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- NDACE** *North Dakota Association of County Engineers*
- NDACo** *North Dakota Association of Counties*
- NDCCA** *North Dakota County Commissioners Association*
- NDIRF** *North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund*
Provides cost effective liability, automobile, and inland marine coverage to public entities.
- NDLC** *North Dakota League of Cities*
The NDLC gives voice to the state's 357 cities, and is the city government equivalent of NDACo.
- NDTOA** *North Dakota Township Officers Association*
- NG9-1-1** *Next Generation 9-1-1*
Changing from today's legacy voice 9-1-1 system to a system of systems to bring voice and data to the emergency response system.
- NGA** *National Governors Association*
Bipartisan national organization of, by, and for the nation's Governors.
- NIMS** *National Incident Management System*
Standardized incident management system used by all responders at all levels.
- NRG** *NDACo Resources Group*
NDACo for-profit subsidiary created in 2000 that allows technical staff to support state and other agencies.
- NRS** *Nationwide Retirement Solutions*
NACo Partner which offers public employee financial programs and supplemental retirement products (i.e. 457 retirement plans, IRA's, etc.)

O

- ODP** *Office for Domestic Preparedness*
- OJJDP** *Office of Juvenile Justice for Delinquency Prevention*
U.S. Department of Justice office responsible for grant programs to states and local governments. NDACo provides the administrative contact with this agency, through a grant agreement with the Division of Juvenile Services (DJS).

P

- PATH** *Professional Association of Treatment Homes*
Not-for-profit social service agency that provides therapeutic foster care in N.D.
- PIO** *Public Information Officer*
- PSAP** *Public Safety Answering Point*
Center that answers 911 calls and dispatches emergency services.

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- RIMS** *Risk and Insurance Management Society*
Society dedicated to bringing together professionals to advance the practice of risk management.

S

- SAG** *State Advisory Group*
Governor appointed body to recommend federal juvenile justice grant funding.
- SDSS** *Statewide Detention Support Services*
Reimbursement program through NDACo that provides counties with funding for juvenile supervision programs.

- SEOC** *State Emergency Operations Center*

T

- TAG System** *(Not an acronym)*
Computerized offender management information system being utilized by DJS to integrate data between eight regional offices as well as YCC.

- TSRP** *Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor*
An attorney who is or becomes an expert in traffic and DUI laws and provides support to the state's prosecutors to prosecute traffic safety violations

U

- USC** *US Communities*
Nonprofit instrumentality of government co-sponsored by NACo that reduces the cost of purchased goods through pooling the purchasing power of public agencies nationwide.

V

- VOIP** *Voice Over Internet Protocol*
Telephone conversation conducted over an Internet connection.

W

- WMD** *Weapons of Mass Destruction*

- WSI** *Workforce Safety & Insurance*

Y

- YCC** *Youth Correctional Center*
Formerly the ND Industrial School, this 100-bed facility accepts youth for treatment in the custody of the State, from the Juvenile Court for evaluations, and from local counties for short-term detention.

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Acronym Reference Guide (ARG!)

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Pronunciation[AK -ruh-nim] -noun
a word formed from the initial letters or groups of letters of words in a set phrase or series of words. Example:
Self-**C**ontained **U**nderwater **B**reathing **A**pparatus = **Scuba**.



According to the strict definition, most of the items on this list are not true acronyms, but just initials. Nevertheless, the "short-hand" we use can get a little confusing, so this guide was developed to help make sense of it all.

The guide is updated annually, and all submissions are welcome. If we have missed any that you feel should be listed, or if any are not defined clearly, let us know. please don't hesitate to call it in.

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See? We just can't get by without using initials instead of words!

