

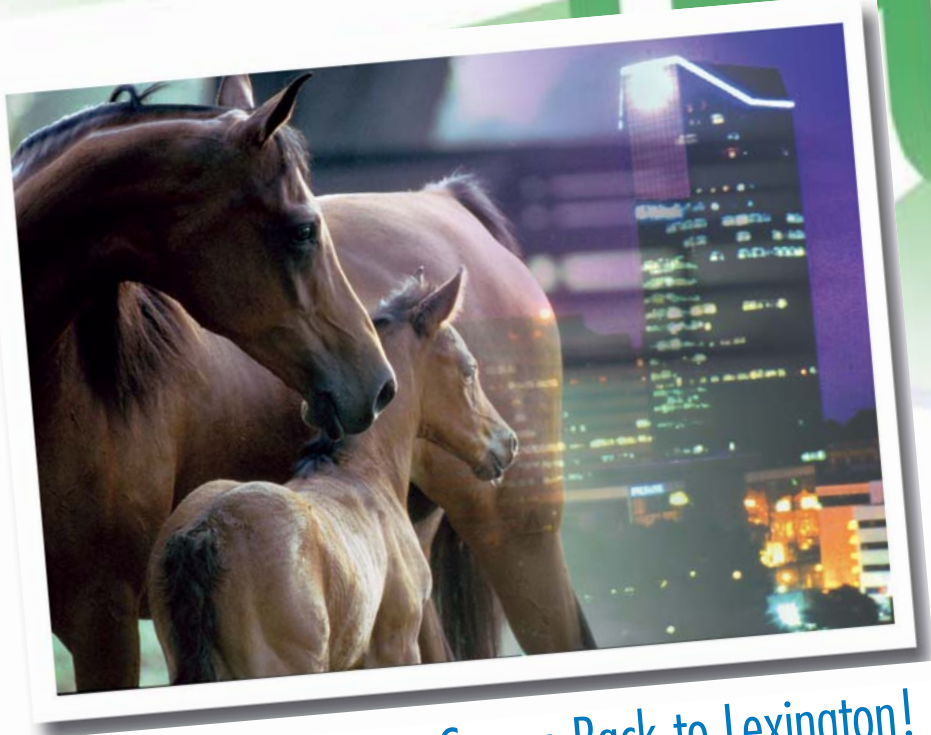
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October 4-7, 2006 - Lexington Convention Center

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CONVENTION AT-A-GLANCE

WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 4

7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Registration
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	KLC Board of Directors Meeting
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	KLC Executive Board Meeting
12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	City Achievement Awards Luncheon
1:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Opening General Session
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	KLCIS Board of Directors Meeting
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Convention Workshops
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Association Meetings
6:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.	Welcome Reception

THURSDAY – OCTOBER 5

7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Registration
7:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet/KLC Business Meeting
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	General Session
10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Convention Workshops
12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Interim Joint Committee Luncheon
11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Spouse Outing
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Convention Workshops
4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Convention Workshops
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Opening Reception and Exhibit Hall Hospitality Rooms
8:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.	

FRIDAY – OCTOBER 6

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Buffet Breakfast
7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Table Talks
9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Exhibit Hall Open
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Spouse Outing
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch with the Exhibitors
1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Convention Workshops
1:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	CLE Workshop (MAAK Meeting)
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Convention Workshops
6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Cocktails
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	President's Banquet
9:15 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.	Entertainment

SATURDAY – OCTOBER 7

Depart for Home



Friday Night!

Flamingo Express
Pink Flamingos -
Flamingo Express

Bring Your Dancing Shoes! The Flamingo Express is one of the country's most popular show bands, performing regularly for Fortune 500 companies and world class events including the World Cup Soccer Finals! The full stage show band features 10-plus members and will have you dancing nonstop to the best music of today and yesteryear!



CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



Wednesday Opening Session: "Being the best you can be, just for the fun of it" presented by one of NASA's most distinguished astronauts, Story Musgrave

Astronaut Story Musgrave's high-tech interactive presentation will give the KLC audience an experience like nothing they've had before, as they actually journey through the sights and sounds of space! His personal and professional insights and life lessons as

a true renaissance man will inspire leaders to reach their own new heights. Musgrave, a University of Kentucky graduate, spent over 30 years with NASA, with a career spanning the Apollo era and six Space Shuttle missions. He was also the astronaut who walked in space to repair the Hubble telescope! Join this American legend as he kicks off the 2006 KLC Convention and Expo.



City Achievement Awards Luncheon

Open to all convention attendees!

See who wins KLC's prestigious Enterprise Cities Awards and cheer for peers who are recognized through the KLC Leadership Training Center

Public Officials Essential Skills Institute (POESI). And, share in the excitement as the 2006 Above and Beyond recipient is named!

Welcome Reception from our Lexington hosts

All roads will lead to magnificent Donamire Farm, the scenic 600-acre thoroughbred farm and private home, which has served as the backdrop to several Hollywood

movies, including the 2005 film *Dreamer*. Transportation will be provided.



General Session: "People and Jobs on the Move: Implications for U.S. Cities" presented by James J. Johnson

Johnson's presentation will take a new look at several powerful forces shaping America's future including the "browning" and "graying" of our workforce. Johnson is the William Rand Kenan, Jr. Distinguished Professor of Management at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and holds several other positions. He was

also named as one of the "17 brightest thinkers and doers in the world of work" by *Fast Company* magazine.



Interim Joint Committee Luncheon

with address by KCTCS President, Dr. Michael B. McCall

Once again, KLC is proud to host the October meeting of Interim Joint Committee on State and Local Government. The committee will lunch with convention attendees and be part of the KLC 2006

Legislative Awards Ceremony. In addition, Dr. Michael B. McCall, President of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, will address the delegation and announce an exciting new partnership.



Exhibit Hall Opening and Reception

Kick off our biggest exhibit and expo ever!

Chat with our 100-plus exhibitors and enjoy a relaxing reception with colleagues and friends.

Monte Carlo Night sponsored by KLCIS

Everyone is a high roller at our convention! Join the fun with Vegas games and Motown sounds by Sammie

Wallace and the Subject Band.



Cracker Barrels = Table Talks

Formerly "cracker barrels," Table Talks are the same great succinct sessions on single topics. After 15 minutes,

participants rotate to a new session. Learn about several valuable resources or ideas in just a couple of hours.

KLC President's Banquet & Friday Evening Entertainment



It's back! Last year's convention respondents overwhelmingly let us know that they missed the Friday evening President's Banquet and first class entertainment. We heard you loud and clear! We'll honor **KLC President Brad Collins** and welcome new officers, enjoy a

wonderful dinner and then dance the night away with the Pink Flamingos show band!

6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Reception featuring music by The Kentuckians Chorus
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	President's Banquet
9:15 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.	Entertainment by the Pink Flamingos - Flamingo Express

CONVENTION & EXPO

About Our 2006 Enhanced Exhibit Hall and Expo

Ex.po.sition \ek-sp?- 'zi-sh?n\ n. A public exhibition or show.

And, oh, what a show it will be! We're planning for the biggest Exhibit Hall in KLC history. It's so big, we added Expo to the convention's name! We'll have more vendors, a bigger variety of products and services, and an increased number of opportunities for you to visit and learn from the exhibitors. In convention survey responses, KLC members confirmed that the Exhibit Hall is one of the top three reasons for coming to the KLC convention and WE HEARD YOU!

For your convenience, we've also moved Friday's lunch into the Exhibit Hall. This will give you more time to visit exhibitors that you scoped out during Thursday night's opening reception. We hope you will take advantage of finding solutions and other ideas for your city by spending time in the Exhibit Hall. This year's show is sure to be the best ever.

