Dear NADO Members and Friends,

Welcome to NADO’s 2016 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.

With presidential and congressional elections just months away, the Washington Policy Conference provides an opportunity to observe election year politics and policy making up close and in depth. What can we expect from congressional budget and appropriations negotiations? What policy issues will take center stage as the election draws closer?

Building off the success of the NADO on the Hill portion of the conferences in the past, this year’s Washington Policy Conference will again bring
attendees to Capitol Hill for visits with congressional staff and members of Congress on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 6th. While the House is not in session during our time in Washington, meetings with members’ staff as well as your Senators are very important. Sharing the work you are doing in your regions goes a long way toward advancing the efforts of NADO staff here in Washington to promote your successful projects and initiatives.

This year, we’ve also planned a briefing during NADO on the Hill on Wednesday afternoon for congressional staff. This briefing will focus on U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development’s (USDA-RD) new Strategic Economic and Community Development (SECD) program. Established under the 2014 Farm Bill, the SECD program allows USDA-RD to reserve up to 10 percent of funding appropriated to specific programs to fund projects that support the implementation of strategic economic and community development plans across multi-jurisdictional areas.

We are pleased to have Reid Wilson, Chief Political Correspondent and Congress Editor for Morning Consult, a politics and polling publication relied on by more than 150,000 of Washington’s political movers and shakers, as a featured speaker. Reid is an expert in spotting political trends as they develop and forecasting election results long before the ballots are counted.

We’ll hear from key federal partners including U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, Jay Williams, on federal opportunities for regional collaboration. There will be sessions on utilizing sector strategies in regional workforce development, the new surface transportation reauthorization act, broadband access, and shifts in energy policy and regulation.

A plenary session will focus on the accomplishments of the White House Rural Council over the past several years and how to carry those gains forward. How can a rural economic strategy be institutionalized within federal programs to ensure efforts to address the needs of rural places remain in place in the next presidential administration?

Conference participants will also have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with representatives from 16 different federal agencies at the annual Federal Agency Networking Session. This event, 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 2016 Washington Policy Conference: NADO on the Hill.

Sincerely,

Jeff Kiely
President, National Association of Development Organizations
Executive Director, Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments
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REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 3
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Monday, April 4
9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 5
8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 6
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, APRIL 3
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.  Registration .......................................................... Arlington Foyer

MONDAY, APRIL 4
9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.  Registration .......................................................... Arlington Foyer
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  NADO Board of Directors Meeting .................................. Salon 3
(Open to all NADO members)
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.  Federal Agency Networking Session .................. Grand Ballroom C - H
(Co-sponsored with DDAA)

TUESDAY, APRIL 5
8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.  Registration .......................................................... Arlington Foyer
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  Opening Plenary Session: Election Year Politics .......... Salons 1 - 3
(Co-sponsored with DDAA)
10:15 – 11:15 a.m.  Plenary Session: The Future of the White House Rural Council ..... Salons 1 - 3
(Co-sponsored with DDAA)
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  Luncheon: Legislative Briefing: Messages to Take to the Hill ............ Salon 4
1:15 – 2:15 p.m.  Concurrent Sessions
• Utilizing Sector Strategies in Regional Workforce Development .......... Salon 1
• Shifts in Energy Policy and Regulation .............................................. Salon 2
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.  Plenary Session: Implications of the U.S. Department of Labor’s Proposed Overtime Rule .......................................................... Salon 3
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.  NADO Regional Membership Caucus Meetings
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  Registration .......................................................... Arlington Foyer
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  Plenary Session: The Honorable Jay Williams, Assistant Secretary for Economic Development, U.S. Department of Commerce ................. Salon 3
10:15 – 11:15 a.m.  Concurrent Sessions
• FAST Act 101: What it Means for Regional Transportation
  Planning Organizations ................................................................. Salon 1
• Rural Trends and Regionalism in Bridging the Digital Divide ............ Salon 2
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  Luncheon: Jerry Abramson, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, The White House .................. Grand Ballroom H - K
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.  NADO on the Hill
Join us as we build and strengthen relationships with members of Congress and their staff!
(Transportation provided; see page 10 for more information)
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.  Congressional Briefing ............ U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, Senate 203-02
USDA’s Strategic Economic and Community Development Program

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9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Opening Plenary Session: Election Year Politics......... Salons 1 - 3
(Co-sponsored with the Development District Association of Appalachia)

The 2016 presidential election cycle has been the most eventful in recent memory. Hear the latest developments and their implications from one of Washington’s top political correspondents.