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ASAE	American Society of Association Executives	
	Enhances excellence in association management, and the effectiveness of associations to better serve members and society.	
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BCI	Bureau of Criminal Investigation	
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CAE	Certified Association Executive	
	Professional certification sponsored by ASAE.	
CEG	County Employers Group	
	County workers comp group managed by NDACo.	
CEUs	Continuing Education Units	
CHIPS	Children's Health Insurance Program	
	Federal program known as Healthy Steps in N.D.	
CJIS	Criminal Justice Info. Sharing	
	Framework that provides comprehensive data to the criminal justice community in N.D.	
CJJ	Coalition for Juvenile Justice	
	National organization promoting funding for local government programs addressing youth.	
COG	Continuation of Government	
	Resuming gov't services after a disaster.	
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DCN	Dakota Carrier Network	
DES	Dept. of Emergency Services	
DHS	Department of Human Services (or) Department of Homeland Security	
DJS	Division of Juvenile Services	
	Division of the N.D. Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation responsible for the delinquent youth committed to the custody of the State. In cooperation with NDACo, it administers various federal juvenile justice grant programs.	

DOCR	Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation	
	Cabinet level agency within state government responsible for adult probation, the penitentiary, Roughrider Industries and the Division of Juvenile Services. DOCR is also statutorily responsible for the development and implementation of jail rules.	
DOT	Department of Transportation	
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EICG	Excellence in County Government	
	Awards given by NDACo annually to county government leaders nominated by their peers.	
EMS	Emergency Medical Services	
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FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency	
FSC	Financial Services Center	
	NACo division which partners with businesses, such as Office Depot, to provide counties services at reduced costs.	
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GASB	Governmental Accounting Standards Board	
	Establishes and improves standards of state and local governmental accounting and financial reporting.	
GIS	Geographical Information System	
GNDCC	Greater North Dakota Chamber of Commerce	
	Offers programs and services to help businesses succeed in North Dakota.	
GPS	Global Positioning System	
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HAVA	Help America Vote Act	
	Federally-mandated election reform program to improve election administration, upgrade voting systems, and ensure accessibility.	

HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act of 1996	
	Federal legislation that has provisions to improve the portability of health insurance, but affects the Medicaid agencies of state government and private insurers by requiring a unified billing and accounting system nationwide.	
HOMER	Handy Office Manager of Electronic Records	
	Database system developed by NDACo to keep track of member information.	
HSEEP	Homeland Security Exercise & Evaluation Program	
	Policy/doctrine for performing/evaluating exercises.	
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ICS	Incident Command System	
	Standardized, on-scene, all-hazard incident management concept.	
ILG	Institute of Local Government	
	501(c)3 subsidiary of NDACo created in 2000, serves as the education arm of the Association.	
IMD	Information Management Division	
	This is the Department of Human Services' information technology division.	
ITD	Information Technology Dept.	
	Cabinet level state agency responsible for setting computer standards for state & counties. Maintains the state backbone, which allows counties to access the Internet.	
IVN	Interactive Video Network	
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JABG	Juvenile Accountability Block Grant	
	Grant program to address juvenile crime by encouraging accountability-based reforms at state and local levels.	

JDR	Juvenile Detention Records	
	DOCR, through its jail and detention center monitoring, requires this juvenile detention record be prepared and submitted for every juvenile held securely by a local law enforcement agency.	
JPA	Joint Power Agreement	
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LGHSTEP	Local Gov't Homeland Security Training & Exercise Program	
	A federally funded program to enhance state preparedness for homeland security.	
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MAXIMUS	(Not an acronym)	
	Consulting firm specializing in local government services, such as indirect cost accounting.	
MIS	Management Information Systems	
MOE	Maintenance of Effort	
	Generally used in terms of new or increased federal funding – it is the requirement that states or local governments not reduce their own spending as a condition for receiving the federal dollars	
MSAE	Midwest Society of Association Executives	
	A professional association which works to increase the effectiveness of associations in the Upper Midwest.	
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NACIO	National Association of County Information Officers	
NACo	National Association of Counties	
NCCAE	National Council of County Association Executives	
NCSL	National Council of State Legislators	
	Bipartisan organization dedicated to serving the nation's state lawmakers and staffs.	