Welcome from NADO President

Peter
Gregory

Dear NADO Members and Friends,

Welcome to NADO’s 2014 Washington Policy Conference: NADO on the Hill! On behalf of the Association’s Board of Directors and Executive Committee, thank you for making the commitment to participate and join the discussion on federal policy issues critical to our nation’s regional development organizations, local governments, and communities.

Recent developments in Washington make this year’s conference particularly timely. The passage of the fiscal year 2014 omnibus appropriations package with funding for all 12 appropriations bills offers a level of stability for small metropolitan and rural areas not seen in several budget cycles. With established funding levels, local governments and communities can make essential
budget and program decisions absent the uncertainty of stopgap, short-term funding measures. During the conference we will hear from House and Senate leadership and committee staff on the current legislative climate and the outlook for the second session of the 113th Congress.

Building on the success of last year’s NADO on the Hill, we will spend the afternoon of Tuesday, March 25 on Capitol Hill where NADO members can meet with their members of Congress and/or their key staff to continue relationship building. The afternoon will conclude with a special congressional reception for all conference attendees and members of Congress and their staff in the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center.

We are pleased to have Mark Leibovich, New York Times bestselling author of This Town: Two Parties and a Funeral—Plus, Plenty of Valet Parking!—in America’s Gilded Capital, as a featured speaker. Mark will share his thoughts on the state of affairs in our nation’s capital and preview what to expect in 2014, including a look at the upcoming midterm elections.

We’ll hear from key federal partners including U.S. Department of Agriculture Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development Doug O’Brien, Appalachian Regional Commission Federal Co-Chair Earl Gohl, Delta Regional Authority Federal Co-Chair Christopher Masingill, Director of the Federal and State Division of the Office of Sustainable Communities at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Matthew Dalby, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development Matt Erskine about new federal initiatives and interagency collaborations.

There will be break-out sessions on the latest legislative and policy developments in several key areas of interest to NADO members including transportation, rural development and the farm bill, workforce development, and disaster preparedness and resiliency. These sessions will feature congressional staff, federal agency partners, and experts from other national associations.

Conference participants will also have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with representatives from over a dozen different federal agencies at the annual Federal Agency Networking Reception. The reception, held in partnership with the Development District Association of Appalachia, is a great opportunity to connect with federal partners and learn about funding opportunities.

Thank you again for participating in this timely and important event. I look forward to a successful and informative 2014 Washington Policy Conference: NADO on the Hill.

Sincerely,

Peter G. Gregory, AICP
President, National Association of Development Organizations
Executive Director, Two Rivers-Ottawuechee Regional Commission (VT)
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REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

Conference registration is held daily in the Arlington Ballroom Foyer

Sunday, March 23
9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Monday, March 24
7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 25
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 26
7:30 – 11:00 a.m.
**Schedule at a Glance**

**Sunday, March 23**
- 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Registration
- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Economic Diversification in Coal Communities (Open to NADO and DDAA attendees)
- 2:15 – 4:00 p.m. Affordable Care Act Implementation Update (Open to NADO and DDAA attendees)
- 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. NADO Board of Directors Meeting (Open to all NADO members)
- 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Opening Reception with DDAA U.S. Botanic Garden (Transportation provided, buses depart from hotel lobby at 5:30 p.m.)

**Monday, March 24**
- 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Registration
- 8:15 – 9:20 a.m. NADO Regional Membership Caucus Meetings
- 9:30 – 10:45 a.m. Rural Policy Plenary Session: Interagency Partnerships for Rural Growth (Co-sponsored with DDAA)
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
  - Federal Transportation Legislative and Policy Update
  - Implications of the New Farm Bill on Rural Development
- 2:15 – 3:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
  - Workforce Legislative Overview and Federal Program Update
  - Legislative and Policy Developments on Disaster Preparedness and Resiliency
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- 1:15 – 5:00 p.m. NADO on the Hill
  Join us as we build and strengthen relationships with members of Congress and their staff! (Transportation provided, refer to insert for more information)
- 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. NADO on the Hill Reception
  With members of Congress and staff
  U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, HVC 201 A&B
  Reception Hosted by the Delta Regional Authority

