

# NADO Helps RDOs

As a public interest group membership organization, NADO's legislative and advocacy team is structured to:

- Engage in a coordinated advocacy campaign that brings the RDO voice to the halls of Congress as well as into the offices of federal agencies to make sure the needs of their regions are considered in the federal budget and as policy is developed and implemented.
- Provide in-depth analyses of federal legislation that has a direct bearing upon the ability of RDOs to provide services to communities in their regions.
- Educate members of Congress and their staff about the positive impact of federally-funded programs administered by RDOs in their congressional districts.
- Inform NADO members about key policy and legislative actions that affect their programs and services.

## Turn ideas into action:

NADO is the convener and the facilitator; our members are the experts. Their lessons and experiences fuel innovation that helps build strong, viable, and robust communities and regions.

## Overcome challenges presented to regions and communities in transition:

Partnering with other national organizations and federal agencies, we have provided training and technical assistance to communities impacted by the downturn in the coal economy, rebuilding after catastrophic weather events, and seeking solutions to economic challenges.



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## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS AND APPLICATION

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**NADO provides advocacy, education, research, and training for the nation's regional development organizations (RDOs).** Since it was formed as a membership organization in 1967, NADO has advocated for the nation's RDO network on Capitol Hill and across federal agencies. NADO and its members promote regional strategies, partnerships, and solutions to strengthen the economic competitiveness and quality of life across America's local communities.

**RDOs are multijurisdictional, public-based regional planning and development organizations.** With over 500 across the nation, these public-sector entities are governed by a regional policy board with majority control by local elected officials. As mandated by various federal programs, RDO boards may also include business, nonprofit, education and community leaders. RDOs are known as:

- Councils of Governments
- Area Development Districts
- Economic Development Districts
- Economic Development Councils
- Regional Development Commissions
- Regional Planning Commissions
- Regional Councils
- Planning and Development Districts
- Association of Governments
- Local Development Districts
- Regional Commissions

NADO members work to improve local and regional quality of life by promoting economic and community development through place-based strategies in the areas of: housing, transportation, infrastructure, workforce development, entrepreneurship, disaster resilience, social services, aging services, and other sectors.



## Benefits of Becoming a NADO Member:

### Effective Federal Advocacy

NADO's legislative team works daily with Congress, the administration, federal agencies, coalition partners and key stakeholders to promote the value, capacity and effectiveness of the nation's regional development organizations. NADO is the most effective national voice for the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) and the Economic Development District (EDD) program.

### Timely and Relevant Information

**NADO News** is a members' only weekly e-publication that covers the latest developments on Capitol Hill, in the administration and within the NADO membership. Our website, **NADO.org**, is home to information about current legislative efforts, conferences and workshops.

### Discounted Fees for NADO Conferences and Events

NADO offers you unmatched access to your professional peers through **Annual Training Conferences, Washington Policy Conferences** and other virtual and face-to-face meetings and seminars. As the leading national organization for executive directors of RDOs, policy leaders, professional staff and partnering organizations, members can receive substantial discounts at these major events.

### Ready Access to Peer Networks

Members have immediate access to peers around the nation through the **NADO Membership Directory, RPO America**. This directory serves as the only national professional development network for rural transportation planners, practitioners and partners. The **Economic Development Finance Service (EDFS)** provides information, training, networking and research for business development loan fund professionals. NADO members also have access to **Post Jobs** on NADO.org for maximum exposure to qualified candidates; this page is the most visited on our site.

### Special Reports and Publications

NADO's annual **Special Report on the President's Budget** provides an in-depth analysis of the White House's annual budget blueprint for federal community, economic, homeland security, transportation, workforce and other programs of interest to regional development organizations.

### National Recognition for Your Work

The annual **Innovation Awards program** has recognized thousands of noteworthy programs and practices of NADO members. NADO's RPO America sponsors the NADO Excellence in Regional Transportation Awards noteworthy projects and practices in regional transportation planning, program delivery and special initiatives.

### Office Space on Capitol Hill

If you are planning a trip to Washington to visit your members of Congress, federal agency staff or other national organizations, NADO can provide temporary office space to you...**a place to recharge your phone, your computer and yourself!**

### NADO Research Foundation

NADO's non-profit affiliate, funded through grants and contracts, provides all members with timely and relevant research, training and information.

## NADO MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

### General, Sustaining, Platinum and Platinum Plus Membership

Regional development organizations designated by state law or executive order or a compact of local governments as a multi-jurisdictional planning and development agency.

### Associate and Sustaining Associate Membership

Organizations and individuals not eligible to join as a regional development organization, such as local governments, single purpose planning entities (such as a standalone RPO or MPO), state agencies, nonprofits, universities, corporations, foundations and other stakeholders.

	General Members \$2,000	Sustaining Members \$3,000	Platinum Members \$4,000	Platinum Plus Members \$6,000	Associate Members \$500	Sustaining Associate Members \$1,000
Access to NADO publications	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Discounted NADO webinar registrations	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Access to RPO America	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Complimentary job postings on NADO.org	1	1	2	Unlimited	1	2
Access to all NADO Research Foundation programs and materials	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Conference registration discounts	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Free spouse/guest registrations at Annual Conference		3	6	6		1



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