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WELCOME FROM NADO
PRESIDENT DOUG ELLIOTT

Dear NADO Members and Friends,

Welcome to the 2018 National Association of Development Organizations and Development District Association of Appalachia Washington Conference! On behalf of NADO'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.

This year's joint conference offers multiple learning opportunities on what's topping the federal agenda. Through plenary and concurrent sessions, you'll hear from federal officials, key partners, and other stakeholders on what to expect this year on infrastructure, rural development, broadband, disaster recovery, as well as the stakes for the mid-term elections and the congressional agenda.

Building on the success of past conferences, attendees will venture to Capitol Hill for visits with congressional staff and members of Congress on Tuesday, March 20. We encourage you to share the impact of federal investments in your regions. We will cap off the day with a Capitol Hill reception.

Conference participants will also have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with representatives from a dozen different federal agencies at the annual Federal Agency Networking Event. This event is a wonderful opportunity to connect with federal partners and learn about opportunities for collaboration.

Thank you again for participating in this timely and important event. I look forward to a successful and informative 2018 Washington Conference.

Sincerely,

Doug Elliott, *President*
National Association of Development Organizations
Executive Director, East Central Iowa Council of Governments



WELCOME FROM DDAA
PRESIDENT RICHARD ZINK

Dear DDAA Members and Friends,

I'd like to welcome you to the 2018 Development District Association of Appalachia (DDAA) and National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) combined Washington, D.C. conference!

We are pleased that you have joined us in the nation's capitol to make the Appalachian voice heard!

The annual conference provides opportunities for members to improve their national-level understanding, while focusing on building strong regional economies and communities across the Appalachian region.

The combined DDAA-NADO conference format will offer DDAA members region-specific concurrent sessions that focus on workforce and health care issues and trends in energy and manufacturing.

Our continued partnership with NADO will also provide joint plenary sessions on federal agency partnerships and what to expect in 2018!

Be sure to join in on conference Twitter conversations with #NADODDAA2018.

I also offer my gratitude to 2018 conference chair and DDAA First Vice President, Jim Baldwin, Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission, for the strategic planning efforts that went into this year's event.

There is truly no greater time or place to generate visibility of Appalachia's regional needs by engaging policy and decision makers at the federal level. We are glad that you have joined us in D.C.!

Sincerely,



Richard Zink, President
Development District Association of Appalachia
Executive Director, Southern Tier West
Regional Planning & Development Board

We look forward to seeing you at The Development District Association of Appalachia (DDAA) Annual Professional Development Conference set for April 17-19 in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Whether you want to attain skills and knowledge for personal development or career advancement, join us for real-world executive and employee development sessions, networking and more. The event is excellent for Executive Directors, Managers, Fiscal Managers, Officers, IT Managers and Staff.





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REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 18	10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Monday, March 19	7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 20	8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 21	8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Registration.....	Arlington Foyer
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	DDAA Executive Board Meeting	Salon 5
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	NADO Executive Committee Meeting	Fairfax (Second Floor)
3:30 – 5:30 p.m.	NADO Board of Directors Meeting	Salon 3 (Open to all NADO members)
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Conference Opening Reception	Salon 4

MONDAY, MARCH 19

7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Registration.....	Arlington Foyer
7:30 – 9:00 a.m.	DDAA Breakfast and Annual Business Meeting.....	Salon 4
9:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Opening Plenary Session	
	• Bridging the Economic Divide: Outlook on Infrastructure.....	Salons 1–3
10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions	
	• Rays of Opportunity: Local and Regional Solar Projects.....	Rosslyn I (Lobby Level)
	• Community Courage: Battling the Disease of Addiction	Salon 5
	• Interagency Response to Disaster Recovery and Resilience	Rosslyn II (Lobby Level)
	• Partnerships and Policies for 21st Century Community Development.....	Salon 6
12:15 – 1:30 p.m.	Luncheon.....	Salons 1–3
	Anne Hazlett, Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture	
1:45 – 3:15 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions	
	• Economic Success Through Partnerships in Workforce and Research Development.....	Rosslyn I (Lobby Level)
	• The Martinsburg Initiative: A Model Solution to the Problem of Opiate Addiction and Abuse	Salon 5
	• Understanding New Revisions to the EDA Revolving Loan Fund Program	Rosslyn II (Lobby Level)
	• The Broadband Gap: Response and Opportunity	Salon 6
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	NADO Regional Membership Caucus Meetings (See full schedule for meeting rooms)	
4:30 – 6:00 p.m.	Federal Agency Networking Session	Salons 1–3
6:15 – 8:30 p.m.	DDAA Reception, Dinner Banquet, and Awards Ceremony.....	Salon 4