**Wednesday, March 26**
- 7:30 – 11:00 a.m. Registration
- 8:00 – 9:15 a.m. Breakfast with EDA Leadership
- 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. CEDS Content Guidelines Update

If you are tweeting during the conference, please use the hashtag #nado
Sunday, March 23

9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.  Registration ................................................................. Arlington Foyer

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Economic Diversification in Coal Communities ..................... Salon 4

This session will focus on new economic development initiatives within the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) and Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) to assist communities adversely impacted by the downturn in the coal industry. Attendees will have the opportunity to provide input on how federal agencies may tap into existing programs and resources to address needs in coal communities and the best strategies for building economic diversity in these communities.

Angela Belden Martinez, Senior Advisor and Director of External Affairs, U.S. Economic Development Administration

Guy Land, Chief of Staff, Office of the Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission

Joe McKinney, Executive Director, NADO

Sandy Runyon, Executive Director, Big Sandy Area Development District (KY), Moderator

2:15 – 4:00 p.m.  Affordable Care Act Implementation Update .............................. Salon 4

Learn the latest on implementation of the Affordable Care Act and implications for your organizations at this interactive session. Experts on the health insurance needs of individuals and employers will be on hand to discuss the latest developments.

Janet Trautwein, Chief Executive Officer, National Association of Health Underwriters

Mark Schwendeman, President, Schwendeman Agency, Inc.

Misty Casto, Executive Director, Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District (OH), Moderator

4:00 – 5:15 p.m.  NADO Board of Directors Meeting ..................................... Salon 3

Open to all NADO members.

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  Opening Reception with DDAA ............................................ U.S. Botanic Garden

Join Development District Association of Appalachia Annual Conference attendees at this beautiful and unique location at the base of the U.S. Capitol Building. Buses will be available to take you to the reception and return you to the hotel. Buses will depart from the hotel lobby at 5:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.
**Monday, March 24**

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<td>Hear from key NADO federal partners about new collaborative, interagency initiatives designed to advance rural development. You’ll have an opportunity to hear about some of the innovative regional projects that have been awarded funding through these new initiatives.</td>
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<td><strong>Janet Oakley</strong>, Director of Policy and Government Relations, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials</td>
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11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Concurrent Session: Implications of the New Farm Bill on Rural Development .......... Salon 5

Learn from congressional staff and rural development experts about the recently enacted farm bill and its impacts on rural development programs.

**Mike Dunlap**, Staff Director, U.S. House Committee on Agriculture  
**Brandon McBride**, Senior Professional Staff Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture  
**Arthur Scott**, Associate Legislative Director, National Association of Counties  
**Lynne Keller Forbes**, NADO Treasurer and Executive Director, South Eastern Council of Governments (SD), Moderator

12:15 – 2:00 p.m. Lunch on Your Own

2:15 – 3:30 p.m. Concurrent Session: Workforce Legislative Overview and Federal Program Update ...... Salon 3

Hear from workforce experts on the outlook for reauthorization of federal workforce programs and other policy developments.

**Robert Kight**, Director, Division of WIA Adult Services and Workforce System, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor  
**Ron Painter**, Chief Executive Officer, National Association of Workforce Boards  
**Debora Glasgow**, Executive Director, South Western Oklahoma Development Authority, Moderator

2:15 – 3:30 p.m. Concurrent Session: Legislative and Policy Developments on Disaster Preparedness and Resiliency ....................................................... Salon 5

As regional development organizations look to how they can incorporate disaster preparedness into their economic development plans, this session will provide timely information on federal floodplain mapping and hazard mitigation planning efforts.

