

Acronym Listing

A

AAA	Area Agency on Aging
AAP	Assessors Association of Pennsylvania
ABE	Adult Basic Education
ACF	Administration for Children and Families
ACHP	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
ACYF	Administration for Children, Youth, and Families
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
ADD	Administration on Developmental Disabilities
ADEA	Age Discrimination in Employment Act
ADL	Activity of Daily Living
ADR	Alternative Dispute Resolution
ADT	Average Daily Traffic
AFH	Adult Family Home
AFIS	Automated Fingerprint Identification System
AFO	Animal Feeding Operations
AFV	Alternative Fueled Vehicle
AHCPR	Agency for Health Care Policy and Research
ASHERA	Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act
AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
AIP	Airport Improvement Program
ALJ	Administrative Law Judge
ANA	Administration for Native Americans
AOA	Administration on Agency
AOD	Alcohol and Other Drugs
AOPC	Administrative Offices of the Pennsylvania Court
APA	Administrative Procedures Act
ATF	Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
ATOD	Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs
AWT	Advanced Wastewater Treatment
AYL	Arbitrage Yield Limit

B

BACT	Best Available Control Technology
BAN	Bond Anticipation Note
BAT	Best Available Technology
BDAP	Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Programs (State)
BEA	Bureau of Economic Analysis
BEST Flex	Benefit Solutions that are Flexible
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs
BJA	Bureau of Justice Assistance
BJS	Bureau of Justice Statistics
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
BLS	Bureau of Land Statistics
BMP	Best Management Practice
BNA	Bureau of National Affairs
BOP	Federal Bureau of Prisons

BRAC	Base Realignment and Closure/Conversion
C	
CAA	Clean Air Act
CAB	Community Action Board
CABO	Concentrated Animal Breeding Operation
CAER	Community Awareness and Emergency Response
CAFO	Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation
CAFR	Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
CAO	Chief Administrative Officer
	County Assistance Office
CAD	Computer-Aided Dispatch or Computer- Assisted Drafting
CAMA	Computer-Assisted Mass Appraisal
CBD	Central Business District
CBO	Community Based Organization
CCAP	County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania
CCAP POAP	County Chief Adult Probation and Parole Officers Association of Pennsylvania
CCBDG	Child Care Development Block Grant
CCD	Census County Division
CCF	Congregate Care Facility
CCR	Commission on Civil Rights
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant
CDL	Commercial Drivers License
CD-ROM	Compact Disc-Read Only Memory
CEO	Chief Elected Official or Chief Executive Officer
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (a.k.a. Superfund)
CES	Cooperative Extension Service
CEU	Continuing Education Units
CFO	Chief Financial Officer
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CFSAN	National Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
CFSR	Child and Family Services Review
CHAMPVA	Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Veterans Administration
CHAS	Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy
CIC	Consumer Information Center
CIO	Chief Information Officer
CIP	Community Improvement Plan
CJAB	Criminal Justice Advisory Board
CJRT&R	Center for Juvenile Training and Research
CM	Case Management
CMS	Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (Federal)
COB	Close of Business
COBRA	Comprehensive Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
COCS	Cost of Community Service
COG	Council of Government
COLA	Cost-Of-Living Adjustment
COMCARE	County Managed Care
COMCARE PRO	Insurance for Behavioral Health Managed Care
COP	Certificate of Participation
COSTARS	Cooperative Sourcing to Achieve Reductions in Spending (Pennsylvania's Cooperative Purchasing Program)
CPCMS	Court of Common Pleas Court Case Management System
CPE	Certified Public Expenditure
CPS	Child Protective Services

CPSC	Consumer Product Safety Commission
CRA	Community Reinvestment Act
CRL	County Reinsurance Limited
CRP	Conservation Reserve Program
CSB	Community Services Board
CSBG	Community Services Block Grant
CSE	Child Support Enforcement

D

DARE	Drug Abuse Resistance Education
DCED	Department of Community and Economic Development
DCNR	Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
DD	Developmental Disability or Dually Diagnosed
DEA	Drug Enforcement Administration
DEP	Department of Environmental Protection
DGS	Department of General Services
DINC	Double Income No Children
DMS	Dispatch Management System
DOA	Department of Agriculture
DOC	Department of Commerce
	Department of Corrections
DOD	Department of Defense
DOE	Department of Education
	Department of Energy
DOH	Department of Health
DOI	Department of the Interior
DOL	Department of Labor
DOS	Department of State
DOT	Department of Transportation
DPW	Department of Public Welfare
DRAP	Domestic Relations Association of Pennsylvania
DSF	Delivery Sequence File
DUI	Driving Under the Influence (of AOD)
DWI	Driving While Intoxicated

