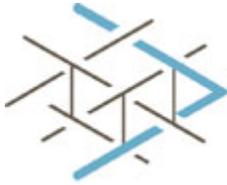


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EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Colleagues,

We congratulate President Obama and Vice President Biden on their second inauguration and the 57th Presidential inauguration to date. We look forward to working even closer with the Administration on core areas of our regions and community needs and participation in the National Conference of Regions in a few short weeks. We will have plenty of material for you to ponder, including areas of common interest we can work on with the President and his Cabinet, as outlined in his inaugural address.

We also anticipate a

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2013 NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF REGIONS

FEBRUARY 10-12, 2013

THE RITZ-CARLTON HOTEL
WASHINGTON, DC

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PROGRAM UPDATE

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR JANUARY MEETINGS: NARC's

MAP-21 Implementation Meetings: NARC is hosting regional roundtables to examine and discuss the implementation of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) from the perspective of metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) and regional councils of government (COGs). Click [HERE](#) to register for one of the following roundtables or [HERE](#) for additional information and to access the agendas for each meeting.

- **Orlando, FL** - January 25, 2013
- **Sacramento, CA** - January 28, 2013
- **Phoenix, AZ** - January 31, 2013
- **Indianapolis, IN** - February 27-28, 2013

delay in the President's budget to Congress this year due to the nature of fiscal cliff negotiations and action over the debt ceiling. The President informed House Budget Chairman Ryan of this action last week. The budget is required by law to be presented February 4th, though President Obama has met the deadline only once. The budget submission is supposed to start a congressional budgeting process that has not been completed on time since the late 90s. As always, we will provide budget information when it is released.

Last week, NARC staff participated in, and presented at, the Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting. Transportation Director, Erika Young, presented on *Innovative Freight Planning* with the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, while Communications Associate, Valerie Hermanson, presented at the poster session for NARC's *Livable Communities* project funded by the Federal

- **Tulsa, OK** - March 4-5, 2013
- **Worcester, MA** - March 8, 2013
- **Washington, DC** - March 14, 2013

NARC Announces February Committee Webinar: The next transportation committee webinar will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2013, from 12:00-2:00 pm and will offer NARC members the opportunity to communicate directly with the U.S. Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA's) Office of Planning on their 2013 priorities. As the U.S. Department of Transportation proceeds with implementation of the recently enacted federal surface transportation law, don't miss this opportunity to hear about FHWA's planning activities, as well as communicate your regions needs in order to better implement the new law and associated regulations. Click [HERE](#) to register.

NARC Needs Your Livability Case Studies: NARC continues to solicit best practice examples of regional and local livability practice from a variety of perspectives. Feel free to submit your case study [HERE](#) and share this opportunity with your cities, counties, public works departments and city and county managers.

POLICYUPDATE

House Introduces Debt Ceiling Legislation: Yesterday, the House introduced legislation that would provide a stand-alone, 4-month suspension of the debt ceiling limitation through May 18. The bill provides for an automatic increase of the current debt ceiling (\$16.4 trillion) to match the amount of the government's outstanding debt plus new obligations. It also would suspend congressional salaries in either chamber that does not adopt a FY14 budget resolution by April 15. The salaries would be held in escrow until a budget resolution is adopted, or until the 113th Congress ends on January 3, 2015. This afternoon the White House released a Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) stating that it would not oppose a short-term extension of the debt limit to work toward a longer term solution. Click [HERE](#) to access that statement.

Senate to Vote on Sandy Relief Bill: Last week the House passed HR 152 which would provide \$51 billion in disaster relief for Hurricane Sandy victims, including \$6M USDA Commodity Assistance Program; \$1.35B Corps of Engineers response, recovery and rebuilding; \$161M SBA disaster and business loans; \$5.4B FEMA Disaster Relief Fund; \$287M

Highway Administration.

Best,

Fred

Management Tip of the Week: **How the Most Productive Bosses Spend Their Day**

Tech Tip of the Week:
NARC Uses **Triplt** to manage travel.

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DOI national parks, wildlife refuges and fisheries; \$100M HHS Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund; \$5.4B DOT Transit Emergency Relief; \$3.9B HUD critical and immediate community needs; \$235M VA hospitals and facilities; \$24.2M National Guard facilities; \$32M Amtrak; and, \$14.6M FAA. The Senate is expected to take up the legislation this week. The White House Office of Budget and Management (OMB) has indicated that this funding would potentially be subject to sequestration's effects.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The Gannett Foundation's Community Action Grants

Application Deadline: February 16, 2013.

The Foundation's Community Action Grants support nonprofit organizations with funding priority given to programs that focus on education and neighborhood improvement, economic development, youth development, community problem-solving, assistance to disadvantaged people, environmental conservation and cultural enrichment. For more information on these grants, click [HERE](#).