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

7:00 – 8:30 a.m.	DDAA Breakfast and POWER Discussion	Salon 4
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Registration.....	Arlington Foyer
8:45 – 9:45 a.m.	Plenary Session.....	Salons 1–3
	Geoff Skelley, Associate Editor, Sabato's Crystal Ball University of Virginia Center for Politics	
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Hill Visits.....	Hotel Lobby
4:30 – 6:00 p.m.	Hill Reception.....	2075 Rayburn House Office Building

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

8:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Registration.....	Arlington Foyer
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Breakfast.....	Salons 1–3
	Dennis Alvord, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regional Affairs, U.S. Economic Development Administration	
9:45 – 11:00 a.m.	Closing Plenary Session.....	Salons 1–3
	Rick Klein, Political Director, ABC News	



FULL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

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- 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. **NADO Executive Committee Meeting**.....Fairfax (Second Floor)
- 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. **NADO Board of Directors Meeting** Salon 3
All NADO members are encouraged to attend.
- 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. **Conference Opening Reception**..... Salon 4

MONDAY, MARCH 19

- 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Registration**..... Arlington Foyer
- 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. **DDAA Breakfast and Annual Business Meeting** Salon 4

The DDAA Annual Business Meeting will include election of the DDAA Board of Directors and Officers.

Richard Zink, President, DDAA and Executive Director, Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Development Board (NY), Presiding

Scott Hamilton, Executive Director, Appalachian Regional Commission, Remarks

- 9:15 – 10:30 a.m. **Opening Plenary Session**..... Salons 1 – 3
Bridging the Economic Divide: Outlook on Infrastructure

A reliable and extensive national infrastructure system has supported commerce throughout our country’s history. Aging infrastructure and changing demands bring new challenges the administration and Congress hope to address in 2018. Federal officials come together for a panel discussion on policy proposals to address our nation’s infrastructure needs.

Jannine Miller, Senior Advisor for Rural Infrastructure, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Ryan A. Fisher, Principal Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Robbie Boone, Vice President for Government Affairs, Farm Credit Foundation, Moderator

Doug Elliott, President, NADO and Executive Director, East Central Iowa Council of Governments and **Richard Zink**, President, DDAA and Executive Director, Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Development Board (NY), Welcome and Introductions

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

Rays of Opportunity: Local and Regional Solar Projects Rosslyn I (Lobby Level)
Solar has taken off as a viable energy source and significant factor in economic growth for communities of all sizes. Recent success lies in key partnerships and strategies to encourage solar expansion and create new market opportunities. Panelists will showcase best practices in solar development and resources to assist local and regional initiatives.

Steve Kalland, Executive Director, North Carolina Clean Energy Technology Center

Adam Wells, New Economy Program Manager, Appalachian Voices

Connie Altier, Executive Director, Tri-County Career Center

Odette Mucha, Technology Manager, SunShot Initiative, U.S. Department of Energy, Moderator

Community Courage: Battling the Disease of Addiction..... Salon 5
Families, communities, and local economies are experiencing the severity of the drug epidemic. Public health programs are responding through various treatments to address behavior and social aspects of addiction. In this session, participants will learn how public response is turning the tide against widespread drug abuse. Andrea Boxill will identify and share specific activities that public institutions are enlisting to aid victims and repair communities.

Andrea Boxill, Deputy Director, Ohio Governor’s Cabinet Opiate Action Team (GCOAT)

Jason Wilson, Director, Governor’s Office of Appalachia (Ohio), Introduction

Interagency Response to Disaster Recovery and Resilience Rosslyn II (Lobby Level)
Planning and recovery are center stage for many communities around the country in the wake of the past year’s natural disasters. Federal officials will provide insight and outlook on interagency approaches for enhancing response and assistance to localities.