E

EAP	Employee Assistance Program
EAS	Essential Air Service
EBT	Electronic Benefit Transfer
EC	Enterprise Community
ECA	Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
ECAB	Employees' Compensation Appeals Board
ECOSOC	Economic and Social Council
EDA	Economic Development Administration
EDI	Electronic Data Interchange
EEO	Equal Employment Opportunity
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EITC	Earned Income Tax Credit
EMS	Emergency Management Services
	Emergency Medical Service
EMT	Emergency Medical Technician
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
EOP	Emergency Operation Plan
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EPP	Environmentally Preferable Purchasing
EQIP	Environmental Quality Incentive Program

ESA	Endangered Species Act
ESL	English as a Second Language
ETI	Economically Targeted Investment
EZ	Empowerment Zone

F

FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FACA	Federal Advisory Committee Act
FAIR	Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act
FAST	Families Achieving Self-Sufficiency Together
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FCS	Financial Service Center
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FFS	Fee For Service
FGDC	Federal Geographic Data Committee
FGDM	Family Group Decision Making
FHA	Federal Housing Administration
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FIC	Federal Information Center
FIFO	First In First Out
FIFRA	Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act
FIPS	Federal Information Processing Standards
FJC	Federal Judicial Center
FLPMA	Federal Land Policy and Management Act
FLSA	Fair Labor Standards Act
FMIS	Financial Management Information System
FMLA	Family and Medical Leave Act
FMR	Fair Market Rent
FNMA	Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae)
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
FPG	Federal Poverty Guideline
FR	Federal Register
FRMP	Federal Revenue Maximization Program
FSA	Family Support Act
FSET	Food Stamp Employment and Training Program
FSS	Family Self-Sufficiency
FTE	Full-Time Equivalent Employee
FUPC	Fixed Unit Price Contract
FWC	Fish and Wildlife Service
FY	Fiscal Year

G

GA	General Assistance
GAAFR	Governmental Accounting, Auditing, and Financial Report
GAAP	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
GAGAS	Generally Accepted Governmental Accounting Standards
GAIN	Greater Avenues for Independence
GASB	Governmental Accounting Standards Board
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GED	General Equivalency Diploma
GIS	Geographic Information System
GNMA	Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae)
GO	General Obligation (Bond)
GPFRF	General Purpose External Financial Statement
GPFS	General Purpose Financial Statement
GPO	Government Printing Office

GPRA Government Performance Results Act
GPS General Protective Services
Global Positioning System

H

HAP Homeless Assistance Program
HAVA Help America Vote Act
HazMat Hazardous Material
HHS Department of Health and Human Services
HIPAA Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HIS Hospital Information System
HMDA Home Mortgage Disclosure Act
HMTA Hazardous Material Transportation Act
HMO Health Maintenance Organization
HOME HOME Investment Partnerships
HOPWA Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS
HOV High Occupancy Vehicle
HR Human Resources or Home Relief
HSDF Human Services Development Fund
HTML Hypertext Markup Language
HTTP Hypertext Transfer Protocol
HUD Department of Housing and Urban Development

I

IADL Instrumental Activity of Daily Living
IAP Indoor Air Pollution
ICF Intermediate Care Facility
ICSI Integrated Children's Services Initiative
ICSP Integrated Children's Services Plan
ICWA Indian Child Welfare Act
IDB Industrial Development Bond
IFB Invitation For Bid
IFP Invitation For Proposal
IGT Intergovernmental Transfer
I/M Inspection/Maintenance
INS Immigration and Naturalization Service
IPA Independent Practice Association
IRCA Immigration Reform and Control Act
IRRC Independent Regulatory Review Commission (State)
ISTEA Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act
IT Information Technology
ITA Individual Training Account
IVHS Intelligent Vehicle Highway System

J

JAG Justice Advocate General
JCJC Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (State)
JCSC Joint Center for Sustainable Communities
JDCAP Juvenile Detention Centers Association of Pennsylvania
JIEM Justice Information Exchange Model
JJDCP Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Committee

K

KOZ Keystone Opportunity Zones

L

LANLEA	Local Area Network
LEA	Local Education Agency
LEO	Locally Elected Official
LEP	Limited English Proficiency
LERTA	Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act
L&I	Labor and Industry
LIFO	Last In First Out
LIFT	Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program
LIS	Land Information System
LMI	Labor Management Information System and Labor Market Information
LPR	Lawful Permanent Resident
LTC	Long Term Care
LUCC	Large Urban County Caucus
LULU	Locally Unwanted Land Use
LUST	Leaking Underground Storage Tank
LVR	Low-Volume Road

