



NADO's 2025 Annual Training Conference Little America Hotel | Salt Lake City, Utah October 14 – 17, 2025

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Tuesday, October 14

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Conference Registration & Information Desk Open

8:20 – 11:30 a.m.

Mobile Workshop: Investing in Talent and Transit: A Look Inside Stadler Rail

The Stadler Rail Factory in Salt Lake City has played a crucial role in Utah's economic development through job creation, investments, utilizing local supply chains, and other community support efforts. This tour will include a full look at the Stadler production facility and allow for conversations with apprentices about career training, workforce development, and much more. This workshop is limited to 40 participants. Meet in the lobby at 8:20 a.m. for a bus departure at 8:40 a.m. The group will return to the hotel by 11:30 a.m. *Pre-registration is required; additional fee of \$45.*

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

NADO Research Foundation Advisory Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Learning Labs

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

NADO Executive Committee and Research Foundation Board Meeting

12:15 – 3:00 p.m.

Mobile Workshop: Gold Medal Planning: The Olympic Legacy Tour

Embark on an extraordinary expedition to the Utah Olympic Park near Park City, where you'll encounter the world's highest Nordic ski jumps and one of the swiftest sliding tracks. The tour features a visit to the iconic Olympic cauldron and will include an insightful exploration of the 2002 Winter Olympics' transformative legacy in transportation planning and also provide a preview of the forthcoming 2034 Winter Games and the impact the Olympics will have on the region. This workshop is limited to 50 participants. Meet in the lobby at 12:15 p.m. for a bus departure at 12:30 p.m. The group will return to the hotel by 3:00 p.m. Please eat lunch in advance; snacks will be provided on the tour. *Pre-registration is required; additional fee of \$45.*

12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Mobile Workshop: Salt Lake City 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 Salt Lake City. Participants in this Brownfields Bus Tour will visit former blighted sites being transformed into housing opportunities and other productive uses for the community. Local experts from UT DEQ Brownfields and Salt Lake City Corporation will highlight the use of brownfields resources coupled with private investment as a component of the property revitalization. This workshop is limited to 50 participants. 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 3:00 p.m. *Pre-registration is required; additional fee of \$45.*

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1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Learning Labs

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. NADO Board of Directors Meeting

All NADO members are encouraged to attend to learn more about the governance of your Association.

3:15 – 4:15 p.m. Conference Opening Plenary

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. NADO 101

6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Opening Reception

Wednesday, October 15

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Conference Registration & Information Desk Open

9:00 – 10:15 a.m. Keynote Plenary.

10:15 – 10:30 a.m. Coffee Break with the Exhibitors

10:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Mobile Workshop: Placemaking in South Salt Lake City

Learn more about how South Salt Lake (one of the most socially and economically diverse cities in Utah) has put people before profit using placemaking to rebuild, starting with a 235-acre mixed residential/business new downtown area. Explore the connections to the Parley's Trail (a pedestrian and cyclist pathway), streetcar, and other transit options. This workshop is limited to 25 participants. Meet in the lobby at 10:15 a.m. for a bus departure at 10:30 a.m. The group will return to the hotel by 12:30 p.m. *Pre-registration is required; additional fee of \$45.*

10:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Mobile Workshop: Where Policy Meets Place: A Tour of the Utah State Capitol

Join for a guided tour of the Utah State Capitol, a striking landmark and center for Utah policymaking. You'll explore the building's architecture and history while also learning how state leaders shape economic development priorities and work with regional partners. It's a chance to see where decisions happen and get a deeper look at the connections between policy and place at the local and state level – and includes a breathtaking view of the city and surrounding landscape. This workshop is limited to 25 participants. Meet in the lobby at 10:30 a.m. for a bus departure at 10:45 a.m. The group will return to the hotel by 12:45 p.m. *Pre-registration is required; additional fee of \$45.*

10:30 – 11:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions & Conversation Café

11:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Mobile Workshop: MAKE Ogden: Downtown Development and the WonderBlock Tour

The community of Ogden, due north of Salt Lake City, is planning its future and strategically investing in transformative projects. Join this tour for lunch and a mobile workshop to learn more about the MAKE Ogden plan – a 25-year vision for Downtown Ogden – and key projects that are now underway. The discussion will highlight innovative financing tools, public-private partnerships, and economic development strategies. The workshop will include visits to the WonderBlock mixed-use development, the Marshall N. White community center, and other downtown projects. This workshop is limited to 25 participants. Meet in the lobby at 11:45 a.m. for a bus departure at 12 p.m. The group will return to the hotel by 4:00 p.m. This tour will include lunch. *Pre-registration is required; additional fee of \$60.*