Tyrone Brumfield, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Liaison Officer/National Coordinator of Infrastructure Recovery Support System Recovery Support Function, Federal Emergency Management Agency

Naomi Friedman, National Coordinator, Economic Recovery and Resilience, U.S. Economic Development Administration

Matt Campbell, National Coordinator, Community Planning and Capacity Building Recovery Support Function, Federal Emergency Management Agency

Scott Koons, First Vice President, NADO and Executive Director, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, Moderator

Partnerships and Policies for 21st Century Community Development..... Salon 6
Community development initiatives support local growth and development, promote safety, and bring people together to solve specific local issues. The federal government has played a key role by providing resources and guidance to local and regional community development efforts. In this panel session, policy advocates share how the federal role is changing and what can be expected in community development moving forward.

Danielle Arigoni, Director, Livable Communities, AARP

Vicki Watson, Executive Director, National Community Development Association

Jason Jordan, Director of Policy, American Planning Association



Kevin Byrd, Second Vice President, NADO and Executive Director, New River Valley Regional Council (VA), Moderator

12:15 – 1:30 p.m. LuncheonSalons 1 – 3

In June 2017, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue named Anne Hazlett as Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development. She oversees the Rural Utilities Service, the Rural Business Service, and the Rural Housing Service and works to advance solutions to the challenges faced by rural communities.

Anne Hazlett, Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Doug Elliott, President, NADO and Executive Director, East Central Iowa Council of Governments, Introduction

1:45 – 3:15 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

Economic Success Through Partnerships in Workforce and Research Development Rosslyn I (Lobby Level)

Deep-rooted and complex issues prevent communities from competing in the global marketplace. Among many aspects, workforce and research development remain critical to sustaining economic activity. In this two-part session, presenters will share insight on maintaining relationships and assets for workforce training and technical assistance with an emphasis on energy and manufacturing sectors.

Chris Spence, Principal, New Growth Group, LLC

Edward Robinson, Director of Programs, Carrollton Exempted Village Schools (OH)

David Quattrochi, Superintendent, Carrollton Exempted Village Schools (OH)

Edgar Lara-Curzio, Director, Science and Technical Operations, Mechanical Properties and Mechanics Group, Oak Ridge National Laboratory

James Ferguson, Manager, State and Local Partnerships, National Energy Technology Laboratory

Chris Nichols, Senior Analyst, Engineering and Analysis Directorate, National Energy Technology Laboratory

Jen Worth, Senior Vice President for Workforce and Economic Development, American Association of Community Colleges, Moderator

The Martinsburg Initiative: A Model Solution to the Problem of Opiate Addiction and Abuse Salon 5

The opiate epidemic has taken its toll on lives and communities in recent years. While public agencies grapple with its high cost, the opiate crisis is a widespread issue and engagement is needed on multiple fronts. Officials from the Martinsburg Initiative join the session to discuss how local efforts are unfolding to enforce, treat, and prevent heroin use.

Mary J. C. Hendrix, Ph.D., President, Shepherd University

Maurice V. Richards, Ed.D, Chief of Police, Martinsburg Police Department (WV)

Tiffany Hendershot, Licensed Social Work and TMI Project Director, Berkley County Schools (WV)

Jim Baldwin, First Vice President, DDAA and Executive Director, Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission (VA), Moderator

Understanding New Revisions to the EDA

Revolving Loan Fund Program Rosslyn II (Lobby Level)

The U.S. Economic Development Administration recently issued changes to its Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) program. As the new RLF Risk Analysis System becomes standard, it will be critical for Economic Development District staff to coordinate with EDA and understand the new process. Join EDA staff for a review of the new RLF metrics and scoring criteria.