**Doug Bellomo**, Director, Risk Analysis Division, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency  
**Dan Mathews**, Staff Director, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
**Merrie Inderfurth**, Washington Liaison, Association of State Floodplain Managers  
**Doug Elliott**, NADO Secretary and Executive Director, East Central Iowa Council of Governments, Moderator

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Federal Agency Networking Reception ......................... Grand C - H  

*(Co-sponsored with the Development District Association of Appalachia)*  
Network one-on-one with representatives from federal agencies and programs. Learn about new funding opportunities, program priorities, and performance standards. Refreshments will be provided.
Tuesday, March 25

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(Co-sponsored with the Development District Association of Appalachia)

Joe McKinney, Executive Director, NADO Introduction

10:00 – 11:15 a.m.  Congressional Leadership Outlook: Opportunities and Challenges for Regional Development in 2014 ..................................... Salon 1-3

(Co-sponsored by the Development District Association of Appalachia)

For the first time in several years, Congress has passed a budget and provided funding for all 12 appropriations bills. This offers a level of funding stability local governments and communities have not seen in several budget cycles. At this session congressional staff will share their thoughts on the legislative and budget climate in Washington for the coming year and beyond.

Mike Robinson, Coalitions Director, U.S. House Committee on Appropriations
Nora Todd, Senior Policy Advisor, U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH)
Willie Lyles III, Deputy Chief of Staff/Legislative Director, U.S. Representative Bill Enyart (D-IL)
Brian van Hook, Policy Director, U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Invited)
Evan Schatz, Staff Director, U.S. Senate Committee on the Budget (Invited)
Susan Howard, Director of Government Relations and Legislative Affairs, NADO
Kathy Ruffalo, Kathy Ruffalo and Associates, Moderator

11:30 a.m – 1:00 p.m.  Luncheon with Brad Fitch, President & CEO, Congressional Management Foundation: Influencing Congress from Your Front Porch: Strategies for Engaging Lawmakers on Their/Your Home Turf .......................................................... Salon 4

This presentation is based on new research from a survey of House District Directors on the “dos and don’ts” of interacting with lawmakers in the state. Guidance on how to set up meetings and events with members of Congress and their staff will also be offered.

Peter Gregory, NADO President and Executive Director, Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission, Introduction
Participate in the annual NADO on the Hill. Meet in the hotel lobby to board buses that will take you to Capitol Hill for outreach meetings with your members of Congress and/or their staff. Share the important work that you are doing throughout your regions with your elected officials and invite them to tour your projects back in the district. If you have not scheduled an appointment with your members of Congress, touch base with NADO’s legislative staff for assistance. Refer to the tip sheet in the NADO on the Hill insert for complete details.

After an afternoon of Hill visits, conference attendees will reconvene in the Capitol Visitor Center for a special NADO on the Hill Reception to network with members of Congress and their staff. Buses will be available to bring attendees back to the hotel after the reception. Refreshments will be provided.

Reception hosted by the Delta Regional Authority.

Wednesday, March 26

Registration .......................................................... Arlington Foyer

Breakfast with EDA Leadership ................................................. Salon 4

Hear from the leadership of the U.S. Economic Development Administration about EDA’s fiscal year (FY) 2015 budget and new programs and initiatives on the horizon.

Matt Erskine, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, U.S. Economic Development Administration
John Leonard, NADO Immediate Past President and Executive Director, Southern Georgia Regional Commission, Introduction

Attend and be entered into a raffle to win an iPad mini.
Check your registration envelope for the raffle card.

CEDS Content Guidelines Update.........................................Salon 1-2

EDA is in the process of updating its guidelines for the content of Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS). This session will give participants an opportunity to hear an update on that process and provide feedback to EDA on the proposed new guidelines.

Brian Kelsey, Director of Economic Development, NADO
David Ives, Sustainability/Planning Coordinator, U.S. Economic Development Administration
Jeff Kiely, NADO Second Vice President and Executive Director, Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments, Moderator
Federal agency participants as of March 12, 2014. Please refer to the signs as you enter the reception for the current list.