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch on Your Own

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. SERDI Council of Peers Meeting

1:15 – 4:00 p.m. Mobile Workshop: Restoring and Activating Salt Lake City's Waterways and Greenways

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During this mobile workshop, explore key restoration sites throughout the city that demonstrate the intersection of urban waterways and economic development as communities work to address lost access due to creek burial, channelization, and degradation. From City Creek Park to the Hidden Waters installation, Folsom Trail, and Three Creeks Confluence, participants will see firsthand how restoring buried and neglected streams revitalizes communities, enhances public spaces, and drives economic growth through increased property values, business opportunities, and improved quality of life. This workshop is limited to 25 participants. Meet in the lobby at 1:15 p.m. for a bus departure at 1:30 p.m. The group will return to the hotel by 4:00 p.m. *Pre-registration is required; additional fee of \$45.*

1:30 – 2:45 p.m. Concurrent Sessions & Conversation Café

1:45 – 3:00 p.m. Nominating Committee

All NADO members are invited to attend and hear from the candidates for NADO's Board of Directors Officer positions.

1:45 – 3:00 p.m. Refresh and Connect Break

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions & Conversation Cafe

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

Chapter Meetings offer an opportunity for you to connect with peers from your region, share solutions to challenges, talk about new funding opportunities, and provide NADO leadership with feedback and insights about particular topics. All NADO members are encouraged to attend their Chapter Meeting. (NADO Membership Chapters align with the EDA Regional Offices.)

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. EDD CoP Mentor Program Meetup

Open to all participants in the NADO EDD CoP Mentor Program, this meetup will give participants the opportunity to meet and network in person.

Thursday, October 16

7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Conference Registration & Information Desk Open

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. DDAA Breakfast

All attendees from a Local Development District located in the 13-state Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) footprint are invited to attend this breakfast and hear from ARC's leadership.

8:30 – 11:45 a.m. Mobile Workshop: Natural Assets Driving Economic Growth: Antelope Island and the Great Salt Lake

As the largest natural lake west of the Mississippi River and the largest saltwater lake in the western hemisphere, the Great Salt Lake is perhaps the best known geologic feature in the region and lends its name to Salt Lake City. Experience the signature Great Salt Lake through a stunning visit to Antelope Island State Park, located on the lake's largest island. An engine to the tourism economy of Davis County and the entire region, Antelope Island State Park is home to a unique offering of environmental education, trail systems, and wildlife viewing, including its most iconic residents: one of the largest and oldest publicly-owned herds of American bison in the nation. This workshop is limited to 45 participants. Meet in the lobby at 8:30 a.m. for a bus departure at 8:45 a.m. The group will return to the hotel by 11:45 a.m. *Pre-registration is required; additional fee of \$45.*

9:15 – 10:30 a.m. Concurrent Sessions & Conversation Café

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Mobile Workshop: Urban Redevelopment Walking Tour of City Creek Center

As part of this tour you'll hop on the TRAX, the region's light rail system, right in front of the hotel for a visit to City Creek Center, one of downtown Salt Lake City's most ambitious and eye-catching developments. The guided walking tour will

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explore how a mix of retail, residential, office, and public space was brought together in the heart of the city. Developed in part by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the project reflects a unique blend of economic, cultural, and religious influences. You'll hear the story behind the site's transformation, from design choices and green space to the recreation of the City Creek itself. This workshop is limited to 20 participants. Meet in the lobby at 9:30 a.m. to head to the TRAX station at 9:45 a.m. The group will return to the hotel by 12 p.m. *Pre-registration is required; additional fee of \$15.*

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Morning Networking Break

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions & Information Desk Open

12:15 – 1:30 p.m. President's Award Lunch

NADO President Rick Hunsaker will announce the recipient of the 2025 President's Award which recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to regional development. All attendees are invited to attend the luncheon.

1:45 – 3:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions & Conversation Café

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

All NADO members are encouraged to attend to learn more about the governance of your Association.

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

All attendees are invited to attend this reception to learn about the 2025 Aliceann Wohlbruck Impact Award projects. Many will be on hand to share the details of the project. Light snacks and beverages will be provided along with our annual raffle.

Friday, October 17

8:00 – 11:30 a.m. Conference Registration & Information Desk Open

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Plenary Breakfast

10:15 – 11:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions & Conversation Café

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Plenary Closing