fortunate to have David Mader and Gil Tran from the U.S. Office of Management and Budget present an update on important activities at OMB affecting states and participate in the Federal-State Issues Roundtable – get your questions ready! We also look forward to an update on the state fiscal outlook from the always engaging Scott Pattison from the National Association of State Budget Officers. Dave Vaudt, Jan Sylvis and Dave Bean will also present on the Governmental Accounting Standards Board’s busy agenda, including timely information on pension standard implementation issues, which will be of interest to everyone. These are just a few of the many speakers and topics planned for the conference.

Keep in mind that last March the NASACT Executive Committee increased its travel assistance program to provide up to $1,000 in travel assistance for state comptrollers (or their designees) to attend the conference. Please take advantage of this tremendous benefit to your NASACT membership. I hope this assistance, along with the fantastic program and valuable opportunities to network with your fellow comptrollers, will result in record attendance at this year’s conference.

I want to take this opportunity to thank my fellow members of the NASC Executive Committee:

• John Reidhead, Utah, Vice President
• Anna Maria Kiehl, Pennsylvania, Secretary/Treasurer

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VON MOLL TO HOST STATE COMPTROLLERS IN VIRGINIA THIS MARCH

David A. Von Moll was elected president of NASC in March at the 2014 annual conference. He will host NASC’s conference this March in Richmond. Von Moll was appointed state comptroller of Virginia in November 2001. He holds a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Old Dominion University and a master’s degree in business administration from Virginia Commonwealth University. He is a certified public accountant, a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and is a certified government financial manager.
• Kim Wallin, Nevada, who was immediate past president until January, and Richard Eckstrom, South Carolina, who will fill the seat of immediate past president until March
• Cynthia Cloud, Wyoming
• Diane Langham, Mississippi
• Alan Skelton, Georgia
• Thomas L. White, Jr., Alabama

Our association could not function without the strong support of NASACT’s tremendous staff, led by Kinney Poynter, executive director; Cornelia Chebinou, Washington director; Donna Maloy, conference manager; Lori Slagle, finance manager; Glenda Johnson, communications manager; and Kim O’Ryan, NASC association director. I’d like to single out Kim O’Ryan for special recognition and my personal thanks, not only for her support of NASC but for the support she has given me during my entire term as president. It is safe to say I could not have done it without her. NASC benefits greatly from her experience and diligent efforts.

It’s been a busy year for NASC. Our Committee on Accounting and Financial Reporting, chaired by Alan Skelton, Georgia’s state accounting officer, has participated in responses to several due process documents from the GASB:

• An exposure draft on The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments
• An ED on Implementation Guide No. 20XX-1
• An ED on Tax Abatement Disclosures

Preliminary views documents on Financial Reporting for Fiduciary Responsibilities and Leases are currently out for input from members. I encourage you to participate (or have one of your staff participate) in NASC’s responses to GASB. NASC’s collective voice is one of our best tools to ensure that states’ views are represented and carefully considered in the process.

In addition to chairing our technical response committee, Alan also testified on behalf of all NASACT members in August on GASB’s pension standards and will be testifying again in April to share our views on Leases and Financial Reporting for Fiduciary Responsibilities. I want to personally thank Alan for his leadership of this important NASC committee and for his time, expertise and dedication to ensure that we have a strong voice in the standards setting due process.

Our information sharing groups have also been active this year. The Payroll and the Travel and P-Card groups have been operating for years.

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and continue to help staff in our offices share information and gain efficiencies for our states. Both of these groups have expanded calls coming up in May. Additionally, NASC has a new information sharing group on Electronic Payments which is examining payment methodologies, vendor setup and security issues. All of these groups are open to state comptrollers and their staff members. I also want to acknowledge and thank the chairs of our information sharing groups:

- **Payroll Co-Chairs:** Vicki Smith from Texas and Steve Nielson from Washington
- **Travel and P-Card Co-Chairs:** Michelle Oliver from Florida and Patti Everill from Idaho
- **Electronic Payments Chair:** Lynne Bajema, state comptroller of Oklahoma

NASC’s Middle Management Conference Committee has been busy planning an informative conference for our management-level staff. The 2015 Middle Management Conference will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina, on April 14-16. The planning committee is also chaired by Lynne Bajema from Oklahoma – Lynne, thanks to you and the committee for your efforts.