Cornerstone Partners Invest in KLC Members

While you're enjoying the KLC expo, be sure to look for the exhibitors with the Cornerstone Partner designation on their booth and thank them for supporting KLC's members. These exhibitors recognize the value of becoming a Cornerstone Partner and the enhanced benefit it provides in marketing their products and services to the more than 22,000 city officials in Kentucky. With over \$2.5 billion in budgetary expenditures each year, Kentucky's cities are a target audience for companies of all shapes and sizes. Please be sure to acknowledge and thank them for their participation in the Cornerstone Partner program and their investment in you and your city.



Expo Etiquette:

How to make the most of your Expo experience:

- >>>> Wear your name badge at ALL times.
- >>>> Ask questions...the exhibitors are there for YOU!
- >>>> Introduce yourself to any exhibitors you speak with.
- >>>> Be mindful that the exhibitors are there to promote their products or services to everyone - don't monopolize their time.
- >>>> If you like what you see and want to learn more, schedule an appointment to talk with the exhibitor during off-peak hours.
- >>>> Remind your spouse to identify himself/herself as a spouse when speaking with an exhibitor.
- >>>> Take handouts and business cards from exhibitors whose products interest you.
- >>>> Manage your time well -- Look over floor plans to determine which exhibitors are offering products/services that interest you the most and plan your route.
- >>>> Participate in any activities or drawings offered by exhibitors.
- >>>> Don't be afraid to ask an exhibitor to call you after the show to schedule a time to talk or meet about products/services that interest you.
- >>>> Have FUN!
- >>>> And, most importantly, remember to thank the exhibitors for coming to exhibit at OUR convention and expo. Their participation ensures an enjoyable convention for everyone.

What's New This Year at the KLC Convention & Expo?

KLC Chill Zone

Look for the new KLC Chill Zone as a place to meet, relax, or pause during the hectic convention pace. Enjoy fun games and a space to network as you chill out and take a break from the action. We'll see you in the KLC *Chill Zone*!

Where's the Golf Tournament?

Due to the jam-packed schedule of meetings, workshops, general sessions, and other events held during the convention, and after thoughtful consideration, we have decided to discontinue the KLC Golf Tournament traditionally held during the KLC convention. Other stand-alone golf outings will be offered during the year.

More Workshops Designed With You in Mind

We've added some new, practical workshops to help get your convention experience started on the right track. Choose one of the following three offerings:

- Orientation to the KLC Convention for Newly Elected Officials and First Time Attendees
- An Ounce of Prevention (Wellness Information and Tips for Healthier Living)
- Life with a Public Official: Encouragement & Tips for Family and Friends

••••• SPOUSE OUTINGS •••••

- Ashland, the historic home of Henry Clay
- Irish Acres Antiques and the Glitz Restaurant - Nonesuch, Kentucky
- Tour of Labrot and Graham Woodford Reserve Distillery
- Equus Run Vineyards - Midway, Kentucky

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Want to See Some Leaders of the Future?

The Future Farmers of America State Champion Issues Team from **Nelson County High School** in Bardstown will be our special guests at the City Achievement Luncheon to bring us their winning presentation on "Eminent Domain and Its Impact on Rural America." The team will advance to the National FFA competition in Indianapolis in late October where they hope to claim the national title. Their skills of persuasion and knowledge of this complex issue will impress and inform you!

WELCOME NEW CORNERSTONE PARTNERS (as of July 28, 2006) - GRANITE LEVEL: Adams, Stepner, Woltermann & Dusing, PLLC
LIMESTONE LEVEL: Collins & Company, Inc., Commonwealth Communications Systems, Inc., Qk4 Architecture Engineering Construction

CITY POSTCARD

A Look at the City of Midway



Mayor: Rebecca Moore

Population: 1,620

Location: Northern Woodford County in the heart of Kentucky's "Bluegrass" region. Purposely located halfway between Lexington and Frankfort, as well as Versailles and Georgetown.

History: Midway was once merely a farm owned by John Francisco. Before that, Indian Mound Builders were known to have settled there. In 1835, Francisco sold the land to the Lexington and Ohio Railroad Company, and Midway became Kentucky's first railroad town.

