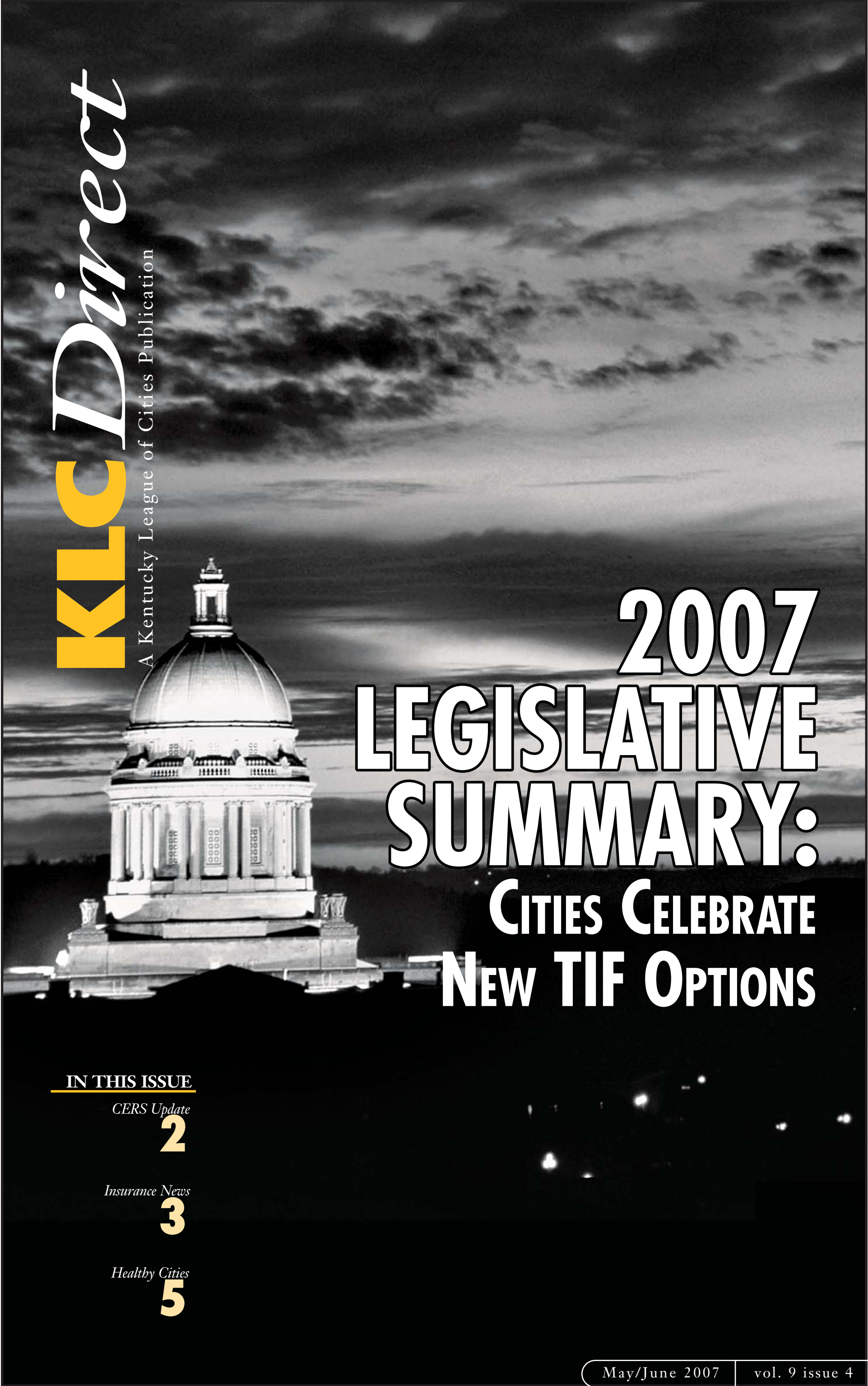


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SHOW ME THE MONEY

\$400,000 Available in ARC Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Grants

Cities are eligible for \$75,000 grants from the Appalachian Regional Commission's (ARC) to assist communities in leveraging renewable energies and energy efficiency to revitalize their economies. Projects should result in the creation of new jobs or businesses and meet outcomes focused on the establishment or use of renewable energy. Criteria will include the demonstration of outcomes and sustainability.