Reid Wilson, Chief Political Correspondent and Congress Editor, Morning Consult
NADO Introduction: Jeff Kiely, President, NADO and Executive Director, Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments
DDAA Introduction: Jim Dove, President, DDAA and Executive Director, Northeast Georgia Regional Commission
10:15 – 11:15 a.m. **Plenary Session:** The Future of the White House Rural Council ................................................... Salons 1 - 3
(Co-sponsored with the Development District Association of Appalachia)

Established by President Obama in 2011, the White House Rural Council has provided a framework for addressing challenges in rural America. In launching several successful initiatives designed to grow the rural economy, the council has worked to streamline federal programs, engage stakeholders, and promote public-private sector partnerships. This session will look at the council’s successes with an eye toward how to continue a rural focus in a new administration.

- **Earl Gohl,** Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission
- **Chuck Fluharty,** President and CEO, Rural Policy Research Institute
- **Tom Morris,** Associate Administrator for Rural Health Policy, Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- **Doug O’Brien,** Senior Policy Advisor for Rural Affairs, White House Domestic Policy Council, Co-Moderator
- **Jeff Kiely,** President, NADO and Executive Director, Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments, Co-Moderator

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Luncheon:** Legislative Briefing: Messages to Take to the Hill .....Salon 4

NADO staff will provide an update on the latest legislative developments on Capitol Hill with an emphasis on key messages to deliver during your Hill visits. From appropriations and budget developments to legislation addressing EDA’s Revolving Loan Fund program, there are opportunities to raise timely issues with your members of Congress and their staff during NADO on the Hill.

- **Joe McKinney,** Executive Director, NADO
- **Susan Howard,** Director of Government Relations and Legislative Affairs, NADO
- **Lynne Keller Forbes,** First Vice President, NADO and Executive Director, South Eastern Council of Governments (SD), Introduction

1:15 – 2:15 p.m. **Concurrent Session** .......................................................Salon 1

Utilizing Sector Strategies in Regional Workforce Development

Sector strategies build partnerships between employers, training providers, community organizations, and other key stakeholders around specific industries to address the workforce needs of employers and the training, employment, and career advancement needs of workers. Many states are making sector strategies a central element of their state workforce and economic development policies. This session will explore how regional development organizations can utilize these strategies and how they intersect with regional economic and workforce development.

- **Andy Van Kleunen,** CEO, National Skills Coalition
- **Fred Dedrick,** Executive Director, National Fund for Workforce Solutions
- **Scott Koons,** Treasurer, NADO and Executive Director, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, Moderator
1:15 – 2:15 p.m. Concurrent Session

Shifting in Energy Policy and Regulation

The national energy landscape continues to evolve with shifts across many sectors including natural gas, nuclear, energy efficiency, renewable energy, and coal. This session will examine the federal response to changes in the coal sector through the POWER Initiative as well as the prospect of new regulations governing the decommissioning of nuclear power plants.

Jeffrey Schwartz, POWER Initiative Manager, Appalachian Regional Commission
Doug Lynott, POWER Program Manager, U.S. Economic Development Administration
Chris Campany, Executive Director, Windham Regional Commission (VT)
Kevin Byrd, Secretary, NADO and Executive Director, New River Valley Regional Commission (VA), Moderator

2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Plenary Session: Implications of the U.S. Department of Labor’s Proposed Overtime Rule

The U.S. Department of Labor’s proposed changes to raise the threshold at which eligible workers qualify for overtime pay will have significant impacts on organizations, employers, and employees. This session will examine what a final overtime rule might look like as well as developments on Capitol Hill to address the proposed changes.

Bob Skelton, Chief Administrative Officer, American Society of Association Executives
Julie Judish, Special Counsel, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP
Rick Hunsaker, Executive Director, Region XII Council of Governments (VA), Moderator

4:00 – 5:30 p.m. NADO Regional Membership Caucus Meetings

East Region .......................................................... Fairfax (Second Floor)
Midwest Region ..................................................... Salon 4
Central Region ......................................................... Salon 5
Southeast Region .................................................... Salon 2
Southwest Region ................................................... Salon 6
West Region .......................................................... McLean (Second Floor)

Regional Membership Caucus Meetings provide an opportunity for NADO members in each region to meet to discuss membership recruitment, board representation, and emerging issues within their region.

Please note that the NADO regions have changed as a result of the bylaws revisions that were approved at the 2015 Annual Business Meeting. See page 20 of program for a map of the new NADO regions.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Registration

Arlington Foyer
9:00 – 10:00 a.m. **Plenary Session:** The Federal Economic Development Agenda

Hear from U.S. Economic Development Administration leadership on the federal economic development agenda including efforts to improve competitiveness, grow jobs, and spur innovation.

