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EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Colleagues,

You will be receiving a great post-election analysis developed by our staff shortly.

However, first I want to congratulate all incoming elected officials, especially the 112th Congress. I also want to thank those in

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2011 NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF REGIONS

FEBRUARY 13-15, 2011

THE RITZ-CARLTON HOTEL
WASHINGTON, DC

REGISTER TODAY!

Hurry - early-bird registration ends Monday, November 15th! You're invited to join local elected officials, Councils of Government and Metropolitan Planning Organizations from around the country at the 2011 National Conference of Regions - *Renewing the Regional Commitment*. Click [HERE](#) to access the current draft agenda, released on November 1st. Click [HERE](#) to register or contact Lindsey Riley at lindsey@narc.org or 202.986.1032 x220 for more information.

the 111th Congress, in our state houses and local governments. It's never easy governing especially in trying times like these and I believe we should acknowledge the fine work they did and will continue to do. I also want to acknowledge those on the NARC Board who had elections – there were many tight races and I know everyone campaigned hard.

There will be a lot of changes in January 2011 and it is incumbent on us to help guide our elected officials into new ways of thinking, recharging needed programs, and creating a national vision for prosperity, infrastructure, health and welfare for all of us.

Best,
Fred

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DIRECTORYof**REGIONS**

The **National Directory of Regions** survey was sent out via email to all Executive Directors. If your organization has not received this survey, click [HERE](#) for access. If you have any questions, please contact Sylvia Bryant, sylvia@narc.org or 202.986.1032.

NARCPROGRAM

Upcoming NARC Webinars:

- ***MPO 101: Tuesday, November 9, 2010, 12pm ET:*** The National League of Cities and NARC will host this webinar geared for local elected officials, to introduce participants to what metropolitan planning organizations are, their requirements currently under federal law, and how they differ from other regionally focused planning organizations. Click [HERE](#) to register.
- ***Aging & Livable Communities Webinar: Monday, November 15 3-4pm ET.*** NARC and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) are co-hosting the second part of a two part series that explores how the aging population is incorporated into comprehensive regional planning and implementation. Click [HERE](#) to register.
- ***Geospatial Viewers Overview: Tuesday, December 7, 2010, 2pm ET:*** This webinar, hosted by Sam Wear from Westchester County, NY GIS, will provide a demo on how to get started with a variety of easy-to-use geospatial viewers (ArcGIS Explorer, Google Earth, NASA World Wind, GAIA 3, etc.) that offer cost effective options in delivering, sharing, and viewing geospatial data and services. Click [HERE](#) to register.

USGS Study Released on River Flows and Degradation: The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) released a report, "Altered Streamflow Leading to Degraded River Ecosystems across the U.S.," which finds that the amount of water flowing in streams and rivers has been significantly altered from land and water management in nearly 90 percent of waters that were assessed. Click [HERE](#) to access the full report.

White House Accepting Questions on the Economic Recovery Efforts: The White House, along with Monster Worldwide, a NARC corporate partner,

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is taking questions directly from job seekers about the Administration's economic recovery efforts. Click [HERE](#) to submit your question(s); Monster will select a sample of the most popular for the White House to answer next week.

HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Information:

NARC is collecting information on the awardees and projects for the recently announced U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grants. Click [HERE](#) to view the awardee information as compiled by NARC. Please contact Shannon Baxevanis, shannon@narc.org, to add or change information on this list. NARC looks forward to monitoring and working with the awardees to ensure the greatest successes for regionalism.

NARCPOLICY

The House and Senate are out of session and will return for a Lame Duck Session on November 15th.

House Republicans Select Team to Transition in 112th Congress: House Republican leaders have selected a group to assist in the transition of the U.S. House of Representatives prior to the start of the 112th Congress. This team will determine changes in House rules and procedures. Those serving on the 22 member team include: Veteran Reps. Walden (R-OR), Sessions (R-TX), Hesarling (R-TX), Cole (R-OK), Dreier (R-CA), Ryan (R-WI), Hastings (R-WA), McKeon (R-CA), Bishop (R-UT), Chaffetz (R-UT), Campbell (R-CA), Moore Capito (R-WV), Conaway (R-TX), Goodlatte (R-VA), Rogers (R-MI), Miller (R-MI), Jordan (R-OH) and Tiberi (R-OH); and incoming freshman Reps. Gardner (R-CO), Scott (R-SC), Roby (R-AL) and Kinzinger (R-IL).