Each year we say goodbye to some old friends and welcome new faces to our ranks. We were all saddened in December to learn of the sudden passing of fellow comptroller Judy Baar Topinka in Illinois. We send our condolences to her family and colleagues in Illinois. Since the NASC conference in 2014, 11 new comptrollers have joined us. I’m pleased to welcome our newest members:

- **Arkansas:** Larry Walther (replacing Richard Weiss, retired)
- **Arkansas:** Andrea Lea (replacing Charlie Daniels, retired)
- **California:** Betty Yee (replacing John Chiang, term limited)
- **D.C.:** Bill Slack (replacing Bert Molina)
- **Hawaii:** Douglas Murdock (replacing Dean Seki)
- **Illinois:** Leslie Munger (replacing Judy Baar Topinka, deceased)
- **Minnesota:** Myron Frans (replacing James Schowalter)
- **Nevada:** Ron Knecht (replacing Kim Wallin, term limited)
- **North Carolina:** Linda Combs (replacing David McCoy)
- **Tennessee:** Mike Corricelli (replacing Jan Sylvis, retired)
- **Texas:** Glenn Hegar (replacing Susan Combs, retired)

As you can see, NASC’s Outreach Committee, chaired by Cynthia Cloud, state auditor in Wyoming, has been quite busy this year. I want to thank Cynthia and her committee for their efforts to welcome and orient these new members to the benefits of participating in NASC.

Please take the time to welcome new members and to thank the leaders of all of NASC’s committees and information sharing groups. An association is only as strong as its members. With talented and conscientious members like the ones I’ve mentioned in this article and the many others who’ve participated in NASC’s activities this year, our association is well situated to continue serving as a valuable resource for our members and the entire government financial management profession.

It is hard to believe that the year has gone by so quickly, but my term is nearing an end. It’s been my honor and privilege to serve as your NASC president. I wish everyone a belated Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all at the conference next month in Richmond, Virginia.

Safe travels to all.

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**ABOUT THE VIRGINIA STATE CAPITOL**

The Virginia Capitol is the “Front Door of the Commonwealth,” a living monument to democracy and liberty. In 2004, the General Assembly appropriated $104.5 million to restore, renovate and improve the aging state of the capitol’s infrastructure; to add a 27,000 square-foot underground extension to provide much-needed reception, meeting, media, and multi-purpose spaces for legislators and guests; and repair the grounds in accordance with the Capitol Square Landscape Master Plan.

**NASC members will have time to take an optional tour of the state capitol building on Thursday, March 12.**
NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

BILL BANNING STATE AND LOCAL BAILOUTS REINTRODUCED

Sen. David Vitter (R-LA) has reintroduced a piece of legislation (S. 94) that would ban the federal government from providing assistance to any state or local government that has filed for bankruptcy, has defaulted, is “at risk of defaulting” or is “likely to default.” Assistance would include loans, loan guarantees, lines of credit and grants. Sen. Vitter floated a similar piece of legislation in 2013, however the proposal gained little traction.

State and local organizations were critical of the legislation in the past, as it prohibits any federal assistance to a state or local government that is in default or “at risk of default” even though there is no indication of how the risk would be measured. Additionally, the legislation would expand the role of the federal government by imposing federal auditing requirements and new assessments of current and future financial stability. A copy of the legislation can be accessed at http://tinyurl.com/lrkn7um.

NASACT PARTICIPATES IN OMB REGULATORY ROUNDTABLE

Former NASACT President and Massachusetts Comptroller Marty Benison represented NASACT recently at a regulatory roundtable sponsored by Sean Donovan, director of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, and Howard Shelanski, administrator of OMB’s Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs. The purpose of the roundtable was to solicit feedback and ideas on the Obama Administration’s efforts relating to smarter regulation, with a specific focus on improving retrospective review.