Festivals: Francisco's Farm Festival, a fine arts and crafts show held on Midway College's campus where attendees may meet with the artists, is rated in the "Top Ten" of state festivals by *Kentucky Monthly* magazine. Midway's Fall Festival also attracts tourists to the area by offering entertainment, a farmer's market, arts and crafts, free train rides, a petting zoo, and more.

Midway was also chosen as a new addition to Laura Bush's *Preserve America* communities, a program active in helping communities preserve natural heritage.

Website: www.midwayky.net

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

KLC City Summit Addresses Pension Costs, Revenue Options, Member Issues

Give us your feedback anytime and read the report anytime online 1-800-876-4552 or www.klc.org.

More than 150 city officials from across the state gathered at the KLC 2006 City Summit on June 29 for a frank discussion on rising pension costs and tax reform options. Participants in Versailles, Paducah and Hazard participated in the interactive summit, which took a hard look at the looming increases in CERS contributions, as well as how to raise revenues for tourism, infrastructure and economic development projects.

"Attending this meeting is probably one of the most important things you can do for your city," said Morehead Mayor and KLC President Brad Collins at the start of the City Summit.

Senator Tom Buford (R-Nicholasville) and Representative Jimmie Lee (D-Elizabethtown), the co-chairs of the Interim Budget Review Subcommittee on Human Resources, and Brad Gross, the Director of the Planning, Research and Outreach Division for the Kentucky Retirement System, along with Mark Roberts, a highly regarded consultant in state government retirement planning, provided insights as part of a panel discussion on CERS long- and short-term cost saving options.

All experts agreed that the dramatic increase in health insurance costs and the annual cost of living adjustments are the main cost-drivers of CERS. City governments will contribute a total of over \$234 million a year through the next decade to cover mandated CERS payments - over \$2.5 billion over the next 10 years.

"We're reaching a point that it's a crisis, not only in Kentucky, but around the nation," Representative Lee said. "I hope by all of us working together, we can reach a solution."

Panelists acknowledged that there is no "silver bullet" to solve the situation, but several options were raised for consideration. Reducing benefits for new

hires, taking out cost of living adjustments for existing employees, increasing the retirement age, increasing the non-hazardous employee contribution rate and implementing wellness and prevention programs were all noted as ways to reduce the financial burden.

The general consensus of those attending the City Summit was that more revenue options would be needed for cities to face the upcoming budgetary challenges and the increasing CERS contribution rates.

During the latter half of the City Summit, tax experts participated in an informative discussion on the barriers Kentucky cities face in increasing revenue options and the recommendations from the Task Force on Local Taxation.

City officials and experts listed several barriers for revenue growth, including HB 44 limitations on the property tax and the lack of options such as a local option sales tax or general revenue sharing.

The tax task force's main recommendation was to amend the Kentucky Constitution to allow the legislature to give more flexibility and revenue options to local governments. Voters would have to give approval for such an amendment, and the earliest it would be on the ballot would be November 2008.

In response to feedback from the summit, KLC is continuing to explore the scope of these issues and researching the feasibility of cost saving changes you have suggested for CERS.

"In order for Kentucky to move forward, its communities must move forward as well," said Sylvia Lovely, executive director/CEO of KLC. "We've got to unite as cities and lobby the legislature to get revenue options that work."

In response to feedback from the summit, KLC is continuing to explore the scope of these issues and

researching the feasibility of cost saving changes you have suggested for CERS. We want your feedback on these complex issues. Please contact KLC with your thoughts, ideas or concerns on these issues.

KLC members may read a full report from the City Summit, including CERS contribution projections for cities, an overview of the revenue options available and the legislative issues addressed. The report is available on the web at members.klc.org/library.

For more information about the issues discussed at the City Summit, CERS contribution rates or revenue options, please contact KLC's Joseph Coleman at jcoleman@klc.org or 1-800-876-4552.

CITY SUMMIT Member Feedback

KLC is taking action right now!

