



NADO Recognizes 2014 Innovation Award Winners

For 28 years, NADO's Annual Innovation Award program has honored members who have made significant and positive impacts on their regions through innovative approaches to problem solving and program delivery. We are pleased to announce that the 2014 slate of awardees includes 99 impressive projects from 27 states!

NADO congratulates the 2014 Innovation Award-winning projects. This annual program acknowledges creative approaches to regional community and economic development throughout the nation. The winning projects represent the innovative and strategic approaches that regional councils are employing to strengthen and enhance their regions. We applaud their efforts and impact!

Alabama

- **Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham, *Pop-Up Project***

Arizona

- **Northern Arizona Council of Governments, *Broadband Mapping for Northern Arizona***
- **Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization, *Borderless Solutions Campaign***

California

- **Sonoma County Economic Development Board, *Sonoma County Business Assistance Hotline***

Colorado

- **Region 9 Economic Development District of SW Colorado, *SCAPE - Southwest Colorado Accelerator Program for Entrepreneurs***

Connecticut

- **Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency, *CCSU Transportation Demand Management Strategy***

Florida

- **Central Florida Regional Planning Council, *Heartland 2060***
- **Central Florida Regional Planning Council, *Florida Local/Regional Broadband Planning Project***
- **North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, *Incorporating Safety into Transportation Planning***
- **Northeast Florida Regional Council, *Regional Community Institute Regional Action Plan***
- **Apalachee Regional Planning Council, *Wakulla Environmental Institute***

Georgia

- **Coastal Regional Commission, *Leadership SE Georgia***
- **Coastal Regional Commission, *McIntosh County Unified Economic Development Plan***
- **CSRA Regional Commission, *Thomson-McDuffie Downtown Depot and Walkway Revitalization***
- **CSRA Regional Commission, *City of Harlem Active Transportation Initiatives***
- **Georgia Mountains Regional Commission, *Dahlonega Downtown Historic District Design Guidelines***
- **Georgia Mountains Regional Commission, *City of Cornelia - Community Revitalization***

- **Georgia Mountains Regional Commission, *PROJECT SEARCH***
- **Middle Georgia Regional Commission, *Middle Georgia Readiness Analysis***
- **Middle Georgia Regional Commission, *Macon-Bibb County Consolidation***
- **River Valley Regional Commission, *Hog Removal and Pennahatchee Creek***
- **Southern Georgia Regional Commission, *Area Agency on Aging on the Forefront of Social Media Marketing***
- **Southern Georgia Regional Commission, *Making the Most of GIS Day!***

Iowa

- **Iowa Association of Regional Councils, *ISUEO and IARC Joint Position***
- **Region XII COG, *Housing Loans to Support Neighborhood Stabilization Program***

Kentucky

- **Bluegrass Area Development District, *Kentucky Chemical Weapons Disposal Project Layoff Aversion Study***
- **Bluegrass Area Development District, *Bluegrass Transitional Care Program***
- **Green River Area Development District, *Tri-County Recycling Alliance Expansion***
- **Lake Cumberland Area Development District, *Lake Area Foundation/Lake Cumberland 360***
- **Lincoln Trail Area Development District, *Lincoln Heritage National Scenic Byway Signage Project***
- **Northern Kentucky Area Development District, *Girl's Day Out, Women Building a Better World***
- **Pennyrile Area Development District, *Senior Bullying***
- **Pennyrile Area Development District, *Get Up and Go: Where in the Pennyrile are the Mayors?***
- **Purchase Area Development District, *Innovative Readiness Training Partnership***

Louisiana

- **Greater New Orleans, Inc., *Greater New Orleans Urban Water Plan App***
- **Greater New Orleans, Inc., *Coalition for Sustainable Flood Insurance***
- **Greater New Orleans, Inc., *Destination GNO***

Maine

- **Eastern Maine Development Corporation, *E3: The EMDC Model Connecting Business, Education, and Workforce***

Massachusetts

- **Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, *Pioneer Valley Data Portal***

Minnesota

- **Region Five Development Commission, *Choose Health***
- **Region Nine Development Commission, *Highway 169 Reconstruction/Flood Mitigation Project***

Mississippi

- **Central Mississippi Planning and Development District, *Pearl River Valley Water Supply District Master Plan***
- **East Central Planning and Development District, *Sumrall Park Renovation***
- **East Central Planning and Development District, *Jasper County Workforce Development Center***
- **Golden Triangle Planning and Development District, Inc., *Golden Triangle PDD Pharmacy***
- **North Central Planning and Development District, *Montgomery County Diabetes Coalition***
- **Northeast Mississippi Planning & Development District, *Alcorn County Natural Gas System Improvements Project***
- **Northeast Mississippi Planning & Development District, *Alcorn County/Caterpillar Industrial Road Improvements***

