

**NADO ATC 2024
October 21 – 24
New Orleans, LA**

Preliminary Agenda—Subject to Change

Monday, October 21

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Conference Registration

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. **NADO Research Foundation Advisory Committee Meeting**

12:00 – 2:00 p.m. **NADO Executive Committee and Research Foundation Board Meeting**

12:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Mobile Workshop: University of New Orleans Green Energy Lab

See how the University of New Orleans (UNO) is working with regional stakeholders through the H2theFuture Build Back Better Regional Challenge Coalition to develop a testbed and development center for hydrogen-fueled ships at their new EDA-supported Green Energy Lab. The UNO Green Energy Lab will further research into ‘green hydrogen’ as a fuel source for the shipping and maritime industries, reducing logistics costs and the carbon footprint of the global shipping industry. The workshop will include guided tours at the UNO Engineering facility and discussions with UNO research staff leading the project on what these technology advancements will mean for the local, regional, and national economies. ***This workshop is limited to 19 participants. Plan to meet in the lobby at 12:30 p.m. for a bus departure at 12:45 p.m. The group will return to the hotel by 3:30 p.m. This is a bus/walking tour, so plan to wear comfortable shoes. Pre-registration is required and there is an additional fee of \$50.***

12:45 – 3:45 p.m.

Mobile Workshop: Brownfields Redevelopment Tour

Join the National Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) team and other subject matter experts for an excursion to successful redevelopment projects in New Orleans. Participants in this Brownfields Bus Tour will visit former blighted sites being transformed into productive properties for the community. Invited speakers for the tour include the property developer and officials from the Brownfield Programs of both the Regional Planning Commission and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. These local experts will describe the use of brownfields resources as a component of the property revitalization. Note: The bus tour will include some walking at project sites. ***This workshop is limited to 40 participants. Meet in the lobby at 12:45 p.m. for bus departure at 1:00 p.m. The group will return to the hotel by 3:45 p.m. Pre-registration is required and there is an additional fee of \$50.***

2:15 – 3:00 p.m.

NADO Board of Directors Meeting

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Conference Opening Plenary

6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Opening Reception

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Tuesday, October 22

7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Conference Registration

9:00 – 10:15 a.m. Plenary

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Mobile Workshop: Café Reconcile

Take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy a delicious lunch at Café Reconcile while learning about the organization’s incredible workforce development training for young adults interested in seeking careers in the hospitality field. Founded in 1996, the program has three priorities: support young adults in the development of their self-confidence, help them attain financial stability, and earn education or employment opportunities suited to their skills sets. Café Reconcile’s workforce program has seen over 2,000 young adults (between the ages of 16 and 24) graduate. ***This workshop is limited to 15 participants. Meet in the lobby at 10:30 a.m. for bus departure at 10:45 a.m. The group will return to the hotel by 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided (shortly before the workshop, NADO will reach out to attendees with menu options). Pre-registration is required and there is an additional fee of \$60 which covers lunch and transportation.***

10:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Mobile Workshop: Lafitte Greenway

Explore the Lafitte Greenway, a 2.6-mile-long linear park and multi-use trail in the heart of New Orleans, that features public art, recreational facilities, fitness and cultural programming, open green space, and innovative stormwater management features. The Greenway is New Orleans’ premier example of post-Katrina sustainable stormwater management known as “Green Infrastructure,” with features such as bioswales, permeable pavement, and bio-retention cells. The Greenway opened in 2015 after years of democratic, volunteer -led, community driven support to turn a formerly abandoned railroad corridor into a public green space that connects an array of diverse New Orleans neighborhoods. ***This workshop is limited to 20 participants. This is a bus/walking tour; wear comfortable shoes. Meet in the lobby at 10:15 a.m. for bus departure at 10:30 a.m. The group will return to the hotel by 12:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required and there is an additional fee of \$50.***

10:30 – 11:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. SERDI Meeting

1:30 – 4:00 p.m. Mobile Workshop: Claiborne Corridor Cultural Innovation District

