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BIG-BOX ASSESSMENTS LEAVE COUNTIES IN THE DARK

State tax tribunal appeals in favor of big box stores have cost counties \$75 million since 2013.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

USDA ANNOUNCES DISTRIBUTION OF FY15 SRS PAYMENTS

On March 18, USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that more than \$272 million will be distributed to forest counties in 41 states and Puerto Rico under the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) program.

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EXECUTIVE ENERGY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM: 2016 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) is seeking applicants for its 2016 Executive Energy Leadership Program, Energy Execs. Energy Execs provides an opportunity for local leaders to learn about renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies, planning and financing. Deadline March 31. [Learn more here.](#)

APPLY NOW! MULTI-SYSTEM COLLABORATION TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Multi-System Collaboration Training and Technical Assistance Program, offered at no cost to participants, assists multi-disciplinary teams in improving processes and outcomes for at-risk youth involved in multiple systems of care. Teams may include leaders from child welfare, juvenile justice, education, behavioral health and other child-serving agencies. The program will run April 2016 to October 2016. Applications due April 1. [Learn more here.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAR. 23	WEBINAR: BLM Planning 2.0 <i>2 – 3:15 p.m. EDT</i>
MAR. 24	GRANTS WEBINAR SERIES: Justice Grants to Address County Residents with Mental Illness and Co-occurring Disorders <i>2 – 3:15 p.m. EDT</i>
MAR. 31	GRANTS WEBINAR SERIES: Putting Together a Killer TIGER Proposal <i>2 – 3:15 p.m. EDT</i>
APRIL 6	WEBINAR: Enhancing Road Safety through the Improvement of 'Unsignalized' Intersections <i>2 – 3 p.m. EDT</i>
APRIL 7	WEBINAR: Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) in County Justice Systems <i>2 – 3:15 p.m. EDT</i>
APRIL 14	WEBINAR: Effectively Framing the Pretrial Justice Narrative <i>2 – 3:15 p.m. EDT</i>

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