

# 10 *Fast Facts* About IAC

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## 1. Lobbying

IAC is instrumental in educating legislators and ensuring they understand the “county view” on issues such as property taxes, public defense, public lands, transportation funding, medically indigent services, elections, and more. IAC works closely with our members to aid in building relationships with legislators, so they will know whom to call when county issues arise. The IAC policy staff works closely with the IAC Legislative Committee throughout the year to ensure we are pursuing the issues our members want us to tackle. IAC hosts a weekly live virtual update for all members with live Q&As throughout the session on the latest policy issues relevant to counties.

## 2. Conferences

IAC’s Midwinter Legislative and Annual Conferences are the best places to acquire information to make informed decisions and network with your peers. These conferences also offer opportunities to hear from the Governor and to meet with legislators in an informal setting. During the Annual Conference, the following Germaine committees meet to discuss current policy issues and proposed legislative resolutions: Intergovernmental Affairs, Justice & Public Safety, Public Lands, and Transportation & Infrastructure. The Midwinter Legislative Conference allows IAC members to participate directly in the legislative process at the capitol, whether sitting in on a committee hearing, testifying on a bill, or meeting with legislators to discuss the impacts of legislation.

## 3. Networking

Whether you attend conferences, participate on one of IAC’s steering committees, or attend IAC district meetings, the interaction and friendships developed with other county officials are invaluable.

## 4. Programs & Services

IAC offers several programs and services including Unemployment Fund, Capital Crimes Defense Fund, Valuation Litigation Fund, Natural Resources Fund, the Public Surplus Program, and more. Counties who participate in these programs and services can save taxpayer dollars.

## 5. Publications & Technical Assistance

A full catalog of the latest publications, upcoming event information, technical assistance, and much more are available on IAC’s website ([idcounties.org](http://idcounties.org)). For members with questions about state laws, county policies, or IAC services, IAC staff are just a phone call away for all of your technical assistance needs.

## 6. County News

IAC produces the *County Focus*, a quarterly magazine that is mailed to every county elected official. The magazine provides in-depth articles relevant to counties, information about upcoming events, and fun opportunities to learn more about each of the 44 counties and various county elected officials across The Gem State. Keep an eye on your inbox for the bi-weekly newsletter, *The County Connection*, for up-to-date information about many issues relevant to counties, from possible grant opportunities to links to the latest IAC publications, information about upcoming training opportunities, and so much more. During the legislative session, IAC produces a weekly *Legislative Bulletin* with up-to-the-minute information regarding top county issues.

## 7. Corporate Partners

These are our strongest supporters and consistent partners for counties. These companies and organizations are always looking for ways to strengthen their relationship with counties. They seek out opportunities to help counties fulfill their statutory obligations and serve as tried-and-true partners actively working with county and local governments.

## 8. Trainings & Workshops

Our in-person trainings, webinars, and workshops are filled with information to make you the best county official you can be. If you are interested in a customized training approach to issues that may be specific to your county, IAC can also assist with that.

## 9. County Officials Institute (COI)

The County Officials Institute is a training program designed to provide the skills and knowledge to be an effective leader in county government. County elected officials and county staff are encouraged to participate in the program. Roles and Responsibilities of Idaho's County Elected Officials, Ethics in Government, How a Bill Becomes a Law, Crisis Communications, Personnel Management, and Property Appraisal and Taxation are some of the many courses offered through the COI. Learn more on our website: [bit.ly/IDCountiesCOI](http://bit.ly/IDCountiesCOI)

## 10. IAC Promotes County Government

IAC works to promote local government and help the general public understand why local governance is critical for a well-run democracy. IAC ensures that the media is aware of the importance of counties through press releases and public relations activities.



The Idaho Association of Counties (IAC), formed in 1976, is a nonprofit, nonpartisan member service organization dedicated to improving county government.

It was designed and incorporated by county elected officials to provide services, research, uniformity, and coordination among member counties, in order for the county elected officials to serve their constituents better.

IAC is funded annually by dues paid by member counties and revenues generated by IAC services. IAC is owned, organized, and operated by Idaho's county governments.

*Questions or comments?*

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