- **Northeast Mississippi Planning & Development District**, *Tishomingo County/Public Building Rehabilitation and Barge Dock Construction*
- **Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District**, *Mississippi Gulf Coast Plan for Opportunity*
- **Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District**, *Gaston Point Entrepreneurship Program (a.k.a. Dislocated Worker Entrepreneurship Program (DWEPE))*

Missouri

- **Meramec Regional Planning Commission**, *Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri - Joint Land Use Study*
- **Mo-Kan Regional Council**, *Block Walk and St. Joe Design Center*

Nebraska

- **Southeast Nebraska Development District**, *Regional Early Warning Sirens*
- **West Central Nebraska Development District**, *Nuisance Abatement*

New Mexico

- **Southwest New Mexico Council of Governments**, *Borderless Solutions Campaign*

North Carolina

- **Centralina Council of Governments**, *Centralina Career Headlight: Prosperity and Jobs for the Greater Charlotte Region*
- **Land of Sky Regional Council**, *GroWNC*
- **Land of Sky Regional Council**, *2014 MLK Day of Service Project*
- **Land of Sky Regional Council**, *Refresh - Making the Land of Sky Regional Council Brand*
- **Mid-East Commission**, *Northeast North Carolina Regional Locally Coordinated Public Transit and Human Service Transportation Plan*
- **North Carolina Association of Regional Councils**, *NC Tomorrow - Building Communities for Tomorrow's Jobs*
- **Piedmont Triad Regional Council**, *Head Start to Employment*
- **Piedmont Triad Regional Council**, *Piedmont Together*
- **Piedmont Triad Regional Council**, *Coordinating Across Long Term Care and Health Systems*
- **Upper Coastal Plain Council of Governments (UCPCOG)**, *Community Care Transitions Project*
- **Western Piedmont Council of Governments**, *Alexander County, NC – Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Response Study*
- **Western Piedmont Council of Governments**, *Hickory MSA Economic Indicators Newsletter*

Oregon

- **Mid-Columbia Economic Development District**, *Agora Investment Platform*
- **Northeast Oregon Economic Development District**, *NE Oregon Community Capital Collaborative*
- **South Central Oregon Economic Development District**, *Innovation and Learning Center*

Pennsylvania

- **SEDA-Council of Governments**, *Energizing Small Communities: A Guide to Greater Energy Independence and Economic Resiliency*
- **Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Commission**, *Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Booth at Expomin 2014*
- **Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Commission**, *Energy Resource Center*

South Carolina

- **Appalachian Council of Governments**, *Community-Based Care Transitions Program*
- **Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments**, *Partnership for Prosperity*

- **Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments**, *Eligible Training Provider Scorecard*
- **Lower Savannah Council of Governments**, *Healthy Workplace Initiative*
- **South Carolina Association of Regional Councils**, *WIA Peer Review Project*
- **Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments**, *Santee-Lynches Education/Workforce Summits*
- **Upper Savannah Council of Governments**, *Upper Savannah Regional Job Fair*
- **Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments**, *Assisted Rides Program*

South Dakota

- **First District Association of Local Governmnets**, *County Site Analysis Program*

Tennessee

- **First Tennessee Development District**, *First Tennessee Development District Disaster Recovery and Response Plan*
- **First Tennessee Development District**, *SeniorConnectKpt.org*
- **First Tennessee Development District**, *2013 Directory of Manufacturers*
- **Memphis Area Association of Governments**, *West Tennessee Heritage and "Roots" Day Trippin' Tour*
- **Northwest Tennessee Development District**, *Northwest Tennessee Economic Alliance*

Texas

- **Ark-Tex Council of Governments**, *Ark-Tex Council of Governments: Emergency Operations Center*
- **Brazos Valley Council of Governments**, *BVCOG Family Self-Sufficiency Program*
- **Capital Area Council of Governments**, *Central Texas Sustainable Places Project*
- **Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council**, *Spanish Language Severe Weather Early Warning Notification System*
- **Middle Rio Grande Development Council**, *Eagle Ford Consortium*
- **South Plains Association of Governments**, *Hale County Economic Recovery-Disaster Assistance Seminar*
- **South Plains Association of Governments**, *White River Municipal Water District Disaster Drought Relief*
- **Texoma Council of Governments**, *Infrastructure and Asset Mapping for Public Housing*

Utah

- **Six County Association of Governments**, *Native American Education Forum*

Vermont

- **Windham Regional Commission**, *Windham Regional Commission: Proactive Planning for a Nuclear Plant Closure*

Virginia

- **Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission**, *Virginia Coalfields Wireless 4G Project - Phase 2*
- **New River Valley Planning District Commission**, *New River Valley MPO – Multimodal Transportation System Planning Tool*