



NARC LEADERSHIP

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EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Colleagues,

Thank you to everyone who joined us last week in Cleveland for our 44th Annual Conference and Exhibition. The conference was a huge success, with more than 500 people in attendance. We are in the process of uploading the speaker presentations and will let you know as soon as those materials are available.

Our next event will be in September for our 2010 Executive Directors' Conference and Regional Metropolitan and Urban Policy Forum. We are working on a draft agenda over the next couple of weeks and will follow up with additional information as soon as it becomes available.

This week, we also saw the release of the Sustainable Communities NOFA and the joint grant being offered by DOT and HUD. More detailed information is included below. We will follow up next week with NARC's review of these opportunities.

NARC also attended and presented at the 2010 National UASI Conference in New Orleans. We hope this is the beginning of a strong partnership, with more work between our regional planning organizations and homeland security planners to come.

Best, Fred

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Early Bird Registration Ends on July 15th!

2010 Executive Directors' Conference: September 28-30, 2010
Join the Capital Area Council of Governments, Brazos Valley Council of Governments, Central Texas Council of Governments and NARC for the 2010 Executive Directors' Conference in Austin, TX.

Regional Metropolitan and Urban Policy Forum: September 27-28, 2010
Regional councils of all sizes have at their core cities and towns that are facing similar issues of growth, infrastructure, security and safety.

Omni Austin Downtown Hotel—\$121/night
Click HERE to reserve your room online.
800-849-6664

(Please be sure to mention that you are reserving under NARC's room block.)

Click HERE to access the conference website, registration and hotel information. Contact Lindsey Riley, lindsey@narc.org or 202.986.1032 x220 with questions.

DIRECTORY OF REGIONS

The National Directory of Regions survey was sent out via email to all Executive Directors this morning. If your organization has not received this survey, click HERE for access.

NARC PROGRAM

TIGER II Discretionary Grant Pre-Applications have been announced. Click HERE for the documentation.

U.S. DOT and HUD Joint Effort Combines TIGER II and HUD Sustainable Communities Challenge Grant Initiatives: U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced a collaborative effort designed to help foster planning for more livable, sustainable communities.

HUD Released Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program NOFA. Click HERE to access the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and related information. Approximately \$98 million will be made available in the form of Cooperative Agreements.

TIGER II Planning Grants Webinar: The U.S. DOT will host a TIGER II Planning Grants webinar on July 1, 2010 from 2:00-4:00pm ET. This webinar will cover the criteria and eligibility requirements for the \$35 million to be expended on planning from the overall total \$600 million appropriated for the TIGER II Discretionary Grant Program.

Call for Applications — 2010 Regional Centers of Excellence: Deadline: June 30, 2010. NARC, with support from the U.S. Forest Service, is seeking applications for the distribution of grants to regional planning organizations promoting the use of green infrastructure.

Request for Information on Economic Development Programs for Seniors: NARC recently attended a roundtable event on Seniors and the Economy, hosted by the Congressional Taskforce on Seniors, who requested examples of tools and techniques in use across the country to support the senior population in these difficult times.

NARC POLICY

Clean Air Act Update: On the heels of Sen. Murkowski's (R-AK) unsuccessful attempts to limit the EPA's authority on regulating greenhouse gases through the Clean Air Act, Majority Leader Reid (D-NV) has indicated his desire to vote on a two year moratorium on the issue by the end of the year.

FTA Request for Comments on Small/New Starts Process: The U.S. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) released their Advanced Notice of Public Rulemaking on the Small/New Starts process on June 3, 2010. The deadline for comments is Monday, August 2, 2010.

NAAQS Standards for SO2 Published: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published revised primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for sulfur dioxide (SO2), intended to protect people from jumps in SO2, in the Federal Register on June 22, 2010.

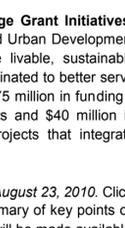
PARTNER UPDATES

TARC Releases Two Requests for Proposals (RFPs): The Texas Association of Regional Councils (TARC) seeks contractors to assist regional councils and economic development districts (EDDs) with: development of a web-based or software-based application to aid in the development of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and required components of the CEDS.

