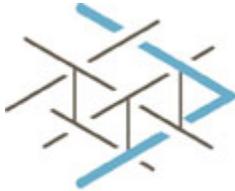


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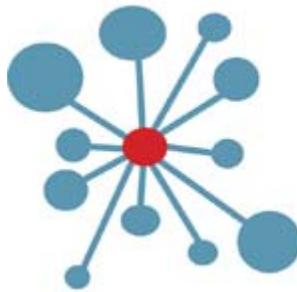
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EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Colleagues,

Today, the U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure announced that they will be releasing their Transportation Reauthorization proposal this Thursday. NARC looks forward to working with the

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2011 Executive Directors' Conference: Call for Sessions

We're building the agenda for the upcoming conference - and want your input. Click [HERE](#) to access the *Call for Sessions* and let us know what sessions you'd like to see in Jacksonville. Deadline to submit your ideas is July 15th. For more information or to register for the event, click [HERE](#).

PROGRAM UPDATE

Federal Agencies Come Together in Urban Water Partnership: Last week the new Urban Water Federal Partnership (UWFP) announced that several federal agencies will come together to revitalize urban waterways in

Committee on this important piece of legislation. We will provide an update as more information becomes available.

Besides the summer slow down here in Washington, DC and the 24 hour news cycle on the debt ceiling, I would like to call your attention to two interesting articles. The first, from Fast Company magazine, "[Only Five Networked Cars For Every 1,000 Would End Traffic](#)," discusses the introduction of smart cars in the U.S. and a recent study claiming that "robotizing" one out of every 1,000 cars in congested areas would act to significantly relieve congestion. The question is would you like to be a test subject on an interstate in a "robocar"?

The second, from engaget.com, "[Why is European broadband faster and cheaper? Blame the government](#)," is an interesting and provocative article on broadband access in Europe versus the U.S. and why access speeds

under-served communities across the country. The Urban Waters Federal Partnership (UWFP), an innovative federal union comprised of 11 agencies, will focus its initial efforts on seven pilot locations: the Patapsco Watershed (Maryland), the Anacostia Watershed (Washington DC/Maryland), the Bronx & Harlem River Watersheds (New York), the South Platte River in Denver (Colorado), the Los Angeles River Watershed (California), the Lake Pontchartrain Area (New Orleans, LA), and the Northwest Indiana Area. Each of the pilot locations already has a strong restoration effort underway, spearheaded by local governments and community organizations. Lessons learned from these pilot locations will be transferred to other cities in the country. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

EPA Releases New Tool to Support Community-Based Water Resiliency Initiative:

EPA has developed a new tool to support the Agency's Community-Based Water Resiliency Initiative, which is designed to raise awareness of drinking water and wastewater interdependencies with other community services to support emergency preparedness and response efforts. The tool will assist water utilities and all community stakeholders in increasing their preparedness for all-hazards impacting the water sector and their ability to respond to and recover from water service interruptions. Click [HERE](#) to access the tool.

POLICYUPDATE

The Senate and House are in session.

Notice of Release: Rollout of House Transportation Reauthorization Proposal

On Thursday, July 7, 2011, at an 11:00 AM (Eastern Time), the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure plans to hold a national briefing to roll out a comprehensive, multi-year transportation reauthorization proposal. As per a release from Chairman John Mica today, "[t]his will not only reauthorize and reform the nation's federal highway, transit, and highway safety programs, but will also make significant improvements to passenger and freight rail programs, and maritime and waterborne transportation policy. This fiscally responsible, multi-modal initiative would streamline federal programs, cut red tape, better leverage our federal resources, make wise investments in our infrastructure, and create needed jobs for Americans." Live video of this event will be available by clicking [HERE](#) and then the "Live Webcasts" link or you can participate with

and data connections are better in Europe and Asia.

We've launched our Executive Directors' Conference for September 18-20, 2011 in Jacksonville, FL. I look forward to working with the Northeast Florida Regional Council to make this a successful event. More details on this event to come.

We hope you had a safe and happy 4th of July.

Best,
Fred

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following conference dial-in information: 877-229-8493 and entering the code 18416. NARC will provide more information as it becomes available.

Congressional Activity Expected this Week: The House and Senate are scheduled this week to continue work on the FY12 appropriations bill, as well as discussions on debt reduction and potential increase in the debt ceiling.

Congress Poised to Take on Transportation Authorization this Month: Click [HERE](#) to read an article from the National League of Cities' Nation's Cities Weekly publication.