- ◆ Listening to members and assessing scope of issues
- ◆ Regular meetings with CERS
- ◆ Educating legislators on issues and city fiscal stress
- ◆ Testimony at key committee and task force hearings
- ◆ Researching the financial implications of rising health costs
- ◆ Reviewing options and creating models for reform

We want to hear more from you on these issues. Call KLC to discuss your city's situation at 1-800-876-4552 or go to www.klc.org and click on the related icon.

WELCOME NEW KLCIS MEMBERS - Covington, Newport Housing Authority, Hopkinsville Solid Waste Authority, Nicholasville Housing Authority, Hurstbourne Acres, City of London, and Harrison County Senior Citizens Center

NEWCITIES NEWS

NewCity Morehead

NewCity Morehead Initiative Results: The Future Looks Bright!

The dreams of the citizens of Morehead and Rowan County will soon become reality if the community's reception of the results presented by NewCities staff on June 27 is any indicator. The community has worked together with the NewCities Institute since last April developing a long-term strategy for the future economic and social growth of the area.

Recommendations based upon the community's input addressed these areas:

- ◆ Increased government efficiencies
- ◆ County-wide planning and growth
- ◆ Global economic development
- ◆ Environmental protection
- ◆ Transforming Main Street

"We're hopeful that Morehead and Rowan County's decision to embrace innovative approaches to the future will spread throughout the region," Lovely said. "It could result in exciting and productive partnerships that will give the area more economic clout and innovative strides than might have never been considered possible before."

As Linda Collins, wife of Mayor and KLC President Brad Collins put it, "Hearing these kinds of recommendations just makes me want to go out and start digging or doing something. It's so exciting!"

You can learn more about the NewCities Institute and the ongoing NewCity Morehead initiative by visiting www.newcities.org.

STAFF NOTES

Lovely Recognized by Kentucky Monthly



Kentucky Monthly magazine featured 22 "Independent Women" in their July issue including our own KLC Executive Director/CEO Sylvia L. Lovely.

When asked her secret to success, Sylvia shared that she measures her success by whether she's made the Commonwealth a better place through stronger local communities.

Her advice to others is to "follow your passion, listen to others and never give up on your dream."

MEET ME AT KLC



Welcome New Staff

Sean Walker
Data Support Specialist
Joined KLC June 2006

Sean can be reached at 800-876-4552, ext. 3782, or by email at swalker@klc.org.

FROM THE FIELD

Sister Cities Honors Kentucky Leaders

Leaders from Kentucky were recently honored for their extraordinary influence in the sister city movement. Recipients of this honor include former Lexington Mayors H. Foster Pettit, James G. Amato, Pam Miller, Scotty Baesler and Shelby C. Kinkead. Lexington Mayor Teresa Ann Isaac and Louisville Metro Mayor Jerry Abramson along with Sylvia Lovely will also be honored. These local leaders will be inducted into the 50th

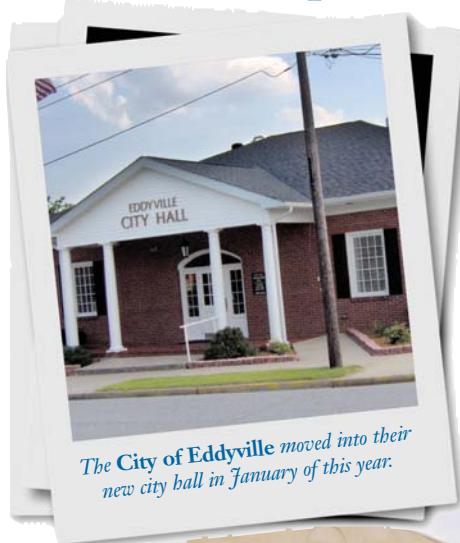
Anniversary Local Government Leadership Circle this summer during the Sister Cities International 50th Anniversary Conference in Washington, D.C.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Wes Amos**, who has served as mayor of the city of Bellemeade for 50 years! He's not sure he'll run again this fall as he'll be 94 when his term would end!

INSURANCE NEWS

KLCIS Keeps You Covered!



