

executive directors' conference and regional metropolitan and urban policy forum september 27-30 austin, tx

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EXECUTIVEBRIEF

Colleagues, It's been exciting this week in working with both HUD and EDA on new opportunities and proposals.

On a side note we have received notification from some of you about "NARC spam." Rest assured none of the spam mail is originating from us.

Next week, you'll see a draft 2010 Executive Directors' Conference agenda from us—we encourage you to join us in Austin.

Best, Fred

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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 core cities and towns that are facing 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.

NARC PROGRAM

Nominations Open for Appointment to National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC): The NGAC is chaired by Department of Interior Secretary Ken Salazar and is comprised of up to 30 members representing the Federal Government, State Government, County Government, Regional Government, City/Municipal Government, Tribal Government, Private Sector, User Industries, Professional Associations, Non-Profit Organizations, and Academia.

EDA Accepting Applications for 2010 Innovation in Economic Development Awards: The Economic Development Administration (EDA) is accepting applications for its 2010 Innovation in Economic Development Awards to spotlight projects of national significance that advance innovation, boost competitiveness and create jobs.

U.S. Clean Technology Trade and Investment Mission: Given the strong response received from the economic development community to the ITA/EDA Economic Development Organization (EDO) Delegation to Hannover Messe 2010 in Hannover, Germany this past April, ITA and EDA are now planning a "U.S. Clean Technology Trade & Investment Mission" to Lyon, France and Brussels, Belgium from November 29 – December 4, 2010.

Led by Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development Brian McGowan and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for International Operations Karen Zens, the mission will bring together a mix of U.S. community delegates (representatives from U.S. states, counties, cities, towns, and regions) and businesses within their regions to catalyze the process of connecting U.S. communities with opportunities to increase exports and attract foreign direct investment (FDI), with a particular emphasis on advancing the green economy and creating jobs in the United States.

U.S. communities are encouraged to select a community delegate to participate as a representative of their regional economy and to invite key business leaders within their region to participate as well. Together, your community delegates and business leaders can promote your region as an attractive location for international investment in the cleantech sector while also working to establish new overseas markets for your region's products and services.

PARTNERUPDATES

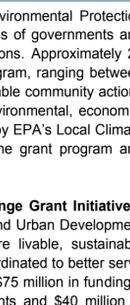
2010 Ohio Conference on Freight: Attendees from 14 states and provinces come to share information and dialogue and learn about new developments in rail, ground, air and sea transportation. The ongoing support of many key partners has made it possible to develop and implement this statewide conference. The 2010 conference is scheduled for September 14-15, in Toledo, OH. Click HERE for registration information and an agenda.



10th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference: Building Safe, Healthy and Livable Communities Conference: February 3-5, 2011 - Charlotte, NC. Today, more than ever, we are faced with environmental and economic challenges that will reduce our dependence on foreign oil, create a green economy, assure a healthy population, and expand transportation and housing options for all Americans.

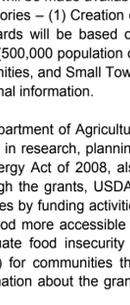
The program will kick off on Thursday morning and continue through Saturday afternoon and includes a dynamic mix of plenaries, breakouts, implementation workshops, specialized trainings, and coordinated networking activities. Exciting tours of local model projects from Charlotte, NC and surrounding cities will be featured.

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 assistance for local and rural highway agencies to resolve safety problems on the roads they maintain.



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; an opportunity to participate in a Practitioner conference call every other month with a focus topic of the Practitioners' choosing—notes are taken and shared if you cannot participate in the conference call; and an opportunity to ask practitioners about relevant transportation issues.

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. With in person and online training opportunities, your personnel will be certified to perform the EMD course within your agency and begin using customized EMD Guidedcards and/or APCO's customized software program. Click HERE to learn more. For questions, contact: APCO Institute at institute@apco911.org or call (888) 272-6911.



GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

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 — places where transportation, housing and commercial development investments are coordinated to better serve the people living in those communities.

SBA Announces Funding Available to Support Regional Clusters, Job Creation: Deadline: August 16, 2010. The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced the availability of funding to support economic development and job creation through existing regional clusters. As part of its Regional Cluster Initiative, SBA will accept proposals from local and regional cluster initiatives beginning July 7 for funding of up to \$600,000 per cluster to support up to 15 projects across the country.

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. A complete review will be provided by NARC in the coming days.

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. The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, also known as the Farm Bill, authorizes \$5 million in funding to deliver help to Americans in need.

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, attract private sector capital, and promote regional competitiveness, innovation, and entrepreneurship, including investments that expand and upgrade infrastructure to attract new industry, support technology-led development, accelerate new business development, and enhance the ability of regions to capitalize on opportunities presented by free trade.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 27, 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. Click HERE for a flyer with more information and click HERE to register. There is no cost to attend this webinar series.

July 29, Webinar, 1:00-3:00pm ET: The Transportation Review Board (TRB) will conduct two back-to-back webinars on that will feature SHRP 2 work in progress on broad-scale ecological approaches to conservation design and mitigation of highway impacts; presentations by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on watershed planning and 404 permitting and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service emphasizing planning-level environmental analysis and decision making to leverage investments for wetlands, species, habitats, and water quality improvement. Participants must register at least 24 hours prior to the start of the webinars. This webinar is free; click HERE to register for part 1; click HERE to register for part 2.

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August 4 Webinar, 12:00-1:15pm: CTAA's Joblinks Transportation Center and the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR), University of South Florida, is offering two webinars to introduce the On the Map and Help Wanted Online. These user friendly tools are sponsored by the Census Bureau and the Conference Board respectively. For additional information, click HERE; to register click HERE.

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September 22-24, Williamsburg, VA: The 12th National "Tools of the Trade" Conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza at Fort Magruder in Historic Williamsburg. The preliminary program for the conference is posted on the TRB Committee website or on Facebook. Registration is available by clicking HERE. The conference will include informational sessions about ready-to-use, economical and practical techniques for transportation professionals in small (under 50,000) and medium-sized (50,000 - 250,000) communities. Advance registration is only \$200.00 and includes most meals and the group outing in Colonial Williamsburg on Thursday night during the Conference.

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November 29-December 4, Lyon, France and Brussels, Belgium: ITA and EDA are will host a "U.S. Clean Technology Trade & Investment Mission." Please visit the official mission webpage, by clicking HERE, for the mission statement, application and application instructions.

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