Information: www.arc.gov

Deadline: June 30, 2007

FRONT PAGE NEWS

2007 Legislative Summary: Cities Celebrate New TIF Options

The Kentucky League of Cities was instrumental in creation and passage of the legislation which represents a major new economic development tool for Kentucky cities.

Legislation expanding tax increment financing (TIF) options to all Kentucky cities was enacted by the 2007 General Assembly. HB 549, sponsored by Larry Clark (D-Louisville), permits the capture of tax increments resulting from investment in a development area to finance resources, usually in the form of infrastructure, to support a development project.

The primary focus of HB 549 is the use of tax increment financing to spur redevelopment and reuse of urban areas in need of rehabilitation. The legislation also permits the use of tax increment financing for economic development projects on previously undeveloped land. The bill establishes five categories of tax increment financing eligibility (see newsletter flap). Large projects meeting specified levels of capital investment can qualify to receive both local and state tax increments. TIF statutes enacted prior to HB 549 are time limited to existing projects.

A development plan must be prepared, usually in conjunction with a private developer, prior to creation of a development area by ordinance. The development area must satisfy at least two of seven criteria indicating deterioration or blight. To be considered for state participation, a development area must first be created by a city or county as a local redevelopment TIF.

The Kentucky League of Cities will present various training opportunities during 2007 on the mechanics of HB 549 and the use of tax increment financing as a community redevelopment tool. With questions regarding HB 549, contact Nancy Yelton, Policy Development Counsel at nyelton@klc.org or 1-800-876-4552.

See all the Legislative Session Summaries

on the special **KLC Direct** flap!

KLC Joins Kentucky Housing Corporation to Improve Housing Opportunities for Kentuckians

KLC has entered into a consulting partnership with Kentucky Housing Corporation to assist our member cities with various housing issues. Anthony Wright will serve as KLC liaison to the partnership and will work with various KHC staff in the areas defined by the agreement. The Kentucky Housing Corporation has engaged KLC on a paid basis.

Currently, Anthony is holding strategic meetings with city officials to discuss housing initiatives and develop strategies to address housing concerns.

A number of joint projects are already well underway involving KLC member cities that are working to find affordable housing options for citizens.

- ♦ **Statewide Predatory Lending Prevention Committee** – this effort supports the “Don’t Borrow Trouble” campaign, a grassroots program aimed at educating the community about avoiding predatory lending in targeted communities. Currently, there are working groups in **Lexington, Louisville, Elizabethtown/Radcliff** and **Morehead**, with groups soon to launch in **Ashland, Bowling Green** and **Covington**.
- ♦ **10-Yr plan to End Chronic Homelessness** – Anthony is a member of the Kentucky Interagency Council on Homelessness (KICH). KHC and KLC will work with you to establish a 10-yr plan working group in targeted cities and regions in Kentucky to address homelessness. Currently, **Ashland, Louisville, Lexington** and **Morehead** have working groups around the issue of homelessness.
- ♦ **Development of employer assisted housing programs for local government employees.** This program is in development - watch for more information.

Many of these initiatives are part of a national program to address home ownership and housing issues.

Want to work on housing issues in your community and be part of this nationwide effort?

For more information about these initiatives, contact Anthony Wright, Community Development Advisor at awright@klc.org or 1-800-876-4552 ext. 3781.

Sites to See

Visit these websites for resources and information on redevelopment.

National Brownfield Association - www.brownfieldassociation.org/

U.S. EPA and Grants - www.epa.gov/brownfields/

TAB EZ AP (online guide to completing Brownfield Grant applications) - engineering.purdue.edu/MHSRC/TABEZAP/v2

NLC News on GASB

The National League of Cities is communicating the latest information on the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and keeping state leagues informed on the issue.

Here are some highlights from the NLC report:

- ♦ In April, GASB announced that it added a project to its current agenda that could result in guidelines for governments to help them effectively communicate their accomplishments to the public. A “due process” period is currently in effect for groups to comment on the proposed process.
- ♦ The Government Finance Officer Association, NLC and other groups are still opposed to this GASB project.
- ♦ A May 4 meeting with public interest groups, the Financial Accounting Foundation (FAF) and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) resulted in FAF agreeing to a number of procedures allowing SEC interference in the way trustees are appointed.
- ♦ NLC and other groups representing state and local governments who attended the meeting expressed their continued opposition to the proposed changes and any others that would replace local judgment as to whom should represent their interests on the FAF. The organizations representing state and local governments do not plan to make any of the changes as suggested by the SEC or FAF.

