Greetings!

We’ve just completed another election cycle, and I’m sure that I am not the only one who is glad to see an end to the commercials (although here in Missouri we did have one that I thought was hilarious), ads, and unrelenting telephone calls. At the same time, I am always happy to see the civic engagement that takes place during elections. It’s messy, frustrating at times, and occasionally entertaining. We have conversations with family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, or strangers about the
issues and get to wonder at how apparently intelligent folks could think "that." Regardless of your political affiliation and preferences for how the election could/should have turned out, I hope that you actively participated and that you voted.

Now the really hard part begins -- figuring out how we, as a country, will address the challenges and opportunities facing us over the next few years. This election suggests that we are deeply divided on some issues, but also showed a recognition of the challenges, just no consensus on how to address those challenges. We have the "financial cliff" facing us, healthcare, immigration, employment and many other "wicked problems" that have to be resolved.

Continually kicking the can down the road is no longer an option. We, as community development professionals, will be called upon to help guide our communities through what will certainly be difficult and highly engaged conversations. I challenge you to think about how our professions and organization can contribute to the conversation and seek solutions. Share your thoughts and ideas on the CDS Facebook page.

This is also a time of thanks. I hope that you, your family and your friends have a fantastic Thanksgiving. We have so many things to be grateful for!

Finally, start working on your proposals for the 2013 conference in Charleston -- submission deadline is February 15. See below.

Bo Beaulieu, CDS Vice-President for Program and 2013 Conference Chair, is also looking for conference sponsors. If you are interested in being a conference sponsor, please drop Bo a note.
Save the Date!
The annual CDS conference will be held July 20-24 in historic Charleston, SC. Beautiful Charleston by the sea awaits you. The 2013 conference promises to be a time of learning and reconnecting with your fellow CDS members. The local planning committee is working hard to develop another great conference. Watch this space for details!

Call for Conference Presentations: Submission Deadline February 15, 2013
The 2013 CDS Annual Meeting will showcase effective approaches that are creating win/win situations for local communities as a result of reaching beyond their traditional geographic boundaries. Be it in the areas of economic development, health, education, local facilities/services, transportation, natural resources management or more, the Charleston conference will provide an ideal setting to introduce CDS members and guests to the important ways to innovate in times of uncertainty via the use of regional activities and strategies.

Interested in submitting a proposal for a Workshop, Paper/Program?
Share of principal farm operators with college degrees has increased
Quantity of agricultural laborers in Brazil is on the decline
Co-operative News: The Global News Hub for Co-operatives

2012 International Summit of Cooperatives Documents

Health in All Policies: A global contribution to the WHO Global Conference on Health Promotion in Helsinki 2013

KC Fed Brings Experts Together to Address Future of Workforce Development

Is This Farm Boom Different? Summary of the 2012 Agricultural Symposium

Ten Economic Issues for Obama’s Second Term

Mortgage Delinquency Maps for Plains States

Conferences and Meetings

Federation for Community Development "Celebrating and Reclaiming Community Development Learning and Practice"
November 21-22, 2012, Alfreton, Derbyshire, UK

Disasters and Environment: Science, Preparedness, and Resilience
January 15-17, 2013, Washington, DC

12th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference
February 7-9, 2013, Kansas City, MO

NACDEP Galaxy IV

Presentation, Panel Session, or Poster? This is the place to start.

Questions? Contact Bo Beaulieu, CDS Vice President for Programs.

Hello CDS 2012 Conference Attendees!
We want to hear how you felt about the 2012 Cincinnati conference. Please go to http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HKGX55H and give us your feedback. Thanks!

2013 CDS Election: Please send your nominations!
CDS is seeking nominations for the Board of Directors. Upcoming elections will include the Vice President of Operations and three open Board Member positions. Board members serve three-year terms. Nominations (including self-nominations) of current CDS members should be sent to Greg Wise. Please include each nominee’s name, title, organizational affiliation and contact information.

Calling all scholarly community development practitioners! CD Practice is your journal.
CD Practice is an on-line publication of the Community Development Society. The purpose of CD Practice is to describe and promote appropriate and useful tools, resources and practice for all aspects of community development. Readers of CD Practice papers should be able to use tools, resources or practice discussed, knowing they are grounded in methods that have been examined empirically and/or proven to be a success.

Benefits to submitting articles to CD Practice include a peer review process that demonstrates the scholarship of your practice or determination. Your audiences will also have access to an on-line publication that features your work.
## Grant Opportunities

**DOC: FY 2013 Coastal Resilience Networks**  
*Letter of intent: November 19, 2012  
Application deadline: January 11, 2013*

**EPA: Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities**  
Each of the four participating organizations has its own deadline and offers a different set of tools.  
*Application deadlines: October 25, 2012 - February 2013.*

**EPA: Environmental Education Regional Grants**  
*Application deadline: November 21, 2012*

**SBA: Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities Program**  
*Application deadline: November 22, 2012*

**EPA: Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Grant**  
*Application deadline: November 30, 2012*

**NSF: Small Business Innovation Research Program Phase I Solicitation FY-2013**  
*Application deadline: December 3, 2012*

**USDA: 2013 National Urban and Community Forestry Grant**  
*Application deadline: December 3, 2012*

**NEH: Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections**  
*Application deadline: December 4, 2012*

To submit to *CD Practice*, or to act as a reviewer of *CD Practice* papers, contact **Joyce Hoelting**, editor.