HHS New Access Point Grants Grant

Application Deadline: February 27, 2013

The Health Resources Services Administration supports funding for the Health Center Program's New Access Point Grants. These awards will provide operational support for Health Centers nationally that provide primary health care services to under-served and vulnerable populations. For more information on these grants click, [HERE](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

IJIS Workshop on Information Sharing and Safeguarding Standards **January 23, 2013, Arlington, VA**

The IJIS Institute and the Standards Coordinating Council (SCC), Sub-Committee of the Information Sharing and Access Interagency Policy Committee (ISA IPC), will conduct a *Workshop on Information Sharing and Safeguarding Standards (WIS3)*. This interactive workshop is intended to bring together government and industry leaders to chart the future for architecture and standards frameworks for the national information sharing environment. WIS3 will be held from 8:30 AM – 3:45 PM on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in

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Arlington, VA as a pre-Industry Briefing event. Separate registration is required and can be made **HERE.**

Community Shared Solar Project Development Tool Webinar

January 23, 1:00-2:00 PM ET

Learn why community-shared solar energy holds great potential for increasing investment in solar power. For more information, click **HERE.**

IJIS Institute Industry Briefing

January 23-25, 2013, Arlington, VA

Join your government and industry colleagues in Washington D.C. for the **IJIS Institute Winter 2012 Industry Briefing** on January 23-25, 2013. The Briefing is focused solely on justice, public safety and homeland security information sharing, and national standards. Learn more about the state of information sharing, the challenges others have faced, and the solutions they have implemented. This year's roster of speakers includes industry technology experts and government executives from Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Homeland Security, Program-Manager for the Information Sharing Environment, and many others. View the updated Agenda and reserve your seat before the Early Bird Discount expires on Dec. 19, by visiting the **IJIS Institute website.** *IJIS Institute Committee meetings will be held on January 23, 2013.

IJIS Institute Badge & Tech Benefit Dinner

January 24, 2013

This year, in partnership with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Foundation, the proceeds from the **3rd Annual Badge & Tech Benefit Dinner** will benefit law enforcement officers and their families who were hardest hit by Super Storm Sandy. Colonel Rick Fuentes, Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police, will be our guest speaker. If you are not able to join us, please help support our law enforcement officers in their time of need by contributing to this worthy cause **HERE.**

Trade Workshop to Feature Major Players in the Supply Chain

January 24-25, 2013, Tampa, FL

The 2013 *Shifting International Trade Routes* workshop will examine the effect of the world economic outlook on investment decisions, cargo movements and international trade in general. The program is cosponsored by the American Association of Port Authorities and the U.S. Maritime Administration and hosted by the Tampa Port Authority.

Registration and hotel information are available [HERE](#).

NARC's MAP-21 Implementation Roundtable

January 25, 2013, Orlando, FL

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January 28, 2013, Sacramento, CA

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NARC's MAP-21 Implementation Roundtable

January 31, 2013, Phoenix, AZ

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2013 National Conference of Regions

February 10-12, 2013, Washington, DC

Register today for this premier event, focused on all that is happening in Washington, DC. Local elected officials, executive directors and staff of regional and metropolitan planning organizations need to be here! Click [HERE](#) for registration and hotel reservation information.

NARC's MAP-21 Implementation Roundtable

February 27-28, 2013, Indianapolis, IN

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NARC's MAP-21 Implementation Roundtable

March 4-5, 2013, Tulsa, OK

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NIEM Technical Training

March 5-7, 2013

The IJIS Institute is hosting a three day, grant funded (for state and local government), Western Region NIEM technical training course on March 5-7, in Phoenix AZ at the NLETS Training Facility. This three day

technical course is intended for information exchange developers and implementers and is designed to guide students through the National Information Exchange Model (NIEM) in a structured process. The NIEM Technical Training curriculum is designed for developers and practitioners in the field to provide the information needed to enable them to build applications using NIEM and use it effectively. Please visit [the IJIS Institute website](#) to register or to find out more about the course.

NARC's MAP-21 Implementation Roundtable

March 8, 2013, Worcester, MA

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NARC's MAP-21 Implementation Roundtable

March 14, 2013, Washington, DC

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American Planning Association's National Conference

April 13-17, 2013, Chicago, IL

The American Planning Association (APA) holds an annual conference that draws more than 4,000 planners and professionals from related fields. This year's conference will have [one-day forums](#) including a Transportation Day and a Law Day. Click [HERE](#) to register and for additional information.

Brownfields Renewal: Bringing Stakeholders Together

May 15-17, 2012, Atlanta, GA

The National Brownfields Conference is the largest event in the nation that focuses on environmental revitalization and economic redevelopment. Click [HERE](#) for additional information.

NARC's 47th Annual Conference and Exhibition

June 20-23, 2013, Philadelphia, PA

Save the Date for NARC's annual conference will focus on best practice and programming for regional and metropolitan planning organizations nationwide. Executive Directors and Staff of regional organizations should plan on attending!

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