For more information on GASB and how it affects your city, contact KLC Policy Development at 1-800-876-4552.

CERS UPDATE

April 16, 2007 Blue Ribbon Commission Meeting Summary

Read a more detailed summary at www.klc.org.

KLC Executive Director/CEO Sylvia L. Lovely is one of 24 members of Governor Ernie Fletcher's Blue Ribbon Commission on Public Employees Retirement Systems. Sylvia is attending all meetings and will keep KLC members abreast of the Commission's activities as they occur. Read a brief summary of the April 16 meeting below and check out detailed summaries, up-to-date information and comprehensive information about CERS pension issues at www.klc.org.

Blue Ribbon Commission on Public Employees Retirement Systems Meeting Summary - April 16, 2007

Commission members were given their charge by Governor Ernie Fletcher to consider two primary questions:

1. How can the commonwealth fulfill its obligations to current employees and retirees?
2. What is the appropriate retirement package for future public employees?

Commission Chair John Farris, secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, announced that commission members will be asked to serve on at least one of three work groups to begin tackling the complexities of the issues and provide recommendations to the entire Commission.

Work Group 1: Defining a Strategy to Fulfill our Commitments to Existing Employees and Retirees (Chair: Brad Cowgill, State Budget Director) This work group will examine the state's financial liabilities and seek answers to the Governor's first question: How will the commonwealth fulfill its obligations to current employees and retirees?

Work Group 2: Detailing the Appropriate Level of Pension Benefits to Attract and Retain Future Public Employees (Chair: Brian J. Crall, Secretary of the Personnel Cabinet) This work group will examine the needs of future employees for security and flexibility in planning for retirement in the context of the commonwealth's ability to sustain those benefits going forward.

Work Group 3: Developing Sustainable Healthcare Plans and Benefits for Public Employees (Chair: Mark D. Birdwhistell, Secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services) This work group's goal is to develop a recommendation to provide sustainable employment and post-employment health benefits for public employees.

Chairman Farris also announced that the Commission will be sending Requests for Proposals for (1) a legal consultant to advise the Commission about constitutional law issues and issues relating to inviolable contracts and (2) a benefit design contractor to look at the existing plans, design changes to the plans and help write the Commission's final report.

At the May 14 meeting, Kentucky Retirement Systems (KRS) personnel presented an overview of the retirement systems covering local government employees, state workers and state police. KLC has been asked to present at an upcoming full Commission meeting regarding the structure and current funding liabilities for CERS as well as the differences between CERS and the other retirement systems administered by KRS. The presentation will take place on June 19, 1:00 p.m. in the Capitol Annex.

Read the summaries of all meetings at www.klc.org

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CITY SPOTLIGHT

Paducah's Lower Town a National Model for Redevelopment

The once neglected Lower Town neighborhood in Paducah has become one of the nation's hottest spots for fine arts and a contemporary model for urban renewal. The Lower Town Artist Relocation Program has replaced the slums, crime and tough image once associated with the neighborhood with picturesque, bustling city streets and an optimistic future. Today, the neighborhood is full of fine coffee shops and cafes, trendy stores, restaurants and eclectic art galleries, all of which are situated among newly renovated Victorian, Gothic and Romanesque homes. "We just wanted to make the neighborhood better," said Lower Town resident Mark Barone to *Governing* magazine.



Using the imaginative power of art, Paducah has redefined its oldest community. People from across the country are flocking to the city, which has attracted 70 artists to date with its enticing financial and social incentives. The Paducah Bank, a program partner, has offered 100 percent financing at times, as well as loans well above the property value. To further promote revitalization, the city offers bonuses to home owners to supplement renovation costs. Creative zoning techniques promote the diverse neighborhood industry, strict coding regulations are preserving Lower Town's uniqueness and new single family homes for previous low income residents are adding to the neighborhood's natural beauty.

The Lower Town Program was established for home ownership in order to foster a vested community interest. "We wanted this to be about keeping the neighborhood," reported Paducah's Planning Director Tom Barnett to *Governing* magazine. In doing so, Paducah has built a new civic vitality while encouraging diversity and protecting its unique history, leaving a template for future cities to follow. For more information, visit www.paducaharts.com.

