An Introduction to the NADO Research Foundation’s CEDS Resilience Library

Economic Resilience & the CEDS: A Pre-HUD SCI Convening Workshop

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The National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) is a membership organization for the network of over 520 regional development organizations (RDOs) throughout the U.S.

RDOs are also known as “Councils of Governments,” “Regional Planning Commissions,” “Economic Development Districts,” and other local names.

Promote efforts that strengthen local governments, communities, and economies through regional strategies focusing on economic development, infrastructure, housing, transportation, and regional planning.
Founded in 1988, the NADO Research Foundation is the non-profit research affiliate of NADO.

Shares **best practices** in latest developments and trends in small metropolitan areas and rural America through technical assistance, training, peer exchanges, publications, and other resources.

**Focus Areas:**
- Rural Transportation
- Regional Resilience
- Sustainable Communities
- Capacity Building
- Organizational Support
WHY?
• Aware of EDA’s revisions to the CEDS guidelines
• Already actively involved in helping our members build resilience to economic shocks and natural disasters
• Wanted to better understand the existing CEDS landscape in order to provide better assistance and promote best practices

HOW?
• Undertook a comprehensive review of current/available NADO-member CEDS
• Searched for inclusion of resilience to natural disasters and economic downturns generally, as well as more specific strategies such as diversification, workforce realignment, integration of planning efforts, etc.
EDDs focus primarily on resilience to natural disasters in a specific chapter, section, or appendix.

- Often in response to a recent major event.

Integrating resilience into the CEDS can take multiple forms.

- Analysis of regional vulnerabilities in SWOT assessment
- Inclusion of regional disaster preparedness and recovery efforts
- Strategies to diversify the economy and/or realign the workforce to support emerging industries
- Objectives built off of statewide initiatives or related regional planning efforts

EDDs play multifaceted role: scenario planner, researcher, and responder.
The CEDS Library

http://www.nado.org/resources/ceds-library/
ABOUT THE LIBRARY:
The NADO Research Foundation has reviewed CEDS prepared by our member organizations to determine how EDDs are currently addressing resilience. The library allows users to search for CEDS by state and topic.

Users of the library should first open the library's index, an excel spreadsheet that the NADO Research Foundation has compiled. This spreadsheet displays the name of the EDD organization’s website, and the topic areas related to resilience addressed in each CEDS. The topic areas related to resilience include:
- Whether resilience is incorporated throughout the document or in a specific section
- The type of natural disasters that the EDD is building resilience to:
- Assessment of economic shifts;
- Loss of industry/majors employer;
- Economic diversification;
- And, workforce realignment, among others.

If a user finds a CEDS that is of particular interest, it can be located by searching the library's index to find the name of the organization. For example, users can search for “Northwest Alabama Council of Governments – 2012 CEDS”. Each CEDS is available on the webpage allowing users to explore the examples in more depth.

Please contact NADO Research Foundation Program Associate Sara James with any questions.

LIBRARY INDEX:
Start Here: CEDS Resilience Library Index

ALABAMA:
Northwest Alabama Council of Governments – 2012 CEDS
South Alabama Regional Planning Commission – 2012 CEDS
West Alabama Regional Commission – 2012 CEDS
Moving Forward & A Request

Library is in its infancy - would love to develop it further to make it more interactive/user-friendly.

- Include more detailed analysis of resilience in each example.
- Direct users to specific examples based on advanced search criteria.

Will need to be continually updated to include recently revised CEDS.

- Potential EDD self-reporting function?
- Involve EDA regional staff.

The resource can only be made stronger with feedback from users like you!