Support Livable Communities: Both the House ([HR 4690](#)) and Senate ([S1619](#)) have legislation supporting the regional role in building livable communities with their local governments. The legislation seeks to reinvigorate regional comprehensive planning and implementation for regions of all sizes and make ups. We urge all regional planning organizations and their boards of local elected officials to send letters of support to your Congressional delegation urging their endorsement by showcasing the on-the-ground benefits of this legislation for your region. Click [HERE](#) to access a letter for your region to personalize. For more information or assistance with an endorsement, please contact Shannon Baxevanis at Shannon@NARC.org or 202.986.1032 x217.

Support RIIZs: [Regional Infrastructure Improvement Zones \(RIIZs\)](#) are an important tool for infrastructure financing. NARC continues to work on RIIZs in both chambers of Congress, as well as with members and association partners to raise awareness and support of this innovative public-private partnership concept. Click [HERE](#) for a RIIZ FAQ. If you are interested in sending a support letter to your Members of Congress, please click [HERE](#) for a draft letter. A draft support resolution is also available by clicking [HERE](#). For more information, please contact Shannon Baxevanis at Shannon@NARC.org or 202.986.1032 x217.

PARTNERUPDATES

ICMA Knowledge Network: Join the Conversation! It's Free! The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) is committed to fostering excellence and innovation in local government. The ICMA Knowledge Network is an online community built on the following ideals:

- Rich Content - Breadth and depth of content in all facets of local government operations and management.
- Social Networking and Knowledge Exchange - Within an open environment, ability to network and exchange ideas with a worldwide community of experts in local government and topics related to local government.
- Partnering - A partnership of the ICMA, the Alliance for Innovation and the School of Public Affairs at Arizona State University, the Knowledge Network is designed as a shared resource. Via open architecture, local governments, groups, organizations and affiliated associations will be provided seamless access, interaction and knowledge exchange. The Knowledge Network actively seeks new partners providing pathways to fresh, engaging content and new user audiences.
- Global Scope - The free flowing exchange of concepts, ideas and best practices will occur without boundary. City leaders in developing nations will be able access the functionality of the Knowledge Network to seek answers to their unique challenges and spur resource sharing and knowledge exchange throughout their countries.

Register at [the Knowledge Network page](#). It only takes a moment; it costs you nothing; it opens up a communications channel to like-minded people in

local government around the world.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

ESRI ArcLogistics Government Grant Program - *Deadline: November 11, 2010*

ESRI recently announced a grant program that will award subscriptions to their new cloud-based vehicle routing solution. One hundred state, regional and local government agencies across the U.S. will receive grants totaling \$450,000 in value. For more information about the grant, please visit www.esri.com/govgrants.

U.S. HUD Funding Available through HOPE VI Revitalization grant program - *Deadline: November 22, 2010*

HUD is making available approximately \$124 million in assistance through the FY2010 HOPE VI Revitalization grant program for public housing authorities with severely distressed public housing. The maximum amount of each grant award is \$22 million; it is anticipated that five or six grant awards will be made. Eligible entities are (non-troubled) public housing authorities (PHAs) with severely distressed public housing, subject to the requirements under Section III of this Notice of Funding Availability. Nonprofit organizations, for-profit organizations, private citizens and entrepreneurs are not eligible to apply. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

2011 U.S. Forest Service National Urban and Community Forestry Challenge (NUCFAC) Cost-Share Grant Program - *Pre-Proposal Deadline: November 29, 2010*

The Forest Service recently announced the availability of approximately \$855,000 for its 2011 NUCFAC Cost-Share Grant Program, a funding opportunity with a focus on urban and community forestry projects with national or widespread impacts and applications. This year, the categories of emphasis include mitigating greenhouse gas emissions or helping communities adapt to climate change; the influence of urban and community forests on public health; and, the influence of urban and community forestry on economic development. For more information on the program, including a list of past recipients, visit the [NUCFAC webpage](#). Click [HERE](#) to download a full grant application package.