NASACT, the National Governors Association, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the National Association of Counties, the National Leagues of Cities and other state and local public interest groups were in attendance.

NGA provided examples of several specific regulations that could benefit from burden relief and also provided several overarching principles to guide federal regulatory action including:

- Federal action should be limited to problems that are truly national in scope.
- Federal action should be sensitive to each state’s ability to bring a unique blend of resources and approaches to common problems.
- Unless the national interest is at risk, federal action should not preempt additional state action.

Representing the state finance officers’ perspectives, Comptroller Benison noted that there is no real avenue for appeal when federal agency implementing guidance is in conflict with the OMB Super Circular.

Benison also referenced the Recovery Act as an example of ongoing dialog between the federal government and state and local governments that resulted in a successful outcome.

Finally, he noted that overly onerous regulations often result in an adversarial relationship between federal and state governments when the interests should be aligned. For example, the improper payments regulations should recognize an expected level of improper payments and incentivize those entities that do better than the norm and penalize those who do worse.

Regulatory reform and burden reduction is a top priority of the President over the next two years, and action from the Administration in this area is expected.

2015 STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL FACTS ARE RELEASED

NASACT and other state and local organizations have updated an annual fact sheet on the fiscal condition of state and local governments. State and Local Fiscal Facts: 2015 includes information and statistics on municipal bankruptcy, municipal bonds and public pensions. The document is a handy tool for correcting misconceptions and misplaced calls for federal intervention and can be used in congressional meetings, to educate state and local leaders and for interactions with the media.

The fact sheet can be found at www.nasact.org.
ASSOCIATION NOTES

REGISTER NOW FOR MIDDLE MANAGEMENT 2015!

The 2015 NASACT Middle Management Conference will be held April 14-16, 2015, at the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel in Raleigh, North Carolina. The conference provides an excellent opportunity for continuing professional education and networking for mid-management level staff in NASACT member offices.

**CPE and Technical Agenda:** The conference will offer up to 20 credits of continuing professional education. Topics on the agenda will include:
- Grooming Managers Into Leaders
- Standards Updates
- Generational Differences in Government
- Business Communications
- Big Data Analytics
- Emotional Intelligence
- The Change Cycle

**Conference Hotel:** The Sheraton Raleigh Hotel is located 15 miles from Raleigh-Durham International Airport. A special negotiated rate of $119/night has been offered for the NASACT Middle Management Conference. To reserve your room, call (919) 834-9900 and ask for the NASACT Middle Management Conference rate. *This rate will be offered until the cut-off date of March 14, 2015.* After this date, rooms will be offered on a rate and space available basis only.

**Cost:** Fees to attend the conference are:
- NASACT Member or Member Staff: $425
- Other Government Agency Personnel: $425
- Non-Government Personnel: $525

**Registration:** Registration is now open at www.nasact.org—register today! Questions about the conference may be directed to (859) 276-1147.

CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE
AUGUST 22-26, 2015
CHICAGO MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN
WE’LL SEE YOU IN CHICAGO!
WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON AT WWW.NASACT.ORG
ASSOCIATION NOTES

NASACT HALL OF FAME DEADLINE APPROACHES: FEBRUARY 27

If you would like to nominate someone for the inaugural class of the NASACT Hall of Fame, you have limited time! The deadline to nominate is quickly approaching: Friday, February 27, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern time.

The NASACT Hall of Fame was created to recognize an elite group of individuals who over their professional careers have made major and enduring impacts on state government financial management. Hall of Fame inductees will not be selected based upon a single achievement, but rather to recognize careers filled with significant achievements and contributions and to recognize those who have reached the highest levels of performance in the profession. Additionally, recipients will embody characteristics including outstanding vision, inspiring leadership, and unwavering commitment to the highest professional and ethical standards and practices.