Mitchell Harrison, Revolving Loan Fund Coordinator, Performance and National Programs, U.S. Economic Development Administration

Patrick Waggoner, Revolving Loan Fund Administrator, U.S. Economic Development Administration, Denver Regional Office

Lynne Keller Forbes, Immediate Past President, NADO and Executive Director, Southeastern Council of Governments (SD), Moderator

The Broadband Gap: Response and Opportunity Salon 6

Competitiveness in the twenty-first century economy relies on modern broadband access to create and retain business and jobs. While greater connectivity is being achieved, many communities still lack adequate broadband availability. Broadband advocates will share insight on barriers to developing digital infrastructure, federal roles and responses, and opportunities for local stakeholders.

Joshua Seidemann, Vice President for Policy, NTCA The Rural Broadband Association

Erin Fitzgerald, Regulatory Counsel, Rural Wireless Association

Doug Brake, Director, Telecommunications Policy, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation

Chris Fetzer, Secretary, NADO and Executive Director, Northern Arizona Council of Governments, Moderator

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

NADO Regional Membership Caucus Meetings

- East Region Salon G
- Midwest Region..... Salon 2
- Central Region Salon 1
- Southeast Region Salon 5
- Southwest Region Salon 6
- West Region Salon F

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.

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Federal Agency Networking Session.....Salons 1 – 3

FULL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Meet with representatives from federal agencies to learn about funding opportunities and programs.

6:15 – 8:30 p.m. DDAA Reception, Dinner Banquet, and Awards Ceremony Salon 4

Dinner banquet will include presentation of the 2018 John D. Whisman Vision Award and the 2018 Donald R. Myers Humanitarian Award and announcement of the 2018 DDAA Congressional Award recipient.

Richard Zink, President, DDAA and Executive Director, Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Development Board (NY), Presiding

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

7:00 – 8:30 a.m. DDAA Breakfast and POWER Discussion Salon 4

Jim Baldwin, First Vice President, DDAA and Executive Director, Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission (VA), Presiding

James Hyland, States’ Washington Representative, Appalachian Regional Commission, Remarks

Scott Hamilton, Executive Director, Appalachian Regional Commission, Remarks

8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Registration Arlington Foyer

8:45 – 9:45 a.m. Plenary Session

Battleground 2018: Assessing the Midterm ElectionsSalons 1 – 3

The 2018 midterm elections will have widespread implications across the country as voters will cast ballots for governor in 36 states, and decide 34 Senate seats and all 435 House seats. This interactive session will engage participants on 2018 election issues, define and discuss the pulse of the electorate, and explore how Election Day will impact the balance of power in Washington and beyond.

Geoff Skelley, Associate Editor, Sabato’s Crystal Ball, University of Virginia Center for Politics

Misty Casto, Treasurer, NADO and Executive Director, Buckeye Hill Regional Council (OH), Introduction

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

8:00 – 11:00 a.m. Registration Arlington Foyer

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. BreakfastSalons 1 – 3

Dennis Alvord serves as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regional Affairs, directing and supervising the activities of the U.S. Economic Development Administration’s Office of Regional Affairs which includes all six EDA Regional Offices, the Performance and National Programs Division, EDA’s Loan Guarantee Program, the Integrated Economic Development team, and EDA’s Organizational Development.

Dennis Alvord, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regional Affairs, U.S. Economic Development Administration

Richard Zink, President, DDAA and Executive Director, Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Development Board (NY), Introduction

Panel Discussion - Shifting Priorities: Federal Investments and Regional Economic Development

Last year, the president’s budget request sought cuts and eliminations for federal programs that support local and regional economic development. The administration’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 budget request remains consistent with this approach; however, Congress has generally been unreceptive to these funding recommendations. This session brings together NADO partners to examine the remaining work on FY2018 appropriations, the upcoming debate on FY2019 budget and appropriations, and the importance of coalitions in federal advocacy.

Arthur Scott, Associate Legislative Director/Political Outreach Manager, National Association of Counties

Matt Mullin, Senior Director of Public Policy and Strategic Engagement, International Economic Development Council

Nathan Ohle, Executive Director, Rural Communities Assistance Partnership

Susan Howard, Director of Government Relations and Legislative Affairs, NADO, Moderator

9:45 – 11:00 a.m. Closing Plenary Session

Breaking News: Political Coverage with New MediaSalons 1 – 3

The 24-hour news cycle provides constant coverage of the latest in national issues. The way in which news reaches the public has changed in recent years with various platforms now available. Political candidates have responded to this phenomenon embracing these new mediums. Discussion will center on how public figures are using new media and messaging to reach voters across the political spectrum.