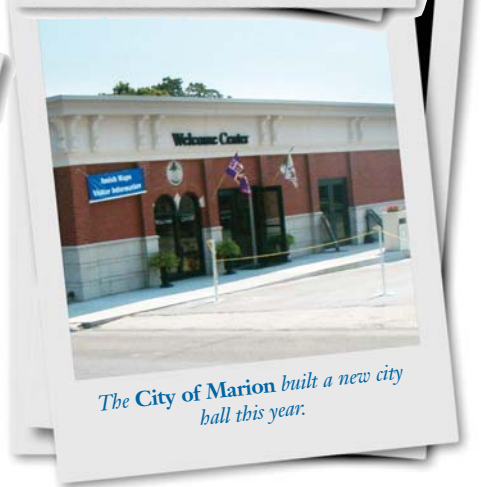
The City of Eddyville moved into their new city hall in January of this year.



The Morehead Conference Center opened this year, financed and insured through KLC.



The City of Horse Cave purchased a new fire truck this year, financed and insured through KLC.



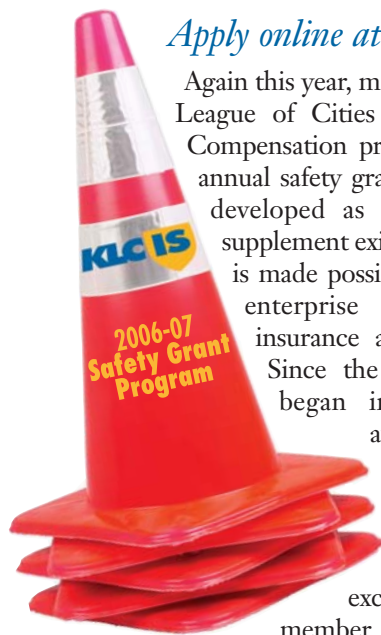
The City of Marion built a new city hall this year.

SHOW ME THE MONEY

2006-07 KLCIS Safety Grant Program

Apply online at www.klc.org

Again this year, members of the Kentucky League of Cities Liability or Workers' Compensation programs are eligible for annual safety grants. The program was developed as a member benefit to supplement existing safety budgets and is made possible by support of KLC enterprise programs such as insurance and employee benefits. Since the safety grant program began in 1999, KLCIS has awarded over \$1 million.



About the Program

- ◆ Grants may not exceed \$2,500 per year per member and will provide up to 50% of the cost for specific purchases or training. (For instance, for police accreditation at \$2,000, the grant would pay \$1,000).
- ◆ One application per city signed by the mayor or agency director.
- ◆ Applications will be accepted through September 15, 2006.

With questions, contact Kathleen Von Mann at 1-800-876-4552 ext. 3764 or email kmann@klc.org.

Eligible Grant Items - Education:

- ◆ Kentucky Municipal Environmental Safety & Health Association (KMESHA) registration
- ◆ KLC City Officials Academy (COA) registration
- ◆ Other types of training (Roads Scholar program, work zone safety, lifting (back) training, ASP/STOPS and similar police training, playground)

Purchases:

- ◆ Playground (equipment, mulch, training)
- ◆ In-car video camera systems (police, fire/EMS)
- ◆ Law enforcement (tasers, stop sticks, accreditation fees & expenses)
- ◆ Health programs and equipment (hearing conservation, respiratory protection, Hepatitis B/bloodborne pathogens)
- ◆ Personal protective equipment (reflective vests - traffic control & work zone, safety kits, eye and ear protection)
- ◆ Safety equipment (lock-out/tag-out, confined space entry, trenching/shoring, cones, first aid kits)
- ◆ Water/wastewater (meter lid replacement, confined space)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Educate, Celebrate, Participate

SEPTEMBER 2006

20-21 Stormwater Workshop

Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Lexington, KY
Contact Barry Topping, Tetra Tech, Inc. at 859-499-0712
or email barry.topping@tetratech-ffx.com for information

Federal requirements for regulating stormwater went into effect March 10, 2003. Known as Stormwater Phase II under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program, the requirements affect urban areas in municipalities nationwide that have regulated small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s). Under Phase II, MS4 communities must develop stormwater programs that address six minimum control measures.