The Honorable Jay Williams, Assistant Secretary for Economic Development, U.S. Department of Commerce
Jeff Kiely, President, NADO and Executive Director, Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments, Introduction

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. **Concurrent Session**

**Salon 1**

**FAST Act 101: What it Means for Regional Transportation Planning Organizations**

The Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act represents the first truly long-term surface transportation reauthorization bill enacted since 2005. This session will examine the process by which the FAST Act was successfully enacted, the law’s new freight programs, and important takeaways for local stakeholders.

Shant Boyajian, Senior Counsel, U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
Jessica Monahan, Associate Legislative Director, National Association of Counties
Elaine Nessle, Executive Director, Coalition for America’s Gateways & Trade Corridors
Doug Elliott, Second Vice President, NADO and Executive Director, East Central Iowa Council of Governments, Moderator

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. **Concurrent Session**

**Salon 2**

**Rural Trends and Regionalism in Bridging the Digital Divide**

Development of broadband remains a key to economic development and job growth in rural areas. Hear the latest from a panel of experts on efforts to bridge the digital divide through federal partnerships designed to elevate community engagement.

Matt Dalbey, Director, Office of Sustainable Communities, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Aimee Meacham, Director, Broadband Program Services, National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Jessica Golden, Executive Director, Foundation for Rural Service
Terry Bobrowski, Immediate Past President, NADO and Executive Director, East Tennessee Development District, Moderator
11:30 a.m – 12:30 p.m.  **Luncheon** .......................................................... Grand Ballroom H – K

Jerry Abramson serves as the liaison between the White House and the nation’s mayors, county executives, governors, and state legislatures on domestic policy issues. With extensive experience as a local elected official, he works to advance the administration’s focus on communities and local governments through federal, state, and local collaboration.

Jerry Abramson, **Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, The White House**

Lynne Keller Forbes, **First Vice President, NADO and Executive Director, South Eastern Council of Governments (SD), Introduction**

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.  **NADO on the Hill** .......................................................... Hotel Lobby

Buses will depart from the hotel lobby to 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 and invite elected officials and their staff to tour projects back in the district.

Transportation will also be provided to the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill for EDA National Conference attendees. As you board the buses, please look for signs indicating destination.

The last buses back to the Crystal Gateway Marriott will depart from the U.S. Botanic Garden at 4:00 p.m. See the map in your registration packet for more details.

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.  **Congressional Briefing:** USDA’s Strategic Economic and Community Development Program ............. U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, Senate 203-02

NADO and the National Association of Counties, in partnership with USDA-Rural Development, are hosting a briefing for congressional staff on how communities can apply for funding under the new Strategic Economic and Community Development (SECD) program. The SECD program, established under the 2014 Farm Bill, allows USDA-Rural Development to reserve up to 10 percent of funding appropriated to specific programs to fund projects that support the implementation of strategic economic and community development plans across multi-jurisdictional areas.

Sam Rikkers, **Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA**

Farrah Ahmad, **Program Manager, Community and Economic Development, USDA**

Jeff Kiely, **President, NADO and Executive Director, Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments**

Sallie Clark, **President, NACo and County Commissioner, El Paso County, Colorado**

Conference attendees are encouraged to attend to learn more about the program and network with Hill staff.
Federal agency participants confirmed as of March 22, 2016. Please refer to the handouts as you enter the reception for the current list of federal representatives in attendance.

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David Hughes, Analyst

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Tracy Ausberry, SEDAP Manager
Emanuel E. Edmond, Chief Monitoring and Compliance Officer
Brian Henson, Special Advisor for Congressional and Federal Affairs
Kemp Morgan, Director, Project Development and Management

Northern Border Regional Commission
Christine Frost, Program Director
Mark Scarano, Federal Co-Chair

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Farah Ahmad, Program Manager, SECD
Todd Batta, Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations
John H. Broussard, Director, Business and Industry Division, USDA-RD
Kelly Novak, BioEnergy Programs Manager, Farm Service Agency
Ingrid Ripley, Assistant Deputy Administrator, Rural Housing Service

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Carroll A. Thomas, Director, Manufacturing Extension Partnership

U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
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Red indicates local elected official
2016 CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

April 24 – 26, 2016
Annual DDAA Professional Development Conference
Renaissance Asheville Hotel, Asheville, NC
828.252.8211 Room Rate: $149 single/double

May 21 – 23, 2016
Southeast Regional Directors Institute
One Ocean Resort and Spa, Atlantic Beach, FL
800.874.6000 Room Rate: $199 – $229 single/double

June 4 – 6, 2016
NADO Summer Board of Directors Meeting
Coeur d’Alene Golf & Spa Resort, Coeur d’Alene, ID
855.999.7988 Room Rate: $229 single/double

June 13 – 15, 2016
National Regional Transportation Conference
The Read House, Chattanooga, TN
866.837.4193 Room Rate: $105 single/double

October 15 – 18, 2016
NADO Annual Training Conference
Hyatt Regency San Antonio, San Antonio, TX
888.421.1442 Room Rate: $189 single/double

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2016 SENATE SCHEDULE

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The 2016 NADO Innovation Awards application will be available at nado.org starting May 2.