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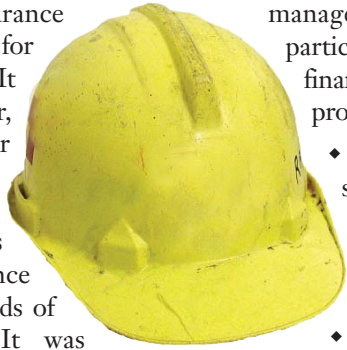
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INSURANCE NEWS

New OCIP Service for Construction Projects Saves Money, Time and Headaches

Save up to 2-4% on your next construction project!

The newly developed KLC Owner Controlled Insurance Program (OCIP) is a comprehensive insurance program designed exclusively for major construction projects. It combines project owner, contractor and subcontractor insurance needs into one consolidated long-term policy. The KLC OCIP is another way KLC insurance responds to the ongoing needs of Kentucky municipalities. It was modeled after successful programs in other states.



What are the benefits?

- ◆ Lower pricing and savings for project owners, contractors and subcontractors
- ◆ A comprehensive policy that covers General Liability, Workers' Compensation and Excess Liability protection
- ◆ Replaces the need for each contractor or subcontractor to provide their own insurance coverage
- ◆ Virtually eliminates contractor and subcontractor cross litigation
- ◆ Proactive safety and claims management with on-site loss control personnel significantly reduces job site accidents

- ◆ Improves contractor's individual workers' compensation ratios and reduces insurance costs for future jobs
- ◆ Provides centralized administration management and reporting to participants on financial and non-financial data associated with the project
- ◆ Encourages participation of small and minority-owned businesses
- ◆ No up-front feasibility studies or implementation costs
- ◆ Promotes project transparency to the public and eliminates conflict of interest

Who can use it?

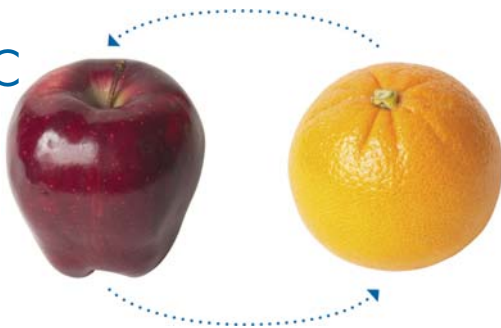
Public entities including cities, counties, state agencies, schools, housing authorities, universities and nonprofit organizations. The OCIP is designed for projects with a value of \$5 million or more.

The Kentucky League of Cities also provides financing for smaller projects and purchases as well as insurance and insurance coverage for public entities.

How to Learn More?

Contact Marty Nemes, KLC Owner Controlled Insurance Program (OCIP) Administrator at 1-800-876-4552 or mnemes@klc.org.

When You Compare KLC Insurance with Other Insurance Companies, it's Like Comparing . . .



LAW ABIDING

KLC Board Hears Environmental Update

Reggie Van Stockum, the environmental attorney who has advised KLC on several water quality and solid waste issues, warned the League's Executive Board at its March 6 meeting that even more expensive mandates are down the road.

Van Stockum briefed the Board on the state's effort to negotiate mitigation agreements this year with 15 Kentucky cities having combined sanitary and stormwater systems. He said the EPA's criticism of a proposed agreed order for Frankfort could mean the targeted combined sewer overflow (CSO) cities will be forced to accept a much more aggressive (and expensive) system improvement plan than their budgets can easily handle.

Van Stockum said that a lawsuit filed against Lexington is a warning that the EPA is monitoring past environmental commitments and will not hesitate to force the issue with legal action. Lexington officials are trying to negotiate a settlement that would feature repairs to aging, leaky sanitary sewer lines and elimination of illicit discharges of stormwater from the system.

At the same time, Van Stockum said, Kentucky's smaller cities are on notice that

enforcement will start next year for Phase II stormwater requirements that are designed to keep pollutants from being washed down storm drains and discharged into streams. The new rules specify best management practices for city maintenance and public works operations and public information campaigns about the harmful consequences of dumping contaminants into municipal drainage systems.

Van Stockum summarized his Board briefing by predicting that today's environmental mandates may seem like small change compared to what's on the horizon. He said plans to impose new limits on nutrients in streams will become an additional financial headache for local governments. Once there is a focus on reducing phosphates and nitrogen in a given watershed, Van Stockum predicted that agricultural exemptions will mean that local governments may be forced to shoulder most of the cost of new cleanup requirements.