National Spatial Data Infrastructure Cooperative Agreement Program (NSDI CAP) Grants - *Deadline: January 7, 2011*

The Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) has announced the

release of the 2010 NSDI CAP grant applications. This grant opportunity supports organizations across the country develop and implement projects to support several phases of the NSDI. Categories for projects include: Metadata Trainer and Outreach Assistance, FGDC-endorsed Standards Implementation Training and Outreach, Fifty States Initiative-Strategic and Business Plan Development, Fifty States Initiative-Business Plan Development and Implementation, Return on Investment Methodology and Business Case Development for Multi-agency NSDI Projects and FGDC Standards Development Assistance. More information on the program is available [here](#) and additional information on the grant application process is available at www.grants.gov.

U.S. EPA Accepting Applications for Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training – Deadline: January 14, 2011

The U.S. EPA is accepting funding proposals to deliver environmental workforce development and job training programs focused on hazardous and solid waste management, assessment, and cleanup associated activities. These grants are to recruit, train, and place, unemployed and under-employed, predominantly low-income and minority, residents affected by hazardous and solid waste sites and facilities with the skills needed to secure full-time, sustainable employment in the environmental field and in the assessment and cleanup work. EPA has available \$4 million to award approximately 13 cooperative agreements. Eligible entities: local governments, government entity created through state legislature, Regional Council or group of local governments, redevelopment agency, Indian tribe, land clearance authority, and non-profit organizations. Click [HERE](#) for the application guidelines. Click [HERE](#) for more information on brownfields funding opportunities.

UPCOMINGEVENTS

Metropolitan Planning Organizations 101 Webinar

Tuesday, November 9, 2010, 12pm ET: Geared for local elected officials, this webinar seeks to introduce participants to what metropolitan planning organizations are, their requirements currently under federal law, and how they differ from other regionally focused planning organizations. Presented by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, participants should use this opportunity to expand their knowledge of the regional transportation planning process and the important role local elected officials play. Click [HERE](#) to register.

Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group Workshop on Food Systems

November 11-13, 2010, Albany, NY: The Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group (NESAWG) is hosting *It Takes a Region – 2010: A Working Conference to Build our Northeast Food System*, featuring a special pre-conference training session hosted by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission and the American Farmland Trust, focused on planning professionals and their role in planning for food systems change. Additional information on the pre-conference training session can be found [here](#), and registration and general information about the conference is available [here](#).

Aging & Livable Communities Webinar

November 15, 2010, 3pm ET: Bring your Board members and Aging staff to explore how to integrate the aging population into your Livable Communities plans! National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) are co-hosting the second part of a two part series that explores how the aging population is incorporated into comprehensive regional planning and implementation. The webinar will feature a rural perspective, federal agency representative, a discussion on lessons learned, as well as offer recommendations for how regional planning organizations and Area Agencies on Aging can work together to achieve tangible results. Click [HERE](#) to register.

2010 Chicago and Denver EDA Regional Conference

November 15-17, 2010, St. Louis, MO: The U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Chicago and Denver Regional Offices will host a joint regional conference, *Keys to Grow Your Regional Economy: Jobs, Innovation and Partnerships*. The conference will provide ample opportunities for networking and interaction with regional economic development leaders, practitioners, representatives from other federal agencies, presenters and EDA staff. Full conference details and registration information is available [HERE](#).

U.S. Clean Technology Trade & Investment Mission Conference

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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2011 National Conference of Regions

February 13-15, 2011, Washington, DC: NARC will host its 2011 National Conference of Regions, which will focus on Obama Administration's priorities, Congressional activities, and critical policy issues and pending federal legislation that will impact regions. Click [HERE](#) to register for the conference.

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