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• The Honorable Christopher Masingill, Federal Co-Chairman

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• Dan Neff, LDD Coordinator

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• Kevin Bailey, Policy Assistant
• Patrice Kunesh, Deputy Under Secretary
• Bell Menner, Iowa State Director-Rural Development
• Kelly Novak, Program Manager

U.S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology
• Douglas Devereaux, Industrial Specialist
• Heidi Sheppard, Advisor for Technology

U.S. Department of Commerce, SelectUSA
• Felicia Pullam, Director of Outreach

• Eric Berman, Program Manager
• Karen Helbrecht, Mitigation Planner
• Susanna Marking, Intergovernmental Affairs Specialist
• Melis Mull, Program Specialist, National Flood Insurance Program
• Robert Nadeau, Acting Director of Intergovernmental Affairs
• Kehla West, Program Specialist

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
• Frances Youngberg, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Engagement

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• Robert Kight, Director, WIA Adult Services and Workforce System, Employment and Training Administration

U.S. Department of Transportation
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*Indicates local elected official
April 27 – 29, 2014
2nd Annual DDAA Professional Development Conference
MeadowView Marriott Conference Resort & Convention Center, Kingsport, TN
800.820.5055 Room Rate: $120 single/double

May 15 – 17, 2014
Becoming Your Best: Comprehensive Training for New Executive Directors
Grand Hotel Marriott, Point Clear, AL
800.544.9933 Room Rate: $199 single/double

May 17 – 19, 2014
SouthEast Regional Directors Institute
Grand Hotel Marriott, Point Clear, AL
800.544.9933 Room Rate: $199 single/double

June 7 – 9, 2014
NADO Summer Board of Directors Meeting
Skamania Lodge, Stevenson, WA
800.221.7117 Room Rate: $188 single/double

August 23 – 26, 2014
NADO Annual Training Conference
Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center, Denver, CO
888.421.1442 Room Rate: $174 single/double

December 1 – 3, 2014
Economic Development Finance Service Peer Learning Conference
Hyatt Regency Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH
888.421.1442 Room Rate: $134 single/double

December 3 – 5, 2014
National Rural Transportation Peer Learning Conference
Hyatt Regency Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH
888.421.1442 Room Rate: $134 single/double
# UNITED STATES SENATE

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\textit{2ND SESSION CONvenes—January 6th, 2014}

\textit{Target Adjournment—To Be Determined}
The Innovation Awards Program, started in 1986, recognizes organizations that demonstrate innovative approaches to regional economic and community development. Past winners have focused on a variety of program areas including business and economic development, emergency planning, sustainability, technology, and workforce development.

Benefits for Winning Applications:

**Positive local and national attention:**
- Awardees gain national recognition via nado.org, NADO News, and in various reports and case studies.
- NADO’s Legislative and Research teams tap into the great resource of Innovation Awards for testimony to Congress and as examples for federal agencies.
- Awardees have the opportunity to take their photo with NADO President Peter Gregory during a special photo session at NADO’s 2014 Annual Training Conference (ATC) in Denver, August 23 – 26. The photo and an individualized press release will be sent to each awardee to announce the award.

**Showcase your success and network with peers:**
- A special roundtable reception will honor awardees during NADO’s 2014 ATC. Winners are sometimes also included in best practice sessions during the conference (and in future conferences).
- In addition to the special roundtable reception at the ATC, awardees will have ample opportunities to talk with peers about their award winning project and share best practices.

**Community and organization recognition:**
- Winning an Innovation Award presents awardees with numerous opportunities to build the reputation of the organization with the community, external stakeholders, funders, and potential clients; and recognize staff for their hard work and dedication to the organization.

Eligibility:

Applicants must be a NADO member. Projects must show substantial quantitative or qualitative results in your region. Only three projects per organization may be submitted.