CRITERIA

The following criteria will be used to evaluate candidates for the NASACT Hall of Fame:

- Contributions that promote or enhance government accountability, efficiency or effectiveness.
- Contributions primarily focused on improving state government (contributions to federal or local government would be supplemental criteria to the selection process).
- Contributions making a major impact upon the lives of citizens or upon those employed by state governments.
- Other professional/peer recognition of excellence and achievement.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations should be submitted electronically in PDF format via email by Friday, February 27, 5:00 p.m. Eastern time to Kinney Poynter, executive director, kpoynter@nasact.org.

To download the complete program guidelines and the entry form, visit www.nasact.org/nasact_awards.

WHAT WILL INDUCTEES RECEIVE?

Inductees will be announced and honored at the 2015 NASACT annual conference in August, and a press release will be issued by the association. Inductees will also be recognized in a physical space to be created at NASACT’s headquarters office in Lexington, Kentucky, to memorialize the contributions of this elite group of individuals. NASACT will pay expenses for Hall of Fame inductees to attend the annual conference.

QUESTIONS?

Questions may be directed to Glenda Johnson at gjohnson@nasact.org or (859) 276-1147.

SURVEY CENTRAL: SHARE YOUR INPUT NASACT MEMBERS!

Annual Conference Topics Survey

NASACT’s Training and Professional Development Committee is currently conducting a survey to find out what topics members wish to see on the program for the 2015 NASACT Annual Conference. The committee is chaired by NASACT President and Illinois Auditor General William G. Holland.

The 2015 conference will be NASACT’s 100th anniversary, so please participate in the survey to ensure topics of interest to you are covered on the program.

NASACT members: if you did not receive the survey email and wish to provide input on the program for the conference, please contact Anna Peniston at apeniston@nasact.org or (859) 276-1147.

Washington Issues Survey

The 2015 Washington issues survey will be sent out on Wednesday, March 4. Responses to the survey are an invaluable asset to NASACT’s Washington office, as they help guide efforts for the upcoming year and ensure that the association is addressing the federal/state issues of highest concern to members.

The survey will run through Friday, March 13. Survey responses will not be shared with any outside parties. Questions about the Washington issues survey may be directed to Neal Hutchko, policy analyst, at nhutchko@nasact.org or (202) 624-5451.
To inform the strategic planning process, NASACT conducts a yearly membership satisfaction survey. The 2015 survey was conducted in January:
- 81 members responded (43 audit offices, 31 comptroller offices and six treasurer offices).
- Responses were submitted by 43 state principals and 37 deputy-level staff.
- The responses were quite positive, with 97.5 percent of respondents indicating overall satisfaction with membership in NASACT.

Responses to the survey were reviewed by the Strategic Planning Committee during a conference call meeting on Thursday, February 19. They will also be reviewed and discussed by the Executive Committee at its next meeting on Tuesday, March 10.

Questions about NASACT’s membership satisfaction survey or strategic planning process may be directed to Glenda Johnson at gjohnson@nasact.org or (859) 276-1147.

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VISUALIZING FRAUD PATTERNS
Thursday, March 26
2:00 - 3:50 p.m. Eastern

Fraudulent activities account for billions of dollars lost in the insurance, banking, health care, retail, transportation, manufacturing and communications industries each year. Likewise, fraud riddles our federal, state and local governments; virtually every industry is vulnerable to fraud. Fraud is dynamic and constantly adapting itself to take advantage of vulnerabilities and flaws within the oversight and control systems that are established to minimize its presence. Often, there is no clear-cut right or wrong answer, rather, an irregularity in the data, a variance in the values, or an inconsistency in the expected results that standout as unusual. Flexibility remains a critical aspect for quickly responding to changing fraud patterns; thus, it is vital to use methods and techniques to expose new patterns of fraud without having to re-program, re-train or re-invent the underlying systems.

This webinar reviews a number of real-world fraud patterns and presents their common traits through the use of visualization diagrams. See how many of these patterns are found through common sense (verses complex algorithms) and learn about how new methods, derived content, and external data help expose new fraud patterns.