Brownfields 2011 Call for Ideas: The 14th National Brownfields Conference is coming to Philadelphia on April 3-5, 2011. Cosponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), the conference attracts more than five thousand registrants and hundreds of exhibitors.

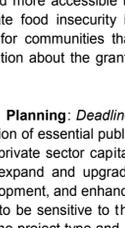
Call for Session Proposals: The Call for Session Proposals (CFSP) for the 10th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference, scheduled for February 3-5, 2011 in Charlotte, NC, has opened. The conference features the latest research, cutting-edge implementation tools and techniques, best practices, model projects, policies and codes.

Local and Rural Road Safety Peer-to-Peer Program: Following on the success of other Peer-to-Peer Program, the U.S. Federal Highway Administration has launched the Local and Rural Road Safety Peer-to-Peer LRR Safety Program. FHWA established this new Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Program as a form of technical LRR Safety Program.



Community Impact Assessment (CIA) Practitioner's Network: The CIA Practitioner's Network will provide you with free email updates, such as TRB Newsletters, AASHTO Daily News, what is happening in EPA, NHI and NTL Courses being offered, questions from your contemporaries, the latest publications, and upcoming webinars.

The APCO Institute Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) Program. Comprehensive. Customized. Cost-Effective: The public expects 9-1-1 telecommunicators to be prepared for the unexpected. Are yours? Give your staff the essential tool for effective response to critical situations—The APCO Institute Emergency Medical Dispatch Program.



GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

NARC 2010 Regional Centers of Excellence: Deadline: June 30, 2010. NARC, with support from the U.S. Forest Service, is seeking applications for the distribution of grants to regional planning organizations promoting the use of green infrastructure.

SBA Announces Funding Available to Support Regional Clusters, Job Creation: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced the availability of funding to support economic development and job creation through existing regional clusters.

EDA i6 Challenge: Deadline: July 15, 2010. The i6 Challenge is a new \$12 million innovation competition administered by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) of the U.S. Department of Commerce, in partnership with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and National Science Foundation (NSF).

EPA Climate Showcase Communities Grants Available: Deadline: July 26, 2010. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is making available up to \$10 million in grants to local governments (including councils of governments and regional or interstate entities) to establish and carry out initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

U.S. DOT and HUD Joint Effort Combines TIGER II and HUD Sustainable Communities Challenge Grant Initiatives: Deadline: July 26, 2010. U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced a groundbreaking collaborative effort designed to help foster planning for more livable, sustainable communities.

HUD Released the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program NOFA: Deadline: August 23, 2010. Click HERE to access the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and related information. Below is a brief summary of key points of the funding.

USDA Announces Hunger-Free Communities Grants: Deadline: September 1, 2010. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) this week released a request for proposals for Hunger-Free Communities grants, which invest in research, planning, and various hunger relief activities to help end hunger in America.

EDA Announcement of Funding Opportunity for Public Works Infrastructure Improvements and Planning: Deadline: September 30, 2010. EDA will provide Public Works investments to support the construction or rehabilitation of essential public infrastructure and facilities necessary to generate or retain private sector jobs and investments.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 1, Webinar 2:00-4:00pm ET: The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) will host a TIGER II Planning Grants webinar will cover the criteria and eligibility requirements for the \$35 million to be expended on planning from the overall total \$600 million appropriated for the TIGER II Discretionary Grant Program.

July 28, August 3 and 10, Webinar Series, 1:00-4:00pm ET: NARC and ESRI, with support from the Federal Geographic Data Committee, will hold a 3-part webinar series on collecting and creating accurate and appropriate metadata, a critical component of any local or regional geographic information systems program.

September 27-30, Austin, TX: NARC, the Capital Area Council of Governments, Brazos Valley Council of Governments, and Central Texas Council of Governments will host the 2010 Executive Directors' Conference and Regional Metropolitan and Urban Policy Forum.

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