When multiple regional development organizations, such as members of a state association, work together to complete a project, only one application for that project should be submitted. By submitting one application multiple organizations can receive an Innovation Award for a single collaborative project.

Application Deadline:

**May 16, 2014.** Visit nado.org for the Innovation Awards Application and additional details. Follow NADO News and NADO’s Facebook and Twitter for Innovation Award announcements.
Recipients of the

2014 NADO CONGRESSIONAL PARTNERSHIP AWARDS

Honoring members of Congress who support Regional Development Organizations

Senate

Lamar Alexander (R-TN)  Dick Durbin (D-IL)  Barbara A. Mikulski (D-MD)
Michael F. Bennet (D-CO)  Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)  Bill Nelson (D-FL)
Richard Burr (R-NC)  Kay Hagan (D-NC)  Charles E. Schumer (D-NY)
Benjamin Cardin (D-MD)  Johnny Isakson (R-GA)  Jon Tester (D-MT)
Saxby Chambliss (R-GA)  Tim Johnson (D-SD)  Mark Udall (D-CO)
Thad Cochran (R-MS)  Mary Landrieu (D-LA)  Mark R. Warner (D-VA)
Susan Collins (R-ME)  Claire McCaskill (D-MO)  Roger Wicker (R-MS)
Christopher Coons (D-DE)  Jeff Merkley (D-OR)

House of Representatives

Robert Aderholt (R-AL)  Bill Johnson (R-OH)  Hal Rogers (R-KY)
Corrine Brown (D-FL)  Marcy Kaptur (D-OH)  Bill Shuster (R-PA)
Cheri Bustos (D-IL)  Frank Lucas (R-OK)  Steve Southerland II (R-FL)
G.K. Butterfield (D-NC)  Thomas Massie (R-KY)  Steve Stivers (R-OH)
Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)  Mike McIntyre (D-NC)  Glenn ‘GT’ Thompson (R-PA)
John Carter (R-TX)  David McKinley (R-WV)  Tim Walz (D-MN)
Peter DeFazio (D-OR)  Mark Meadows (R-NC)  Daniel Webster (R-FL)
John J. Duncan, Jr. (R-TN)  Mike Michaud (D-ME)  Peter Welch (D-VT)
Brett Guthrie (R-KY)  Kristi Noem (R-SD)  Rob Wittman (R-VA)
Richard Hanna (R-NY)  Nick Rahall (D-WV)  Steve Womack (R-AR)

Recipients of the

2014 NADO LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Honoring members of Congress who have demonstrated leadership in promoting regional economic development

Representative Hal Rogers (R-KY)
Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR)
Be sure to attend NADO’s 2014 ATC in Colorado’s Mile High City—a perfect location to exchange ideas and solutions to challenges faced by regional development organizations daily, tap into the expertise of organizational and professional development experts, participate in a slate of our ever-popular and always educational mobile workshops, and engage in conversations about ways you and your peers are Changing the Game for Regional Economic Development.

A full slate of sessions—plenaries, learning labs, conversation cafés, mobile workshops—addressing relevant and exciting topics will offer attendees many choices throughout the conference. Topics will address strong and successful approaches to regional community and economic development, transportation and economic development connections, strategies for creating a thriving local and regional business climate, economic resiliency, organizational and professional development, and much more! With nine (yes, nine!) mobile workshops in the works, everyone will have a chance to take their learning experience out of the hotel to hear about projects and businesses from key stakeholders. And, incorporated throughout the conference will be many opportunities to talk shop with peers and keep your professional networks thriving!

As always, NADO’s Innovation Awardees will be honored during a special reception providing an opportunity to learn about specific projects and program strategies—things you might want to replicate in your region. The 2014 winners will be showcased throughout the conference, too. Visit www.nado.org/events/2014atc often for conference updates and to register online.

Registration for NADO’s 2014 Annual Training Conference will open April 1, 2014.
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