PARTNERUPDATE

ICMA Annual Conference: Don't Miss the Early Registration Discount! Early birds save the most - Take advantage of an early registration discount when you sign up for the ICMA Annual Conference by July 11th. The ICMA 97th Annual Conference will be held September 18-21 at the Frontier Airlines Center in Milwaukee, WI. Register early to get your choice of workshops, tours, and events. ICMA members apply your e-debit card and save more! Visit ICMA's website at icma.org/conference for conference program details and to register.

GRANTOPPORTUNITIES

HUD Announces Advanced Notice of Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grants

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced an Advance Notice of Requirements for HUD's FY 2011 Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program, which will provide an additional \$67 million for building sustainable communities throughout the country. The opportunity to apply for funding will soon be made available through a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to be issued by HUD. Below is basic information concerning the competitive grant program.

Eligible Entities: Multi-jurisdictional and multi-sector partnerships, as well as regional consortia of state and local governments, metropolitan planning organizations, educational institutions, non-profit organizations and philanthropic organizations

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Funding Categories:

1. Funds can be used to support the preparation of Regional Plans for Sustainable Development
2. Funds can be used to support efforts to modify existing regional plans so that they are in accordance with the Livability Principles, as well as to prepare execution plans for adopted regional plans and for predevelopment planning activities for catalytic projects

Click [HERE](#) to access the Advanced Notice of Requirements. Additional information on the grant program can be accessed at HUD's Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities [website](#). NARC will send out more information as it becomes available.

EDA, ETA and SBA Announce Funds for Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge

Deadline: July 7, 2011

The U.S. EDA, DOL ETA and Small Business Administration (SBA) announced the Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) for the Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge (Jobs Accelerator), which will fund regions to address gaps and opportunities for high-potential industry clusters. Funds can be used for commercialization, business formation and expansion, job creation, and exports. Awards are made to an organization or team eligible for three unique activities, each funded partially by EDA, ETA and SBA, supporting a single regional cluster. Access the FFO [HERE](#) or additional information [HERE](#).

DOL Offers Grant Program for Urban and Non-Urban Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP)

Deadline: July 8, 2011

The purpose of the grant is to provide services to assist in reintegrating homeless veterans into meaningful employment within the labor force and to stimulate the development of effective service delivery systems that will address the complex problems facing homeless veterans. Up to \$300,000 for urban and \$200,000 for non-urban grants will be awarded. Click [HERE](#) for additional information.

Healthy Food Financing Initiative Funding Opportunity Announced.

Deadline: July 11, 2011

The Healthy Food Financing Initiative (HFFI), funded at up to \$10 million for FY 2011, will support projects located in food deserts and designed to improve access to healthy foods by developing grocery stores and other retailers. HFFI awards will be funded through the U.S. Department of Health

and Human Services (HHS) via its Community Economic Development program to provide resources from HHS, the USDA and the Department of the Treasury. Awards will be made to community development corporations (CDCs) for up to \$800,000 each. Additional information and application instructions are available [HERE](#).

WERF Unsolicited Research Program Accepting Pre-Proposals

Deadline: July 12, 2011

The Water Environment Research Foundation ([WERF](#)) is accepting pre-proposals under its 2011 Unsolicited Research Program. WERF is providing up to \$530,000 (in total) to fund pioneering research that significantly advances our understanding of today's most pressing water quality issues and provides practical solutions to the challenges facing wastewater and stormwater programs. WERF will also consider proposals that take existing research to the next level of completion. Proposers are invited to submit pre-proposals on topics consistent with WERF's ongoing efforts to advance science and technology addressing water quality issues as they impact water resources, the atmosphere, the land, and quality of life. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to, conveyance systems; wastewater treatment; reuse; solids management; condition assessment and infrastructure management; energy efficiency; decentralized collection and treatment systems; risk assessment and communication; watershed management and water quality; and other emerging issues. Visit WERF's [website](#) for a list of ongoing, completed and planned research, as this will help proposers avoid duplication. Click [HERE](#) to access information or contact Senior Program Director Amit Pramanik at 571-384-2101 or apramanik@werf.org for additional information.

FY 2011 Susan Harwood Training Grants

Deadline: July 20, 2011

The purpose of the grant is to provide training and educational programs for workers and/or employers. Eligible applicants include: non-profit organizations (qualifying trade associations, labor unions and community-based and faith-based organizations that are not an agency of a state or local government). Eligible organizations can apply independently for funding or in partnership with other eligible organizations. Click [HERE](#) for additional information.