The Innovation Awards Program, started in 1986, recognizes organizations that demonstrate innovative approaches to regional economic and community development. Previous award-winning projects have showcased innovative efforts in a variety of program areas including, but not limited to, business and economic development, community health initiatives, emergency planning, sustainability, technology, transportation, and workforce development.

Benefits for Winning Applications:

**Positive local and national attention:**
- Award-winning projects gain national recognition via nado.org, NADO News, and are often featured in NADO Research Foundation 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 to share with federal agencies.
- Awardees will receive an Innovation Award certificate, a press release, and have the opportunity to take their photo with NADO President Jeff Kiely during a special photo session at NADO’s 2016 Annual Training Conference (ATC) in San Antonio, October 15 – 18. The certificate, photo, and press release will be sent to each awardee to announce the award and share it with regional partners, stakeholders, and media outlets.

**Showcase your success and network with peers:**
- A special roundtable reception will showcase award-winning projects during NADO’s 2016 ATC. Winners are also sometimes included in best practice sessions during the conference (and in future conferences).
- In addition to the roundtable reception at the ATC, awardees will have ample opportunities to talk with peers about their award-winning projects and share best practices.

**Community and organization recognition:**
- Winning an Innovation Award presents awardees with numerous opportunities to build the reputation of their organization with the communities they serve, regional 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. Only three projects may be submitted per organization.

If multiple regional development organizations, such as members of a state association, would like to apply for an Innovation Award for a collaborative project, only one application needs to be submitted. Please list all organizations that would like to be recognized for the collaborative project on the application.

**Application Deadline:**

**July 1, 2016.**

Visit nado.org for the Innovation Awards Application and additional details. Follow NADO News and NADO’s Facebook and Twitter for Innovation Awards announcements.
2016 NADO LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is a dedicated champion for economic development and rural communities. As a member of the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry and Environment and Public Works Committees, Senator Gillibrand has advocated for investment in rural broadband and infrastructure development. In addition, she has made economic growth and development a cornerstone of her work in the Senate, championing small business loans and the strengthening and re-tooling of the manufacturing industry in the United States. Recently, she led a bipartisan group of House and Senate members in introducing the Made in America Manufacturing Communities Act, legislation designed to assist communities across the country to develop strategies to build upon the manufacturing sector in their regions. NADO is pleased to award Senator Gillibrand with the 2016 NADO Legislator of the Year award and looks forward to continued partnership with her to advance regional economic development.

2016 NADO CONGRESSIONAL PARTNERSHIP AWARDS

Honoring members of Congress who support Regional Development Organizations

Senate
Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)
Sherrod Brown (D-OH)
Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)
Ben Cardin (D-MD)
Thad Cochran (R-MS)
Christopher Coons (D-DE)
Dick Durbin (D-IL)
Patrick Leahy (D-VT)
Jeff Merkley (D-OR)
Barbara A. Mikulski (D-MD)
Bill Nelson (D-FL)
Gary Peters (D-MI)
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Jon Tester (D-MT)
Roger Wicker (R-MS)
Ron Wyden (D-OR)

House of Representatives
Robert Aderholt (R-AL)
Corrine Brown (D-FL)
Cheri Bustos (D-IL)
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David Cicilline (D-RI)
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John Katko (R-NY)
Jim McGovern (D-MA)
Kristi Noem (R-SD)
Chellie Pingree (D-ME)
Hal Rogers (R-KY)
Bill Shuster (R-PA)
Glenn ‘GT’ Thompson (R-PA)
Tim Walz (D-MN)
Peter Welch (D-VT)
Ed Whitfield (R-KY)
USDA’s New Strategic Economic and Community Development Program: 
What Rural Communities Need to Know

Wednesday, April 6, 2:30 p.m.
U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, Senate 203-02

NADO and NACo, in partnership with USDA-Rural Development, are hosting a briefing for congressional staff on how communities can apply for funding under the new Strategic Economic and Community Development (SECD) program.

Confirmed participants:
- Sam Rikkers, Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA
- Farrah Ahmad, Program Manager, Community and Economic Development, USDA
- Jeff Kiely, President, NADO and Executive Director, Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments
- Sallie Clark, President, NACo and County Commissioner, El Paso County, Colorado

The SECD program, established under the 2014 Farm Bill, allows USDA-Rural Development to reserve up to 10 percent of funding appropriated to specific programs to fund projects that support the implementation of strategic economic and community development plans across multi-jurisdictional areas.

Conference attendees are encouraged to attend to learn more about the program and network with Hill staff.
SAVE THE DATE
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