Hopes for Congressional Lemonade
By Bo Beaulieu

I write this note at a time when our country is facing some serious challenges. As a result of ideological differences in Congress most federal agencies are closed and the debate about the raising of our national debt continues strong. While I do not intend to enter into the political fray over the 2014 federal budget or the debt ceiling, I do believe what we represent in CDS is the antithesis of what we see happening in Washington, DC. Certainly, many of us have worked in communities where deep-seeded differences among local factions have paralyzed the capacity of communities to act on key priorities....

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By Stephan C. Jeanetta

I work for a university doing research and extension work in community development. Like most of us who work from a university or academic environment I...
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