### Future CDS Conferences

If you are interested in forming a local host committee to support a conference in your community, please contact **Dave Lamie**, VP Operations.

### CDS UpFront

**Compiled by Timothy Collins, Assistant Director, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs**

**The Rise of the Great Plains: Regional Opportunity in the 21st Century**  
Recent research shows that the Great Plains, far from dying, is in the midst of a **historic recovery**.

**Rural Jobless Rate Lowest In Four Years**  
Two-thirds of rural and exurban counties have **unemployment rates** at or below the national average. And rural rates are lower than at any time in the last four years.

**Local Government in Ohio: More Accessible and More Efficient**  
According to a recent study, Ohio's smaller governments are, on the whole, more responsive and accountable. The analysis clearly showed that **smaller local governments** have materially **better** financial performance.

**Do Millennials Want to Call Your City ‘Home’?**  
Millions of millennials will soon be **putting down roots**. Cities and suburbs that are less attractive to them have a limited window to turn things around.

**Rejecting the Narrow Framework of "Urban" Planning**
The development patterns America witnessed before the Great Recession convinced many transportation and land use professionals to appreciate regional thinking.

Can cities help you forget your troubles? C'mon, get happy!
In most physical and policy planning, triple bottom line benchmarks focus on environment and economy, and tend to skim over the subject of society.

Report Highlights Struggles of Diverse Communities in Michigan
A new report from the Kellogg Foundation in Battle Creek and the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion highlights issues and barriers to advancement for people of color in the state.

Farm to Table: Who’s Carrying the Load?
Food isn't grown just by people living in another country. It comes from people living and working here, many living in rural communities. A new report examines whether the large companies that dominate the U.S. food industry are good for workers and consumers.

Can Local Food Movement Scale Up to Meet Demand of Hospitals and Other Big Purchasers?
Hospitals and their fellow institutional purchasers will play a major role in moving the local food movement beyond farmers' markets.

Necessity Births a Rural Broadband Network
Chanute, KS, built its own Internet infrastructure gradually without bonding or borrowing, thanks to a nudge from Homeland Security and local cooperation.

Broadband: Keeping Up with the Jetsons
Internet speed, not just access, is critical if rural areas are to benefit from IT potential
in education, business, and health. A new study looks to the tech future of ag, rural medicine, and more.

**Four African Teenage Girls Create a Pee-Powered Generator**
During the Maker Faire Africa, in Lagos, Nigeria on November 5 and 6, 14-year-olds Duro-Aina Adebola, Akindele Abiola, Faleke Oluwatoyin, and 15-year-old Bello Eniola presented their highly creative proposal.

**Business as a Force for Change in Our World**
The American Sustainable Business Council (ASBC) represents more than 150,000 U.S. businesses and was created to advocate for a sustainable economy.

**Replicating Policy that Works: Payment for Environmental Services in Mexico**
Mexico's story of payment for environmental services shows academic literature's potential to influence environmental issues and developing countries' need for the right tools to tackle those issues head on.

**Recovers Wants to Help Your Community Prepare For Next Disaster**
People want to help their communities when tragedy strikes, but it's often impossible to match up eager volunteers with people and tasks that need manpower. This new web platform could get cities and towns ready to do just that.

**Transition Initiatives**
The Catalyzing a Resilient Communities Network Conference featured leading models, strategies and tools for building resilience at the community, local and regional levels, highlighting the opportunity for a Resilient Communities Network nationally and globally.

**Speak Your Piece: Living in the Fixer-**
The people of Eastern Kentucky are fed up with coming in last. We're ready to stop digging and **start facing facts** - the facts of our own true resources and our mistakes.

**A Totally Different Way to Think About Economics - with Visionary Charles Eisenstein**
What would the world look like if **money embodied our values**?

**Appreciating Assets**
**Appreciating Assets** goes behind the scenes of asset approaches and offers a critical but practical perspective of how they have shaped and will continue to shape community development.

**Native American Forestry Combines Traditional Wisdom with Modern Science**
**Oregon’s Coquille Forest** timber is keeping local loggers employed and supplying regional family-owned sawmills. The Coquille Forest received certification under the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), a worldwide certification body that upholds rigorous environmental, social, and economic standards for managed forests.

**Creating Rural Wealth: A New Lens for Rural Development Efforts**
Creating and maintaining a broad portfolio of wealth may be central to sustainable rural prosperity. However, the **impacts of rural development strategies on wealth** and the impacts of existing wealth on those strategies are generally not well understood.

**Manifesto for a Post-Growth Economy**
**What single change** stands to give Americans more free time, healthier ecosystems, and more meaningful jobs?

**Growth or Equality: Two Competing Visions for America’s Future**
**Closing the wealth gap** could open the way
Do you have something to share?

We welcome member input and articles for our Vanguard e-news bulletin. If you have something that you would like to get out to the entire membership, or if you have comments or suggestions, send them to CDS@assnoffices.com with subject e-news bulletin. We will do our best to accommodate your articles in a timely manner.

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