Rick Klein, Political Director, ABC News

Doug Elliott, President, NADO and Executive Director, East Central Iowa Council of Governments and **Richard Zink**, President, DDAA and Executive Director, Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Development Board (NY), Introduction

FEDERAL AGENCY NETWORKING SESSION

(Co-sponsored with the Development District Association of Appalachia) Federal agency participants confirmed as of March 1, 2018. Please refer to the handouts as you enter the reception for the current list of federal representatives in attendance.

MONDAY, MARCH 19
4:30 – 6:00 P.M. • SALONS 1-3

Appalachian Regional Commission

Guy Land, Chief of Staff
Nancy Eyl, Assistant General Counsel
Sara James, Program Analyst
David Hughes, Analyst
Ryan Brumfield, Senior Transportation Advisor

Delta Regional Authority

Spencer Lucker, Director, Delta Leadership Institute
Alex Holland, Senior Advisor

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development

Jamie Davenport, Director, Partnerships
Claudette Fernandez, Associate Administrator for Water and Environmental Programs
Alex Cordova, Management Analyst

U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Brent Elrod, National Program Leader

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency

Kelly Novak, Program Manager, Biofuel Infrastructure Partnership

U.S. Economic Development Administration

David R. Ives, Interim Director, Performance and National Programs Division

U.S. Department of Commerce

Justyna Swica, International Trade Specialist

U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency

Jerome Bryant, Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist

U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration

Shari Shaftlein, Director, Office of Human Environment
Erica Interrante, Transportation Specialist

U.S. Department of Treasury, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund

Jason Boehlert, Program Manager, Legislative and External Affairs

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Rachel Congdon, National Program Coordinator



2018 CONFERENCES & EVENT SCHEDULE



APRIL 17 – 19, 2018

DDAA Professional Development Conference

Hilton Knoxville • Knoxville, TN

865.251.2578 • Room rate: \$98 single/double



MAY 19 – 21, 2018

Southeast Regional Directors Institute

Meadowview Marriott • Kingsport, TN

800.228.9290 • Room rate: \$119 single/double



JUNE 2 – 4, 2018

NADO Summer Board of Directors Meeting

Grande Colonial • La Jolla, CA

888.855.5653 • Room rate: \$220 single/double



JULY 25 – 27, 2018

Southwest Region Economic Development Association Conference

Hyatt Regency Tulsa • Tulsa, OK

888.591.1234 • Room rate: \$91 single/double



OCTOBER 13 – 16, 2018

NADO Annual Training Conference

Westin Charlotte • Charlotte, NC

866.837.4148 • Room rate: \$199 single/double



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Mike Brown, South Western Oklahoma Development Authority (Weatherford, OK)*
Debora Glasgow, South Western Oklahoma Development Authority (Burn Flats, OK)
Rodney Larsen, Central Arkansas PDD (Lonoke, AR)
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Amanda Hoey, Mid-Columbia EDD (The Dalles, OR)
Bob Nash, Superior California Economic Development (Redding, CA)*

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Hank Johnson (D-GA)
Derek Kilmer (D-WA)
Ann McLane Kuster (D-NH)
Jim McGovern (D-MA)
Tom O'Halleran (D-AZ)
John Ratcliffe (R-TX)
Martha Roby (R-AL)
Bennie Thompson (D-MS)
David Young (R-IA)



2018 NADO LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR

Senator **Lindsey Graham** (R-SC) is a dedicated advocate for economic growth, job creation, and small business development in rural communities. Throughout his years of public service, he has demonstrated support for the needs of local communities and the role of regional development organizations in fostering collaboration. As a member of the Senate Appropriations and Budget Committees, he has been a stalwart supporter of federal programs that support regional economic and community development.