Webinar topics will include:
- Methods for exposing generalized fraud patterns.
- Reviewing repeated claims and multiple filings.
- Use of meta-data content for adding analytical value.
- Performing consistency checks on the data.
- Integrating multiple sources of disparate data.
- Using visualization techniques for showing fraud patterns.
- Performing look-backs on the data to see the big picture.

Christopher Westphal, vice president of analytic solutions, Raytheon Company, will be the featured speaker for this webinar.

Cost: $299 for groups (unlimited attendance) and $50 for individuals. For this event, those who do not need CPE for the event may participate for free.

- Use promo code INDWEB to receive the discounted individual rate of $50.
- Use promo code NOCPE to participate at no cost (no CPE credit will be issued to those using promo code NOCPE).

CPE: 2 credits will be available.

MORE INFORMATION
Questions about NASACT’s webinars may be directed to Anna Peniston (apeniston@nasact.org) or Pat Hackney (phackney@nasact.org). Anna and Pat may also be reached at (859) 276-1147. Registration is available now at www.nasact.org.

NSAA ACCEPTS EXCELLENCE IN ACCOUNTABILITY AWARD SUBMISSIONS

The National State Auditors Association’s Excellence in Accountability Awards Committee is now accepting submissions for the 2015 Excellence in Accountability Awards. Awards will be given in four categories:
1. Performance audits–large (2,500+ audit hours)
2. Performance audits–small (under 2,500 audit hours)
3. Forensic reports
4. Special projects

Submissions are due by 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on Friday, February 27, 2015. Award winners will be recognized at the NSAA annual conference in June in Little Rock, Arkansas.

For complete information about submitting an entry, visit www.nasact.org/nsaa_awards. Questions may be directed to Sherri Rowland at srowland@nasact.org or (859) 276-1147.
MARTIN ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT, FLORIDA SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR AUDITOR GENERAL

David W. Martin, auditor general of Florida, has announced that he will be retiring on June 30, 2015. Martin was appointed auditor general of Florida in 2007. He is a certified public accountant and a certified government financial manager. He has served over 25 years at the Florida Office of the Auditor General. Martin currently serves on the NASACT Executive Committee and is president-elect of the National State Auditors Association.

The Joint Legislative Auditing Committee of the Florida Legislature is seeking candidates for the position of auditor general. The successful candidate will be appointed by a majority vote of the committee, subject to confirmation by both houses of the Legislature. The person appointed to the position must have been certified under the Public Accountancy Law in Florida for a period of at least ten years and must have at least ten years’ experience in an accounting or auditing related field.

The auditor general is responsible for a budget in excess of $35 million and a staff of approximately 350. The position is based in Tallahassee and the appointment is expected to begin on July 1, 2015. A complete description and required applications are available at www.leg.state.fl.us (select Legislative Employment, if necessary).

The application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2015.

PERSONNEL CHANGES AT NASACT

Anna Peniston, Professional Education Coordinator

NASACT is pleased to announce its newest employee, Anna Peniston, who will serve as professional education coordinator. She will coordinate NASACT’s continuing professional education certification and credit process, logistics for webinars, and various aspects of NASACT’s conference and training opportunities. She will also manage the Training Seminars Program. Anna has a B.B.A. in computer information systems from Morehead State University.

Adrian (AJ) Puryear, IT/Web Manager

NASACT says goodbye to AJ Puryear, IT and web manager. AJ has been with NASACT since 2008, managing the website and IT infrastructure. He is leaving to pursue other professional opportunities.

LOOKING FOR COST-EFFECTIVE TRAINING?
CHECK OUT NASACT’S TRAINING SEMINARS PROGRAM!

Through the Training Seminars Program, NASACT members can schedule specialized training seminars tailored to meet targeted staff training needs. Experienced consultants conduct the sessions, which can cover topics ranging from auditing and accounting to human resources and information technology.