For more information on this or other environmental issues, contact Joe Ewalt, Director of Policy Development at jewalt@klc.org or 1-800-876-4552.

FROM THE FIELD

Owensboro Police Officer Takes Medals at World Police and Fire Games

Owensboro Police Detective **Courtney Yerington** is a world class athlete. She took gold and bronze medals in two weight lifting competitions in the "less than 123 pounds" categories at the World Police and Fire Games held recently in Australia. The event attracts 8,000 active and retired police and firefighters from 60 countries in 65 sporting events. Congratulations!

Erlanger Joins Asheville, Oakland and Chicago as National 2006 Gold Award for Municipal Excellence Winners

Erlanger's Tiered Advanced Life Support System for Emergency Medical Systems was recently presented with a citation of honor from the State of Kentucky House of Representatives for winning the 2006 Gold Award for Municipal Excellence in the "population under 50,000" category. This prestigious award is sponsored by NLC and CH2M HILL and recognizes outstanding programs that improve the quality of life in America's communities.

Caldwell Named Technology Visionary



Williamstown Mayor and KLC First Vice President **Glenn Caldwell** received the Visionary Award at the Digital Government Technology Summit for his efforts to extend cable and wireless broadband to his entire community.

The Commonwealth Office of Technology (COT) presented the Second Annual "Best of Kentucky" Awards at the Summit in April. The Summit, co-sponsored each year by the COT and Government Technology Magazine, recognizes outstanding individuals and programs that have made information technology contributions to the public sector.

Walker Recognized by U.S. Conference of Mayors

Bowling Green Mayor and KLC Executive Board member **Elaine Walker** was recognized for the city's "Cash for Cans" program at the U.S. Conference of Mayors Meeting in Washington, D.C. Mayor Walker is one of 375 mayors who have signed on to the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. For more information on the group's positions and policies, go to www.usmayors.org.



Frankfort, Louisville Receive EPA Brownfields Grants

Congratulations to **Louisville Metro** and the **City of Frankfort**, both of which recently received highly competitive U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields grants. Frankfort received a \$200,000 assessment grant from the EPA for its Franklin County Holmes Street Corridor and Louisville Metro received a \$200,000 assessment grant and a \$1 million Revolving Loan Fund Grant for use in the Park Hill Industrial Corridor. The next grant cycle will be later this year. For more information, go to www.epa.gov.

BIG IDEAS

2007 KLC Enterprise Cities Awards!

Is your city doing something cool, innovative or entrepreneurial?

KLC's annual Enterprise Cities Awards recognize KLC member cities and their outstanding programs including but not limited to:

- ♦ Arts & Quality of Life
- ♦ Community Services
- ♦ Economic and Community Development
- ♦ Technology
- ♦ Green Space and Environmental Stewardship
- ♦ And many more

Winners from four different city population categories will be announced at the KLC Convention & Expo to be held October 10-13, 2007, in Covington. Winners will also receive recognition through media and magazine features.

Watch for your entry form in the mail or go to www.klc.org to enter your city.



MEET ME AT KLC

Welcome New Staff

KLC officially welcomes **Justin Reckner** in the position of Technology Support Specialist. In May, Justin received his Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from the University of Kentucky. He has been a valued part-time employee at KLC for the past two years.



Kudos!

Congratulations to KLC's **Sarah Razor**, Research Analyst, who recently received her Master of Public Administration from Eastern Kentucky University and **J.D. Chaney**, Counsel for Member Legal Services, who received his Master of Business Administration from Eastern Kentucky University.

CITY IDEA

Bowling Green Acts First, Receives Recognition From HUD

Congratulations to Bowling Green, which is being lauded nationally for its efforts in the area of affordable housing. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) asked governments nationwide to join the "America's Affordable Communities" initiative by establishing local task forces to examine the barriers to affordable housing and home ownership.

In response, Bowling Green was the first city to ratify and establish a task force comprised of local citizens, business people and government leaders. Mayor Elaine Walker and officials from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, city manager Kevin DeFebbo and task force members met in early May to begin discussions.

Since the formation of Bowling Green's task force was announced in December 2006, more than 120 other communities have also committed to the national effort including fair housing and homeless advocacy groups, according to A. Bryant Applegate, senior counsel for HUD. The next meeting is June 5 and the task force analysis is expected to take about a year to complete.