To assist cities in developing programs, the Kentucky Division of Water, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will host a workshop.

CONVENTION REMINDERS!

Register Now and Save

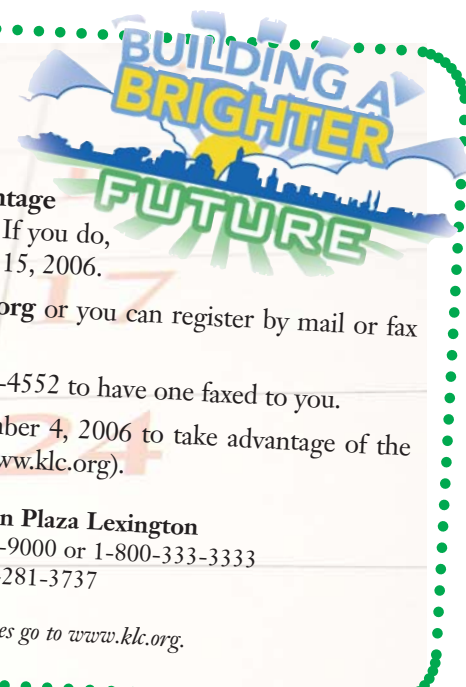
Don't you want to save money and take advantage of KLC's early convention preregistration? If you do, return your registration form before September 15, 2006.

- Registration is available online at www.klc.org or you can register by mail or fax 859-977-3703.
- Need a form faxed? Call KLC at 1-800-876-4552 to have one faxed to you.
- Make your hotel reservations before September 4, 2006 to take advantage of the KLC room block (room forms available at www.klc.org).

Hyatt Regency Lexington
859-253-1234 or 1-800-233-1234
Fax 859-233-7974

Radisson Plaza Lexington
859-231-9000 or 1-800-333-3333
Fax 859-281-3737

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We Want to Hear from You!

To submit a story or commentary for KLC *Direct* departments, please contact the KLC staff listed or go to www.klc.org. For overall feedback, contact Terri Johnson at 1-800-876-4552, ext. 3784, or tjohnson@klc.org.

CELEBRATE SUCCESS

Celebrating our Roads to Success!

50 Years of Interstate System

Bowling Green was the site of a celebration honoring the creation of the Interstate System. The event was attended by approximately 100 people and included several state and local officials.

America's interstate highways carry more than 24 percent of travel, including about 40 percent of total truck miles. Kentucky has nine interstate highway routes with a total mileage of 772 miles. KYTC Secretary Bill Nighbert told the gathering the Transportation Cabinet had "saved" some \$35.5 million in FY 06 that will go into the state construction program.

"Kentucky has long been a crossroads for itinerant people from all over the world," said Sylvia Lovely, Executive Director for the Kentucky League of Cities. "From the adventures of frontiersmen to the advances of modern technology, trails became highways and those best traveled, became interstates. These meandering

arteries have helped Kentuckians compete in the current market place and provided countless jobs for generations of our people. It is exciting to see where these well graveled roads that once took Kentuckians away, are now bringing them back home."



Joining Secretary Robbie Rudolph to cut a ribbon in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Interstate System were, from left, Rep. Rob Wilkey, Sen. Richie Sanders, Secretary Nighbert, Sen. Brett Guthrie, Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce Chair Rick Kelly, Rep. C. B. Embry, Rudolph, and Sylvia Lovely.

FINANCE UPDATE

KLC Hits NYC

In early July, several members of the KLC Funding Trust had the opportunity to travel to New York City to meet with partners of the KLC Finance Program. Mayors Brad Collins of Morehead, David Willmoth of Elizabethtown, Ann Deatherage of Carrollton, and Glenn Caldwell of Williamstown met with representatives of the Bank of New York, Moody's Rating Agency, and Bear Stearns Investment Advisors.

The trip was a great opportunity to gain insights from national financial experts concerning the economic outlook for the Commonwealth overall, and local governments in Kentucky as well as the unfunded pension issue.

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