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| Preparing for an Audit of ARPA Expenditures: What to Do Now?  
Teresa Hicks, Quality Assurance and Technical Specialist, Center for Audit Excellence Division, Ohio Auditor of State’s Office | This workshop will address the potential ARPA audit from the federal government. Presenters will discuss the process, the most recent guidance and/or regulations that townships and the federal government will be following, what a township needs to do to prepare for a potential audit, and other timely advice. The presenting attorneys will offer real-world examples by sharing what they are seeing with their own township clients. |
| Demystifying Grant Seeking: Tools & Tips for Success  
Kaye Borchers, Funding Specialist, Choice One Engineering | This session focuses on seeking grant support for township projects and programs. The session begins with an overview of the role of grant funding in an organization and the prerequisites for seeking grant support. Kaye will then provide insight on how to identify grant opportunities, tips for writing a successful grant application, and tools for managing the grant-seeking process. |
| Communicating Township Financial Needs Without Going to Jail  
Rebecca C. Princehorn, Esq., Partner, Bricker & Eckler LLP; Sean R Lehman, Attorney, Bricker & Eckler LLP | This session will review the statutory rules and Auditor of State guidance regarding communicating township financial needs in a polarized environment, particularly at levy time. This session will provide practical guidance and best practices to keep township communication efforts informative, not promotional thus subject to legal challenges. |
| Construction Competitive Bidding and Procurement for Township Fiscal Officers  
Laura Bowman, Partner, Bricker & Eckler Attorneys at Law | Did you know that Township competitive bidding requirements for construction vary by type of project and vendor? Learn more about risk factors to consider when selecting a construction delivery model as well as what you need to know your Township is following Ohio law when hiring a Design Professional, Contractor, Construction Manager at Risk, or Design-Builder. |