HEALTHY CITIES

Step-By-Step Motivation

How many steps do you take each day? A pedometer can not only count your steps but motivate you to keeping moving. It is recommended that you wear a pedometer at work or when you run errands, mow the lawn or do household chores. If you decide to use a pedometer, wear it for a day or two to see how many steps you normally take. Gradually increase your number by adding 500 steps per day one week at a time. People with chronic health conditions and seniors should talk with their doctor about step-count goals.

Facts about walking and pedometers:

- ♦ 10,000-12,500 steps = 60 minutes of brisk activity

- ♦ Sedentary people usually take less than 5,000 steps per day
- ♦ 10,000 steps = five miles
- ♦ Five miles of walking burns 400-500 calories
- ♦ A no-frills pedometer runs about \$10
- ♦ Pedometers are more accurate when you're walking at a purposeful, even pace
- ♦ Walking is the number one activity in the U.S.

Sources: American Council on Fitness and Nutrition; National Weight Loss Registry; Hope Health Letter

NLC NEWS

NLC Committee Reports

KLC Board members filed these reports from the March 10-15 National League of Cities committee meetings.

Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Steering Committee

KLC Board Rep: City Commissioner/Mayor Pro-tem, **Robert Coleman**, Paducah
Meeting Highlights: Current information on programs such as CDBG, HOPE VI, COPS programs and telecom reform.

Recommendations for KLC membership: Continue to build relationships and supply local information to congressional representatives and senators.

Transportation Infrastructure and Services Policy and Advocacy Committee

KLC Board Rep: Mayor **Tom Holocher**, Fort Mitchell

Meeting Highlights: Traffic congestion will continue to get worse and funding will decline without new funding mechanisms developed.

Recommendations for KLC membership: Continue to make your voice heard on this issue.

Community Economic Development Steering Committee, Community Economic Development Policy and Advisory Committee

KLC Board Rep: Mayor **David Cartmell**, Maysville

Meeting Highlights: Availability of block grants, specifically social services and child care grants; information on increasing the availability and affordability of public housing; discussion of immigration and its affect on the global economy and on local public housing; discussion on technology and the global economy.

Recommendations for KLC membership: Pay close attention to NLC reports on housing, particularly for cities with public housing authorities; now is a good time to apply for block grants.

Human Development Policy Committee, Small Cities Steering Committee, Small Cities Council

KLC Board Rep: Mayor **Bradley Collins**, Morehead

Meeting Highlights: Discussions of reforms in health care, education, social security and individuals with disabilities programs; discussed ideas on how to keep young people in your community and get citizens involved; discussed affordable housing; discussed crime issues in small cities.

Recommendations for KLC Membership: Small cities still need a stronger voice so stay in touch with your national legislators; city officials need constant education on national issues, NLC is looking at youth education and retraining programs; utilize CDBG grants.

Information and Technology Services Steering Committee

KLC Rep: Councilman **Kevin Kramer**, 11th District, Louisville Metro

Meeting Highlights: Update on the FCC filing on behalf of cities. Louisville will be discussing restructuring cable commission as a result of information gained at the meeting.

Recommendations to KLC Membership: Utilize KLC staff on this and other legislative issues.

Go to www.klc.org > Member Cities > City Directory to find contact information for these KLC representatives to further discuss the NLC meetings.

ENJOY THE VIEW!

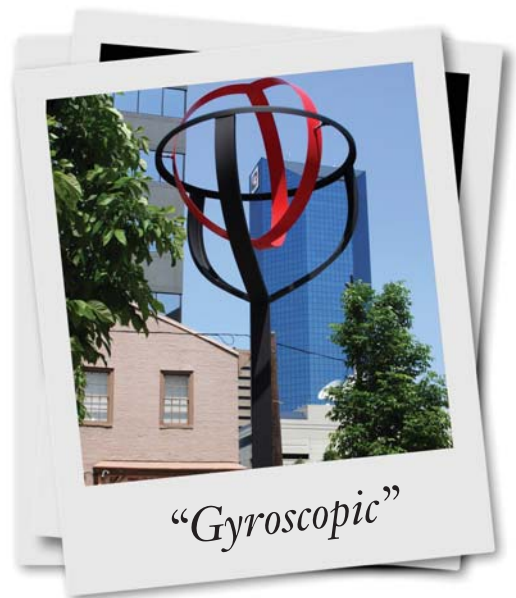
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Hoops Stars Shine at Insurance

Event Special guests joined KLC Insurance Services and Insurance Agency at the "Agents Appreciation" event at the UK Basketball Museum recognizing local community insurance agents. On hand (l to r) were Van Florence, who is the Museum Executive Director; President of the Committee of 101 and President of the Tubby Smith Foundation; legendary UK basketball and football star Wab Wab Jones; KLC Executive Director/CEO Sykvia L. Lovely; former UK basketball star Cedric Jenkins; former UK basketball star Leroy Byrd; and KLCIS Board Chair and Fort Mitchell Mayor Tom Holober. "Mr. Wildcat," Bill Keightley, was also at the event.



