



NADO Recognizes 2012 Innovation Award Winners

For 26 years, NADO's Annual Innovation Award program has honored members who have had significant and positive impacts on their regions through innovative approaches to problem solving and program delivery. We are pleased to announce that the 2012 slate of awardees includes 64 impressive projects representing 52 NADO members from 22 states!

NADO congratulates the 2012 Innovation Award-winning projects. This annual awards program acknowledges creative approaches to regional community and economic development throughout the nation. The winning projects represent the innovative and strategic approaches that regional councils are employing to strengthen and enhance their regions. We applaud their efforts and impact!

The projects will be recognized during NADO's 2012 Annual Training Conference, to be held October 13-16, 2012 in Las Vegas, Nevada. For more information, visit .nado.org or contact NADO Deputy Executive Director Laurie Thompson at 202.624.5948 or [@nado.org](https://twitter.com/nado.org).

ALABAMA

- **Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham**, *Birmingham Region Accounts Receivable Lending Program*
- **The Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments**, *The Alabama Consolidated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy: A Prospectus for Sustainable Economic Prosperity*

ARIZONA

- **Northern Arizona Council of Governments**, *Statewide Energy Sector Partnership (SESP)*

ARKANSAS

- **Southwest Arkansas Planning and Development District**, *Use of Comprehensive GIS Data in Disaster Recovery*

CALIFORNIA

- **Sonoma County Economic Development Board**, *State of the County Breakfast*

FLORIDA

- **Central Florida Regional Planning Council**, *Preparing for the Future in the Heartland: Regional Land Use and Affordable Housing*
- **North Central Florida Regional Planning Council**, *North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan*
- **North Central Florida Regional Planning Council**, *North Central Florida Economic and Disaster Resiliency Study*

GEORGIA

- **CSRA Regional Commission**, *Picture Grovetown Urban Redevelopment Plan*
- **Georgia Mountains Regional Commission**, *Ty Cobb Regional Medical Center*
- **Middle Georgia Regional Commission**, *Georgia Economic Development Fiscal Impact Model*
- **Southern Georgia Regional Commission**, *CoPRS Comprehensive Police Reporting System*

IOWA

- **East Central Iowa Council of Governments**, *Linn County's City/County Strategic Growth Plans and Fringe-Area Agreements*
- **East Central Intergovernmental Association**, *Dubuque Smart Travel*

KENTUCKY

- **Bluegrass Area Development District**, *Tool Set for Inventory and Maintenance of Retro Reflectivity Signs*
- **Bluegrass Area Development District**, *The Bluegrass Help-At-Home Worker Registry*
- **Buffalo Trace Area Development District**, *Increased Training for Regional Advancements in Nursing (I-Train)*
- **Green River Area Development District**, *Stop Senior Hunger*
- **Lake Cumberland Area Development District**, *Houseboat to Energy Efficient Residences(HBEER)*
- **Pennyrile Area Development District**, *Greenville Downtown Revitalization Project*
- **Purchase Area Development District**, *Emergency Preparedness Backpacks for Child Care Centers*

MICHIGAN

- **Northwest Michigan Council of Governments**, *Placemaking in Northern Michigan*

MINNESOTA

- **Arrowhead Regional Development Commission**, *Northern Aero Alliance*
- **Mid-Minnesota Development Commission**, *City of Willmar Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan*

MISSISSIPPI

- **Central Mississippi Planning and Development District**, *City of Magee's Innovative Way to Attract Economic Development and Create New Job Opportunities*
- **East Central Planning and Development District**, *Lauderdale County Call Center Project*
- **East Central Planning and Development District**, *Town of Pachuta Senior Citizen Center*
- **Northeast Mississippi Planning & Development District**, *Dennen Steel/Yellow Creek Industrial Port Authority Improvements*
- **South Delta Planning and Development District**, *Mobile Outreach Skills Training (MOST)*
- **Three Rivers Planning and Development District**, *Three Rivers Regional Emergency Notification System*

MISSOURI

- **Boonslick Regional Planning Commission**, *Village of Silex, Missouri Community Relocation Project*
- **Missouri Association of Councils of Government**, *Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan for Missouri's Electric Cooperatives*
- **Missouri Association of Councils of Government**, *Missouri Watershed Planning and Wastewater Study*

MONTANA

- **Great Falls Development Authority**, *West Bank Redevelopment Project*
- **Great Falls Development Authority**, *Montana Eggs Expansion*

NEVADA

- **Western Nevada Development District**, *SET/CEDS Development in WNDD Region*

NORTH CAROLINA

- **Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments**, *Triangle Worksource*
- **Land-of-Sky Regional Council**, *WNC Forest Products Cooperative Marketing Project*
- **Mid-East Commission**, *Beaufort County Resource Connection (BCRC)*
- **Mid-East Commission**, *Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project*
- **Piedmont Triad Regional Council**, *Advanced Manufacturing Academy*

- **Piedmont Triad Regional Council**, *Forsyth County Real World Event*
- **Western Piedmont Council of Governments**, *Student Growth Estimation Models for the Catawba County School System*
- **Western Piedmont Council of Governments**, *Future Workforce Alliance: A Partnership for Education and Economic Progress*

OREGON

- **Northeast Oregon Economic Development District**, *Microenterprise Development - IDAs and Business Education*
- **South Central Oregon Economic Development District**, *SCOEDD Woodstove Replacement Program*

PENNSYLVANIA

- **North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission**, *North Central Pennsylvania Partnership for Regional Economic Performance*

SOUTH CAROLINA

- **Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments**, *Workforce Training Collaboration*
- **Lower Savannah Council of Governments**, *Eastern Orangeburg County Sustainability Study*
- **SC Appalachian Council of Governments**, *Upstate Aging & Disability Resource Center Website – A statewide template for South Carolina*

TENNESSEE

- **First Tennessee Development District**, *Northeast Tennessee Neighborhood Stabilization Project*
- **Southwest Tennessee Development District**, *REDI College Access Program*

TEXAS

- **Capital Area Council of Governments**, *Pecan Street Innovation Cluster*
- **Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council**, *Regional Economic Adjustment Plan for Building Disaster Resilient Communities (Regional EAP)*
- **South Plains Association of Governments**, *Built to Weather Any West Texas Storm*
- **South Plains Association of Governments**, *Today's Kids Under Attack*
- **Texoma Council of Governments**, *Texoma Regional Economic Dashboard*
- **Texoma Council of Governments**, *Texoma Council of Governments Economic Impact Statement*

VIRGINIA

- **LENOWISCO Planning District Commission**, *Appalachian Prosperity Project - A Collaborative Model for Advancing Education, Health, and Economic Prosperity in Southwest Virginia*
- **New River Valley Planning District Commission**, *BUILT NRV*
- **Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission**, *Save-A-Ton*
- **Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission**, *Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Economic Development Map Tool*

WISCONSIN

- **North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission**, *Wood Technology Center of Excellence*
- **North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission**, *Community Economic Recovery Guidebook*