2018 John D. Whisman Vision Award:
William (Bill) Shelton

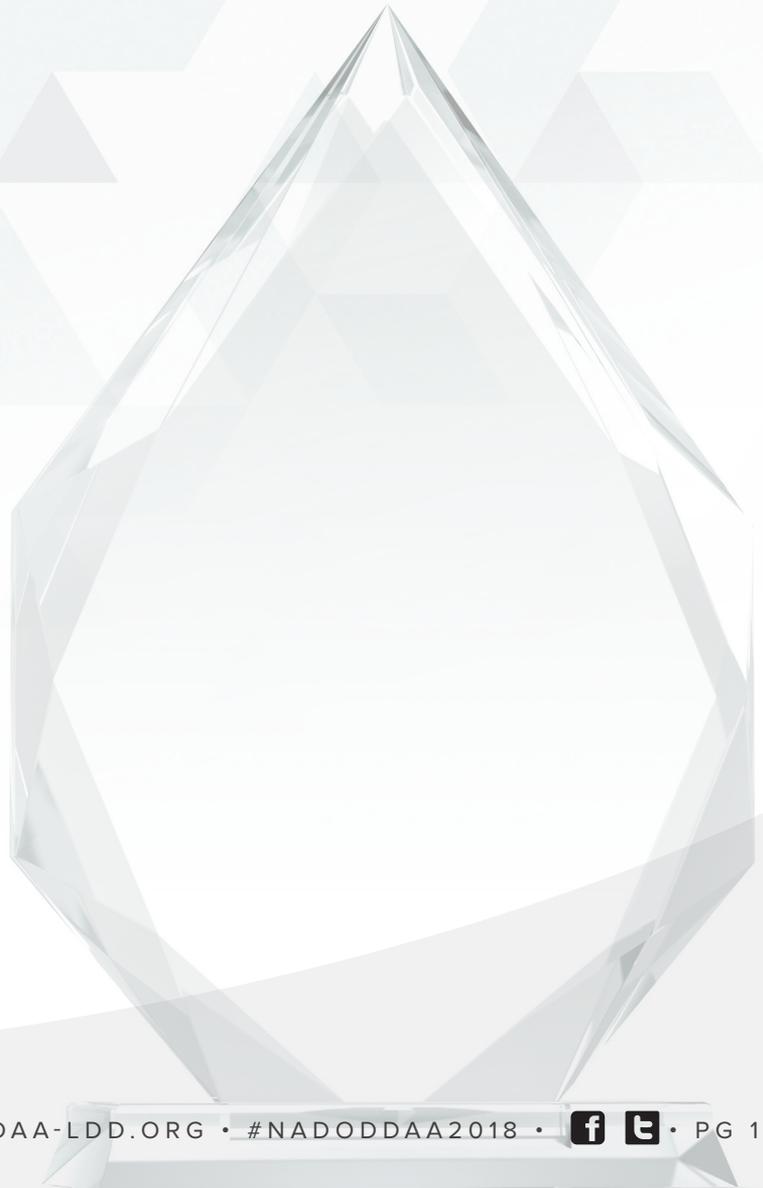
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2018 Donald R. Myers Humanitarian Award:
The Empty Chair Project

Pikeville High School, Pikeville, Kentucky

2018 Congressional Award:
Senator Mitch McConnell

Kentucky



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 Senate in session
 House and Senate in session
 Federal holiday

2018 NADO INNOVATION AWARDS



NADO's Innovation Awards program recognizes our member organizations that are making a real impact in their regions through economic and community development projects and initiatives. Previous award-winning projects have showcased efforts in a variety of program areas including regional planning, infrastructure, workforce development, technology and data, health and human services, emergency planning, and much more. Explore last year's winners in an interactive Story Map designed by Esri by visiting nado.org/innovation-awards.

The Innovation Awards program provides a platform to receive positive local and national attention for your organization's work, an opportunity to showcase your success and network with peers at NADO's Annual Training Conference, and a customized certificate and press release to share with local media.

The application window for the 2018 awards will open in May at nado.org. Stay tuned to **NADO News** and NADO's **Facebook** and **Twitter** feeds for additional Innovation Awards announcements. Please direct any questions to **Brett Schwartz** at bschwartz@nado.org. We look forward to receiving your applications!

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