"Gyroscopic"

KBT Capital Fly-In

(left to right) Rural Transit Enterprises Coordinated, Inc. (RTEC) Executive Director Shirley Cummins, RTEC Operations Manager Linda Procter, and Lexington-Fayette Urban County Mayor Jim Newberry joined KLC Executive Director/CEO Sykvia L. Lovely for a photo opportunity during the recent Kentuckians for Better Transportation "Fly-In" to Washington, D.C.



LexArts Project

KLC recently partnered with LexArts, a nonprofit organization promoting arts in Lexington, in support of a downtown "public arts corridor." The first installation was in front of the KLC building. The sculpture, "Gyroscopic," is an abstract, geometric form that stands 22 feet in height and was created by Versailles, Kentucky sculptor, Geoff Smith.

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.

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Bills of Interest

Key Actions from the 2007 Legislative Session

Visit www.klc.org to download KLC's Legislative Update for a summary of the session and recaps of important legislation.



HOUSE BILL & Title

What it Does

HB 138 Alcoholic Beverages

- ◆ Authorizes a city or county to hold a local option election for the limited sale of alcoholic beverages by the drink in restaurants with a seating capacity of 50 or more persons, if the restaurant derives a minimum of 70 percent of its gross receipts from the sale of food, has no open bar and the alcoholic beverages are sold only in conjunction with a meal.
- ◆ Authorizes a local option election for the limited sale of alcoholic beverages by the drink in a precinct in which a "qualified historic site" is located with lodging on the premises and dining facilities that seat a minimum of 50 persons.

HB 296 Workers' Compensation

- ◆ Permits reduced workers' compensation rates effective January 1, 2008, for employers who implement a drug-free workplace program pursuant to administrative regulations adopted by the Office of Workers' Claims.

HB 305 Minimum Wage

- ◆ Raises Kentucky's minimum wage rate from \$5.15 per hour to \$5.85 per hour effective June 26, 2007, \$6.55 per hour effective July 1, 2008, and \$7.25 per hour effective July 1, 2009.
- ◆ Requires the state minimum wage rate to increase to correspond with the federal minimum wage if the federal minimum wage is increased in excess of the provisions of HB 305.

HB 355 Code Enforce- ment Boards

- ◆ Permits code enforcement boards to consist of three or more members, rather than three, five or seven as required by prior law.

HB 359 Peace Officer Certification

- ◆ Provides grounds for revocation of certification of a peace officer certified pursuant to KRS 15.380 to 15.404, specifies courses required to be completed by a peace officer prior to return to active certification from inactive status and waives annual in-service training requirements for peace officers serving on active duty in the military.

HB 548 Tax Increment Financing

(Read more about TIF in article on reverse side of flap)

- ◆ Allows for the use of increased local and state tax revenue from improvements to pay for public projects that encourage redevelopment of blighted areas and existing properties.
- ◆ TIF eligibility falls into five categories ranging from development of underdeveloped land to construction of mega projects. Smaller projects are eligible for increments in local taxes only.
- ◆ The legislation permits larger projects meeting specific criteria to utilize state tax increments in addition to local tax increments upon approval by the state.

SENATE BILL & Title

What it Does

SB 60 Uniform Finan- cial Information Reports (UFIR)

- ◆ Deletes specific content requirements for UFIRs to provide flexibility to the Governor's Office for Local Development (GOLD) to redesign the UFIR form required to be filed annually with GOLD by city and county governments.

SB 88 Disposal of Forfeited Property

- ◆ Requires 85 percent of coin, currency or proceeds from the disposal of property seized or forfeited due to use in the illegal manufacture, distribution, sale or transfer of controlled substances to be distributed to the law enforcement agency or agencies that seized the property.
- ◆ Requires each state and local government agency that seizes property for the purpose of forfeiture to adopt policies relating to the seizure and maintenance of property pending forfeiture and have one or more officers attend asset forfeiture training prior to receiving any forfeited property.