M

MA	Medical Assistance
MACT	Maximum Achievable Control Technology
MAF	Master Address File (Census)
MATP	Medical Assistance Transportation Program
MBDA	Minority Business Development Agency
MBE	Minority Business Enterprise
Mcare	Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error Fund
MCH	Maternal and Child Health
MCL	Maximum Containment Level
MDJ	Magisterial District Judge
MEP	Maximum Extent Practicable
MH	Mental Health
MH/MR PAAP	Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program Administrators Association of Pennsylvania
MICA	Mentally Ill Chemical Abuser
MIS	Management Information System
MOA	Memorandum Of Agreement
MOE	Maintenance Of Effort
MOU	Memorandum Of Understanding
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MRB	Mortgage Revenue Board
MR	Mental Retardation
MRF	Materials Recovery/Recycling Facility
MS4	Municipal Separate Stormwater System
MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area
MSAG	Master Street Address Guide
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet
MSW	Municipal Solid Waste or Masters in Social Work

N

NABCO	National Association of Black County Officials
NACA	National Association of County Administrators
NACAP	National Association of County Aging Programs
NACBHDD	National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Directors
NACCA	National Association for County Community/Economic Development
NACCED	National Association of County Engineers
NACCHO	National Association of County and City Health Officials

NACE	National Association of County Engineers
NACHFA	National Association of County Health Facility Administrators
NACHRA	National Association of County Human Resources Administrators
NACHSA	National Association of County Human Services Administrators
NACIO	National Association of County Information Officers
NACIRO	National Association of County Intergovernmental Relations Officers
NACITA	National Association of County Information Technology Administrators
NACo	National Association of Counties
NACo FSC	National Association of Counties Financial Services Center
NACP	National Association of County Planners
NACPRO	National Association of County Parks and Recreation Officials
NACRC	National Association of County Recorders, Election Officials and Clerks
NACS	National Association of County Surveyors
NACTFO	National Association of County Treasurers and Finance Officers
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NAHCO	National Association of Hispanic County Officials
NASA	National aeronautics and Space Administration
NATAT	National Association of Towns and Townships
NBPB	Needs Based Plan & Budget
NCCAE	National Council of County Association Executives
NCECE	National Council of Elected County Executives
NCGA	National Council on Government Accounting
NCRCO	National Conference of Republican County Officials
NDCO	National Democratic County Officials
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NFMA	National Forest Management Act
NHS	National Highway System
NIEM	National Information Exchange Model
NII	National Information Infrastructure
NIJ	National Institute of Justice
NIMBY	Not In My Back Yard
NIMS	National Incident Management System
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NOBCO	National Organization of Black County Officials, Inc.
NOFA	Notice Of Funds Available
NOI	Notice Of Intent
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NPS	Nonpoint Sources
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission or National Recycling Coalition
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
NRDC	National Rural Development Council
NRS	Nationwide Retirement Solutions
NRDP	National Rural Development Partnerships
NSDI	National Spatial Data Infrastructure
NVRA	National Voter Registration Act (a.k.a. motor voter)
NWA	National Workforce Association

O

OAA	Older Americans Act
OALF	Office of Administrative Law Judges
OAS	Organization of American States
OBEMLA	Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs
OCS	Office of Community Services
OCSE	Office of Child Support Enforcement
OCYF	Office of Children, Youth and Families (State)
OD	Organizational Development

ODP	Office of Developmental Programs
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
OERI	Office of Educational Research and Improvement
OFA	Office of Family Assistance
OIG	Office of the Inspector General
OJJDG	Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
OJP	Office of Justice Programs
OJT	On-the-Job Training
OLMS	Office of Labor Management and Budget
O/M	Operations/Maintenance
OMHSAS	Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse (State)
OPHS	Office of Public Health and Science
ORHP	Office of Rural Health Policy
OSDBU	Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Act
OVC	Office of Victims of Crime
OWBO	Office of Women's Business Ownership
OWCP	Office of Workers' Compensation Programs