DOE's Rooftop Solar Challenge - \$12.5M Available

Letter of Intent Deadline: July 29; Application Deadline: August 31, 2011

As part of the [SunShot Initiative](#) and the [Solar America Communities Initiative](#), DOE has announced a funding opportunity for a [Rooftop Solar](#)

Challenge, with the goal of achieving measurable improvements in market conditions for rooftop photovoltaics across the United States. The emphasis of the Rooftop Solar Challenge is to streamline and standardize permitting and interconnection processes. A series of webinars will be hosted by DOE to assist applicants:

- Webinar 2 - Permitting and Interconnection Processes Overview - 7/6/11, 2:00-3:30pm ET
- Webinar 3 - Net Metering and Interconnection Standards Overview - 7/13/11, 2:00-3:30pm ET
- Webinar 4 - Financing Options and Planning and Zoning Overview - 7/20/11, 2:00-3:30pm ET

DOE anticipates awarding up to \$12.5M to up to 25 awardees. Regional teams of local governments are encouraged to apply. For more information about the webinars, and a link to the full NOFA, visit

<http://www.eere.energy.gov/solarchallenge/>.

NEA Grants for Arts Program

Deadline: August 11, 2011

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) is accepting applications for the *Art Works* project category in its Grants for Arts Program. Grants of up to \$100,000 will be awarded to states and local governments and non-profit organizations for community-based projects seeking to achieve one or several of the following activities: creating art, engaging the public in art, learning in the arts, and strengthening of communities through the arts. A one to one non-federal match is required. Click [HERE](#) to access more information.

DOT Announces Interim Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for TIGER Grants

Preliminary Application Deadline: August 22, 2011

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) announced the availability to issue \$527 million for TIGER grants, a competitive grant program, which funds innovative transportation projects that address job creation and making a significant impact on the nation, a region or a metropolitan area.

Preliminary applications are due from August 22 through October 3, with final applications due between October 4 and October 31. DOT will host a half-day seminar and Webcast from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, July 18, to provide guidance for applicants. Click [HERE](#) for more information on the notice and upcoming information on the grants.

UPCOMINGEVENTS

REMI Webinar: Estimate of the Economic Impacts of Single and Multiple Port Closures

July 13, 2011, 2:00 pm ET: Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI) offers a webinar presented by Mark Gerner and Jennifer Li, Associates at Booz Allen Hamilton. Booz Allen will be presenting an analysis measuring the projected economic impact of separate and simultaneous maritime closures at 10 domestic U.S. ports. In addition to impacts on U.S. GDP and employment, Booz Allen projected the marginal increase between 60 day closures and the baseline established by a 30 day closure at the 60 day mark for each of the 10 ports analyzed. Expanding on the magnitude of economic consequences stemming from port closures, calculating the marginal increase allowed Booz Allen to project the so called "bend in the curve" associated with timeliness of the response at each location. There will be no charge via the WebEx Internet Conferencing System. Advanced registration is required; please click [**HERE**](#) to register.

NLC's 19th Annual Leadership Summit

September 15 - 17, 2011, Minneapolis, MN: Join renowned leadership scholars and authors Dan Buettner, Lindsay Strand, John M. Bryson, Barbara C. Crosby, and John Luthy as you engage in a unique, reflective program that will help guide your work and leadership in local government. Insightful learning experiences will provide you the opportunity to reflect, recognize and discover what you can do to enhance your success as a local leader. Click [**HERE**](#) for more information.

2011 Executive Directors' Conference

September 18 - 21, 2011, Jacksonville, FL: Join Executive Directors and senior staff of regional councils and metropolitan planning organizations at this premier regional training event. Registration information and a draft agenda will be available soon.

2011 Ohio Freight Conference

September 20-21, 2011, Toledo, OH: SAVE THE DATE! This is the fifth year for the conference that brings together transportation professionals to focus on the movement of goods through Ohio and the Great Lakes region. It is a unique opportunity for dialog and exchange of information between all modes: rail, ground, pipeline, air

and sea. For more information or to register, click [HERE](#).

ICMA Annual Conference

September 18 - 21, 2011, Milwaukee, WI: Join ICMA for this informative, innovative, and engaging 4-day professional development conference from September 18-21 in Milwaukee, where the spectacular Lake Michigan shoreline serves as an ideal setting for ICMA's 97th Annual Conference: *Fresh Ideas and Fresh Water*. When you're facing layoffs, hiring freezes, budget cuts, and less revenue, you need the tools, tips, information, and resources offered by a high-quality, professional development opportunity. That is why ICMA's 97th Annual Conference, the world's foremost event for local government managers and administrators, could be the most important professional development opportunity you participate in this year! Beginning June 1, you can reserve a hotel room and register online for [ICMA's 2011 Annual Conference](#). Visit <http://icma.org/conference2011> for details and registration info and view the preliminary program [HERE](#).

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