SB 82 Brownfield Redevelopment

- ◆ Reduces remediation requirements for qualification for tax incentives for voluntary remediation of moderately contaminated brownfield property in the form of income tax credits and reduced ad valorem tax rates.

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HB 549 TIF Options

1. Local Development Area TIF

- ♦ Limited to no more than 1,000 acres on undeveloped land.
- ♦ Local tax increments only. State participation is not available.

2. Redevelopment Area TIF

- ♦ Limited to three square miles.
- ♦ The area must meet two or more of seven listed conditions relating to deterioration or blight.
- ♦ Eligible for state participation at specified levels of capital investment.

3. Commonwealth Participation Program for State Real Property Taxes

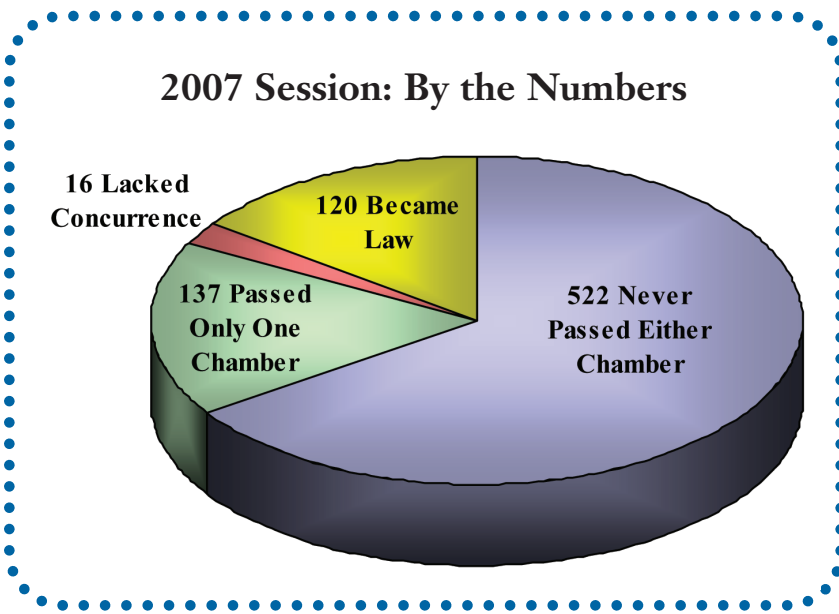
- ♦ Minimum capital investment of \$10 million.
- ♦ Up to 100 percent of state real property incremental tax revenues may be pledged from the footprint of the project for approved public infrastructure costs.
- ♦ Not more than 20 percent of square footage or 20 percent of capital investment may be devoted to retail space.

4. Commonwealth Participation Program for Mixed Use Redevelopment in Blighted Urban Areas

- ♦ Minimum capital investment of \$20 million.
- ♦ Development area must meet three of seven listed conditions relating to deterioration or blight.
- ♦ Project must include at least two of the following qualified uses, each comprising at least 20 percent of square footage or 20 percent of capital investment: retail, residential, office, restaurant or hospitality.
- ♦ May recover up to 100 percent of approved public infrastructure costs and costs related to land preparation, demolition and clearance.
- ♦ Up to 80 percent of incremental revenues from state real property taxes, sales taxes, individual and corporate income taxes, and limited liability entity taxes may be pledged from the footprint of the project for approved costs.

5. Signature Project Program

- ♦ Minimum capital investment of \$200 million.
- ♦ Not more than 20 percent of square footage or 20 percent of capital investment may be devoted to retail space.
- ♦ Up to 80 percent of incremental revenues from state real property taxes, sales taxes, individual and corporate income taxes, and limited liability entity taxes may be pledged from the footprint of the project for approved project costs.



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SB 104 Crisis Intervention Team Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Requires the Department for Mental Health and Mental Retardation to coordinate development of crisis intervention team training to train law enforcement officers to effectively respond to persons who may have a mental illness, substance abuse disorder, mental retardation or disability in order to reduce injuries, inappropriate incarceration and liability.
SB 153 Court Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Permits training and certification of court security officers to keep order in any state court upon appointment by the sheriff with no other law enforcement duties. ♦ Permits the Administrative Office of the Courts to contract with a local city or county government to provide court security if the sheriff fails or refuses to provide services.