An all-inclusive seminar fee covers consultant fees and expenses, as well as planning services provided by NASACT. The state hosting the training coordinates on-site logistics and provides CPE credit.

To find out more, contact Anna Peniston at (859) 276-1147 or apeniston@nasact.org.
ASSOCIATION NOTES

WHAT’S NEW AT www.nasact.org?
The following new items have been posted on NASACT’s website:

- Technical inquiries from NSAA on the following topics (members only content):
  - Statutory/Regulatory Access to Information/Data
  - Formal Audit Appeals Process
  - Stand-Alone Financial Audits of State Agencies
  - Fees Charged for Local Government Audits
  - Access to Unemployment Claim Information
  - Audit of State Parks
  - Economic Development Incentives Policies
  - Project Management Software
  - Data Mining Large Data Sets for Audit/Investigation Purposes

- Technical inquiries from NASC on the following topics (members only content):
  - Changes to Vendor Files

- NASACT’s response to the Governmental Accounting Standards Board’s exposure draft on Tax Abatement Disclosures at www.nasact.org/gasb.

- Gerry Boaz’s observations of the December 15-17, 2014, meeting of the GASB at www.nasact.org/member_content (members only content).

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION IN NASACT’s DIRECTORY

Production will soon begin on the printed NASACT directory, which lists all state auditors, state comptrollers and state treasurers, as well as information about each state such as:

- Link to the single audit report
- Link to the CAFR
- Interim disclosure information
- Transparency website

Contact information for all members is also available at www.nasact.org/af_memberdirectory.asp. Please take a moment to review your contact information!

You can log into your NASACT account to make changes or you can email changes to Pat Hackney at phackney@nasact.org.

DO YOU HAVE IDEAS FOR WEBINAR TOPICS? LET US KNOW!

NASACT seeks to be responsive to member requests for training. If you have ideas for topics for NASACT’s webinar series, please email Anna Peniston at apeniston@nasact.org or call her at (859) 276-1147.

UPCOMING INFORMATION SHARING CALLS

MARCH
- NASACT Committee on Accounting, Reporting and Auditing – Mar 17

APRIL
- NASC Electronic Payments Info Sharing – Apr 7
- NASACT Pension Standards Implementation Work Group – Apr 8
- NSAA HR Info Sharing – Apr 29

MAY
- NASC Payroll Info Sharing – May 13 (expanded call with the IRS)
- NASC Travel & P-Card Info Sharing – May 20 (expanded call with MasterCard and Visa)

JUNE
- NASACT Committee on Accounting, Reporting and Auditing – June 16

GET INVOLVED!
For information on participating in any of these calls, contact NASACT’s headquarters office at (859) 276-1147.
CALENDAR

2015

March 10 | NASACT Executive Committee Meeting, Richmond, VA
March 11-13 | NASC Annual Conference, Richmond, VA
March 26 | WEBINAR – Visualizing Fraud Patterns: Exposing the Hidden Threats
April 14-16 | NASACT Middle Management Conference, Raleigh, NC
April 23-24 | Tennessee Training Seminars, Chattanooga, TN
April 27-28 | Tennessee Training Seminars, Nashville, TN
May 4-5 | Tennessee Training Seminars, Jackson, TN
May 7-8 | Tennessee Training Seminars, Morristown, TN
June 9-12 | NSAA Annual Conference, Little Rock, AR
August 23 | NASACT Executive Committee Meeting, Chicago, IL
August 22-26 | NASACT Annual Conference, Chicago, IL
September 22-25 | NSAA IT Workshop & Conference, Hartford, CT

CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: SIGN UP TODAY!

BY DONNA MALOY, CONFERENCE MANAGER

The Corporate Associates Program is NASACT’s effort to facilitate partnership between the private sector and state government. Contact us today to find out how to join this prestigious group of corporate partners.

The program offers your company various opportunities for exposure and participation at NASACT’s annual conferences as well as other benefits throughout the year, including a company listing on NASACT’s website. As a corporate associate, you will also receive copies of NASACT’s publications and e-distributions.

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