Claiborne Avenue, the main street in Tremé, one of the oldest African-American neighborhoods in the United States, was irrevocably changed in 1969 when the elevated Interstate-10 was constructed above the Avenue. The Claiborne Corridor Cultural Innovation District (CID) is a 19-Block transformation of Claiborne Avenue that supports local entrepreneurs and works to achieve equitable and sustainable community development goals. It is a resident-driven effort focused on providing direct pathways to business ownership, workforce development, and community capacity building. Join this tour to learn about the youth programming, health, environmental, and social

services, community projects, workshops, and special events the District provides for neighborhood residents. ***This workshop is limited to 25 people. Meet in the lobby at 1:30 p.m. for a bus departure of 1:45 p.m.; the bus will return to the hotel at 4:00 p.m. This is a bus/walking tour, so plan to wear comfortable shoes. Pre-registration is required and there is an additional fee of \$50.***

1:30 – 4:00 p.m. Mobile Workshop: “America’s Rocket Factory”: NASA Michoud Assembly Plant

The countdown to liftoff begins in New Orleans. NASA’s Michoud Assembly Facility is one of the largest manufacturing facilities in the world and has been the nation’s premiere site for manufacturing and assembly of large-scale space structures and systems for more than 60 years. Join this tour to visit “America’s Rocket Factory” and learn about the critical impact this facility has on the regional economy and the national space program. Attendees will also learn about innovative workforce training partnerships at nearby Nunez Community College—home of Louisiana’s only Aerospace Manufacturing Technology program. ***Meet in the lobby at 1:30 p.m. for a bus departure of 1:45 p.m.; the bus will return to the hotel at 4:00 p.m. This is a bus/walking tour, so plan to wear comfortable shoes. Pre-registration is required and there is an additional fee of \$50.***

1:30 – 2:45 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

1:45 – 3:00 p.m. **Nominating Committee**

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

4:15 – 5:15 p.m. **NADO Membership Chapter Meetings**

Wednesday, October 23

5:45 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Community Service Option: Serving Hot Breakfast at Grace at the Green Light

7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Conference Registration

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. DDAA Breakfast

9:15 – 10:30 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

8:30 – 11:45 a.m. Mobile Workshop: Old Algiers Downtown

Want to explore a charming neighborhood of New Orleans off the beaten tourist track? Join us for a trip on the ferry across the river to Old Algiers! We’ll be accompanied by Algiers Economic Development Foundation staff who will take us on a walking tour of the downtown to learn about its revitalization, including changing demographics, supporting local small businesses, the ‘food policy landscape’, a high school student workforce program, and more. ***This workshop is limited to 19 people. This is a walking tour and will include a ferry across the Mississippi River to and from Old Algiers; participants should plan to wear comfortable shoes and clothes.***

Meet in the hotel lobby at 8:30 a.m. for an 8:45 a.m. departure. Pre-registration is required and there is an additional fee of \$25 to participate.

8:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Mobile Workshop: Tour of New Orleans' Cooperative Businesses and History

What comes to mind when you think about New Orleans history and culture? You may not know that much of what people appreciate about New Orleans was either created, or heavily influenced, by their many mutual aid societies, which were often the source of cooperative business development. During this tour, you'll learn about the communities, businesses, people and struggles behind the city's food, festivities, and freedom. From the philanthropic work of a devout nun, to the economic resurgence of a community devastated by the 1963 construction of a federal highway, to the ever-growing cultural and economic development on a street named for a civil rights pioneer, you'll hear accounts of innovation in philanthropy, education, mutual aid, entrepreneurship, and more. Join us for this session in National Cooperative Month! ***This workshop is limited to 28 attendees. Meet in the hotel lobby at 8:45 a.m. for a 9:00 a.m. departure. Pre-registration is required and there is an additional fee of \$50 to participate.***

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

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. President's Award Lunch

1:45 – 3:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

3:15 – 4:00 p.m. **NADO Annual Business Meeting**

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Impact Awards Reception

Thursday, October 24

8:00 – 11:30 a.m. Conference Registration

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Plenary Breakfast

10:15 – 11:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Plenary Lunch