

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL COUNCILS

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

2012 National Conference of Regions

Monday, February 13, 2012 • 10:15am - 12:15pm • Salon IIIB

Chair:

Sandeep Dey, Executive Director,
West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission

AGENDA

- I. 10:15am -10:25am
Welcome and Introductions
Chair Dey
- II. 10:25am-10:50am
Local Government Partner Update – Upcoming Legislation
Speakers from NARC's key partners, the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National League of Cities (NLC), will provide an update and take questions regarding their 2012 legislative priorities and upcoming activities related to the Farm Bill, Rural Development, Community Development Block Grants and much more.
 - *Daria Daniel*, Associate Legislative Director, Community & Economic Development, NACo (CONFIRMED)
 - *Michael Wallace*, Principal Associate, Finance & Development, Federal Relations, NLC (CONFIRMED)
- III. 10:50am-11:10am
Regional Opportunity: Local Farms, Food and Jobs Act
An update on the Local Farms, Food and Jobs Act introduced in Fall 2011, highlighting opportunities for regional planning organizations to support economic development through this proposed legislation.
 - *Kristin Vennekotter*, Legislative Aide, Office of Senator Sherrod Brown, (D-OH) (CONFIRMED)
- IV. 11:10am-12:00pm
Open Discussion: How Does Federal Policy Impact Economic Development in Your Region?
Members will continue the conversation from previous committee meetings by sharing experiences on their economic and community development efforts in response to the economic recession, with a focus on opportunities and areas for increased federal support. A special focus will be given to connecting regional workforce development with education and economic development initiatives. Two committee members will provide short presentations to kick-off the discussion.
Moderator: Hon. Steve Cassano, State Senator, CT (CONFIRMED)
 - *Hon. Harold Tomlinson*, Judge/Executive, Carroll County, KY, Northern Kentucky Area Development District (CONFIRMED)
 - *Virginia Belew*, Director of Workforce Development, Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission (CONFIRMED)
- V. 12:00pm-12:15pm
NARC Staff Update and General Committee Discussion
NARC staff will provide a policy and program update and allow time for general participant discussion. Topics will include:
 - Livable Communities Act and the Sustainable Communities Partnership
 - Economic Development Administration
 - Farm Bill
 - Workforce Investment Act
 - Federal Budget
 - Other Important Program and Policy Activities

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