P

P2	Pollution Prevention
PAAAA	Pennsylvania Association of Area Agencies on Aging
PACAH	Pennsylvania Association of County Affiliated Homes
PACDAA	Pennsylvania Association of County Drug and Alcohol Administrators
PACHSA	Pennsylvania Association of County Human Services Administrators
PATH	Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness
PALS	Program for Address List Supplementation
PC	Personal Computer or Politically Correct
PCCD	Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (State)
PComp	Pennsylvania Counties Workers Compensation Trust
PCoRP	Pennsylvania Counties Risk Pool
PCYA	Pennsylvania Children and Youth Administrators Association
PDA	Pennsylvania Department of Aging (State)
	Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
PDE	Pennsylvania Department of Education
PELICAN	Pennsylvania Liability Insurance for County Affiliated Nursing Homes
PEMA	Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
PennDOT	Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
PENNVEST	Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority
PEPNET	Promising and Effective Practices Network
PERS	Public Employee Retirement System
PFBC	Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission
PGC	Pennsylvania Game Commission
PGCB	Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
PHA	Public Housing Authority
PHCCCC	Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council
PHFA	Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency
PHMC	Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
PHS	Public Health Service
PILT	Payment In-Lieu of Taxes
PMCC	Prison Inmate Medical Cost Containment or Public Institution Medical Cost Containment
PIO	Public Information Officer
PLCB	Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board
PLGIT	Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust
PMMB	Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board

PMRS	Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System
PMS	Pavement Management System
POC	Plan of Correction
POTW	Publicly Owned Treatment Works
PPO	Preferred Provider Organization
PRDC	Pennsylvania Rural Development Council
PRIA	Public Rangelands Improvement Act
PRP	Potentially Responsible Party
PSA	Planning and Service Area or Public Service Announcement
PSE	Public Service Employment
PSP	Pennsylvania State Police
PUC	Public Utility Commission
PUD	Planned Urban Development
PY	Program Year

Q

R

RAC	Rural Action Caucus
RACT	Reasonably Available Control Technology
RAN	Revenue Anticipation Note
RAW	Replenishment Agricultural Worker
RCF	Residential Care Facility
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
RECD	Rural Economic and Community Development
RFA	Request For Agreement
RFI	Request For Information
RFP	Request For Proposal
RFQ	Request For Qualification
RHS	Rural Housing Service
RICHs	Rural Information Center Health Services
RIF	Reduction In Force
RLF	Revolving Loan Fund
RRTF	Rural Renaissance Task Force
RSVP	Retired and Senior Volunteer Program
RUS	Rural Utilities Service

S

SAM	State Association Meeting
SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
SAS	Substance Abuse Services
SAW	Seasonal Agricultural Worker
SCA	Single County Authority (Drug & Alcohol County Agency)
SD	Sustainable Development
SDA	Service Delivery Area
SDWA	Safe Drinking Water Act
SEC	State Ethics Commission
SES	Socio-Economic Status
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Office
SIP	State Implementation Office
SLAPP	Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
SRDC	State Rural Development Council
SRF	State Revolving Fund
SSBG	Social Services Block Grant
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance

SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SSO	Sanitary Sewer Overflow
STEB	State Tax Equalization Board
STD	Sexually Transmitted Disease
SURE	Statewide Uniform Registry of Electors

T

TAN	Tax Anticipation Note
TANF	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
TDD	Telephone Device for the Deaf
TDR	Transfer of Development Rights
TEA21	Transportation Equity Act for the 21 st Century
TEL	Tax or Expenditure Limitation
TIF	Tax Increment Funding
TIGER	Topographically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing (Census)
TIP	TIGER Improvement Program
TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Loads
TOD	Transit Oriented Development
TPS	Temporary Protected Status
TQM	Total Quality Management
TSI	Transportation Safety Institute
TRAN	Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note
TRI	Toxic Release Inventory
TTY	Telecommunications Device for the Deaf

U

UC	Unemployment Compensation
UC Trust	Unemployment Compensation Trust
URL	Uniform Resource Locators
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USDA-CSREES	United States Department of Agriculture – Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension
USDA-REE	United States Department of Agriculture – Research, Education and Economics
USGS	United States Geological Survey
UST	Underground Storage Tank

V

VA	Department of Veterans Affairs
VBA	Veterans Benefits Administration
VDT	Video Display Terminal
VETS	Veterans' Employment and Training Service
VHA	Veterans Health Administration
VMT	Vehicle Miles Traveled
VOIP	Voice Over Internet Protocol
VVPAT	Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail

W

WAN	Wide Area Network
WARN	Worker Readjustment and Retraining Notification
WB	Women's Bureau
WBE	Women Business Enterprise
WIA	Workforce Investment Board
WIC	Woman, Infants and Children Program
WIN	Women in Nutrition
WIR	Western Interstate Region (NACo)

WON	Women Officials in NACo
WRP	Wetlands Reserve Program
WTR	Waste To Energy

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Y

YTD	Year To Date
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