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MAYOR OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

The Mayor of the Year award was first established in 2001 recognizing outstanding mayors who have made significant contributions to their community as well as their profession through personal growth and involvement. It is again time to nominate a deserving mayor for this award.

Nominations will be accepted until April 1, 2022. Get all the information on how to submit on our website. The winner will be announced at Governing **Body Institute & Mayors** Conference, April 29 & 30 in Manhattan. Contact Tami Martin with any questions concerning the Mayor of the Year Nomination.

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TODAY! Briefing regarding potential cyber attacks

In response to the United States' economic sanctions imposed on Russia, there is now evolving intelligence that Russia may be exploring options for potential cyberattacks. Today, *FACT SHEET: Act Now to Protect Against Potential Cyberattacks* | *The White House* was released. Today, CISA is hosting an unclassified Broad Stakeholder Call to address impacts of the Russia-Ukraine situation on the Homeland. Please share this information broadly.

The information for the call is:

Date/Time: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 from 1 to 2 PM (CDT) Audience: Critical Infrastructure partners and stakeholders

PARTICIPANTS Dial-in Information: 800-857-6546 | Passcode: 2824553

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WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SERIES

On March 23 from Noon to 1pm, the Appointments Project® & Ready to Run Kansas® Women's Leadership Series invites you to join an online discussion of female representation on Kansas municipal boards & commissions and learn what is needed to increase gender parity in leadership positions in cities across Kansas.

With research commissioned by United WE, the program will share Kansas Municipalities Gender Balance Research by Emily Vietti, M.A. and Mary Banwart, Ph. D. You'll also hear from United WE President & CEO, Wendy Doyle, on the importance of gender equity on boards and commissions, and League of Kansas Municipalities Executive Director Erik Sartorius and City of Hutchinson Mayor Jade Piros de Carvalho.

RSVP HERE!



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HOME-ARP LISTENING SESSIONS

Kansas Housing Resources Corporation's (KHRC) Housing Development Team is working to implement the HOME-ARP program. This program is part of the American Rescue Plan Act, which became law on Mar. 11, 2021.

HOME-ARP is designed to support specific Qualifying Populations, as follows:

- Homeless
- At Risk of Homelessness
- Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking
- Other Populations
- Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness
- At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability
- Veterans, and families that include a veteran family member, that meet the criteria for one of the qualifying populations described above are eligible to receive HOME-ARP assistance

If you serve these populations and are willing to share information about their housing needs, we encourage you to attend one of the listening sessions listed on their website. Checklists have been provided, which will specify the type of data and information KHRC is looking for.

TRANSPORTATION

Last Friday, Secretary Lorenz announced KDOT will be hosting a series of meetings regarding the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and new funding. These meetings will provide an overview of additional funding available for highways, bridges and rural transit and the new electric vehicle charging infrastructure program, and preview some of the investment areas under consideration for new funding. In addition, KDOT will seek input from attendees about what would be most helpful to communities. These meetings are scheduled to be held in the following locations:

- Hays, KS Monday, April 11
- Kansas City, KS Wednesday, April 13
- Wichita, KS Thursday, April 14
- Virtual Meeting Wednesday, April 27

Content will be the same at all meetings and registration will be required. We will continue to share information as we receive it.

