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## **NADO Recognizes 45 Senators and 75 Representatives with 2008 Congressional Partnership Awards**

**Washington, DC** – The National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) announced today the recipients of the 2008 NADO Congressional Partnership Awards, a biennial program honoring members of Congress who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in promoting regional community and economic development. The 45 Senators and 75 Representatives will be recognized during the association’s Washington Policy Conference, scheduled for February 25-27 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Virginia.

According to NADO President Leanne Mazer (Cumberland, MD), “We are proud to recognize the recipients of the 2008 NADO Congressional Partnership Awards. This group of distinguished federal lawmakers has shown exceptional support for federal policies and programs that encourage regional solutions and approaches to improving local services, economic conditions and community prosperity.”

“Most importantly, these members of Congress have demonstrated significant support of the policy goals of NADO and the local work of regional planning and development organizations,” Mazer continued. “It is only appropriate that we honor and acknowledge our federal lawmakers who share our vision of developing viable and healthy local economies through regional cooperation.”

Nominees were evaluated on their support of NADO policies and priorities, such as reauthorization and funding of the Economic Development Administration and other federal community and economic development programs, strengthening the role of rural local officials in transportation planning and supporting a leadership role for regional development organizations in homeland security and emergency management preparedness. Nominees were also evaluated on the level of support shown to regional development organizations within their state.

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Building on nearly four decades of experience, the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) provides advocacy, education, networking and research services for the national network of 520 regional development organizations. The association is an advocate for federal community and economic development programs and policies that help local communities improve their local economy and quality of life.

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# RECIPIENTS OF THE 2008 NADO CONGRESSIONAL PARTNERSHIP AWARD

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## SENATE

Evan Bayh (D-IN)  
Jeff Bingaman (D-NM)  
Christopher S. Bond (R-MO)  
Sherrod Brown (D-OH)  
Richard Burr (R-NC)  
Robert C. Byrd (D-WV)  
Robert P. Casey, Jr. (D-PA)  
Saxby Chambliss (R-GA)  
Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY)  
Thad Cochran (R-MS)  
Norm Coleman (R-MN)  
Susan M. Collins (R-ME)  
Elizabeth Dole (R-NC)  
Pete V. Domenici (R-NM)  
Russ Feingold (D-WI)  
Charles E. Grassley (R-IA)  
Tom Harkin (D-IA)  
James M. Inhofe (R-OK)  
Daniel K. Inouye (D-HI)  
Johnny Isakson (R-GA)  
Tim Johnson (D-SD)  
Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)  
Herbert H. Kohl (D-WI)  
Patrick J. Leahy (D-VT)  
Carl Levin (D-MI)  
Blanche L. Lincoln (D-AR)  
Richard G. Lugar (R-IN)  
Barbara A. Mikulski (D-MD)  
Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)  
Patty Murray (D-WA)  
Ben Nelson (D-NE)  
Mark Pryor (D-AR)  
John D. Rockefeller IV (D-WV)  
Ken Salazar (D-CO)  
Bernard Sanders (I-VT)  
Charles E. Schumer (D-NY)  
Richard C. Shelby (R-AL)  
Gordon Smith (R-OR)  
Olympia J. Snowe (R-ME)  
Debbie A. Stabenow (D-MI)

John E. Sununu (R-NH)  
John R. Thune (R-SD)  
George V. Voinovich (R-OH)  
Roger Wicker (R-MS)  
Ron Wyden (D-OR)

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Robert B. Aderholt (R-AL)  
Thomas H. Allen (D-ME)  
Michael Arcuri (D-NY)  
Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)  
John Barrow (D-GA)  
Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD)  
Marion Berry (D-AR)  
Sanford Bishop, Jr. (D-GA)  
Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)  
John Boozman (R-AR)  
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Geoff Davis (R-KY)  
Lincoln Davis (D-TN)  
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Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)  
Norman D. Dicks (D-WA)  
Chet Edwards (D-TX)  
Jo Ann H. Emerson (R-MO)  
Virgil H. Goode, Jr. (R-VA)  
Robin Hayes (R-NC)  
Wally Herger (R-CA)  
Stephanie Herseth Sandlin (D-SD)  
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Collin Peterson (D-MN)  
Earl Pomeroy (D-ND)  
Deborah Pryce (R-OH)  
Nick J. Rahall (D-WV)  
Silvestre Reyes (D-TX)  
Harold Rogers (R-KY)  
Mike Ross (D-AR)  
John T. Salazar (D-CO)  
Heath Shuler (D-NC)  
Bill Shuster (R-PA)  
Zack Space (D-OH)  
Bart Stupak (D-MI)  
John S. Tanner (D-TN)  
Gene Taylor (D-MS)  
Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS)  
Greg Walden (R-OR)  
Tim Walz (D-MN)  
Zach Wamp (R-TN)  
Peter Welch (D-VT)  
Edward Whitfield (R-KY)  
John Yarmuth (D-KY)