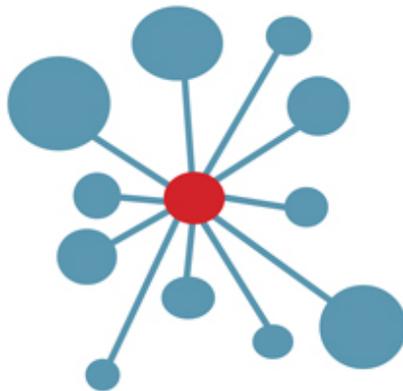




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## NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

*Congress is not in session and will return after Labor Day.*

### Overview

Although the House and Senate still have their work on a budget for the next fiscal year ahead of them when they return to Washington after Labor Day, the Office of Management and Budget has estimated that the spending bills already drafted by legislators in the House would require a new round of across-the-board cuts known as sequestration. The Senate projections are much closer to current spending limits.

There's still time to **let your lawmakers know** of your interest in federal legislation, including spending bills and House consideration of the *Water Resources Development Act of 2016*. The bipartisan legislation would authorize \$5 billion of water resources projects that strengthen coastal communities, inland waterways, and other critical water infrastructure. A joint '**Dear Colleague' letter**, signed by members of the House asks leadership to bring the bill to the House floor. In another **letter to House leadership**, committee leaders requested floor time for consideration of the bill to provide further information.

### DOL Releases Final Regulations for WIOA

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) published the final regulations for the *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)* in the August 19, 2016 Federal Register. Menu access is available through **Announcements** on the DOLETA website and directly available on the **Resources** page.

- **WIOA; Joint Rule for Unified and Combined State Plans, Performance Accountability, and the One-Stop System Joint Provisions; Final Rule**
- **WIOA; Department of Labor Only; Final Rule**

- **State Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program; State Supported Employment Services Program; Limitations on Use of Subminimum Wage; Final Rule**
- **WIOA, Miscellaneous Program Changes; Final Rule**
- **Programs and Activities Authorized by the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (Title II of the WIOA); Final Rule**

### **Federal Assistance to Louisiana Flood Survivors Tops \$56 Million**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is leading the federal government's effort to provide assistance and support to Louisiana for their recent floods – to the tune of \$56 million dollars within the first week of the president's major disaster declaration. The funding is intended to help survivors with temporary rental assistance, essential home repairs, and other serious disaster-related needs. Disaster survivors can register for assistance and get help with other available resources several ways. Providing survivors with housing solutions remains a top priority and FEMA is collaborating with states and federal partners to coordinate strategies and programs to help find suitable housing for Louisiana residents displaced by flooding. To begin the process, FEMA continues to advise residents and business owners who sustained disaster-related losses to apply for assistance by registering online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) or calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362).

### **FEMA's Federal Interagency Operational Plans**

FEMA released updated Federal Interagency Operational Plans (FIOPs) for three of the five mission areas outlined in the National Preparedness Goal: Mitigation, Response and Recovery. In addition to the updated FIOPs, FEMA has released the first edition of the Protection FIOP. The fifth FIOP – the Prevention FIOP – contains sensitive information for the law enforcement community and is not publicly available. All five plans link together the range of activities conducted by all of the federal departments and agencies involved in national preparedness. They specifically outline the concept of operations for integrating and synchronizing existing national-level federal capabilities to support local, state, tribal, territorial, insular area, and federal plans. FEMA is hosting a series of 60-minute informational webinars with interested stakeholders to discuss the updates to the FIOPs. These webinars will provide information regarding changes and updates as well as answer questions related to the FIOPs.

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **Drones Will Make An Impact on Your Region: Here's What You Need to Know**

Regions across America will need to decide how they want to manage widespread commercial drone use, how they want to adopt drone technology for themselves, and how best they can encourage innovation in this exciting and growing field while still ensuring public safety. Learn more about how your region should prepare in this [National League of Cities blog](#).

## **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

### **Olympic Town Planning Fun**

In last week's issue of *eRegions* you learned that the Olympics Games used to include competitions in the fine arts and even town planning. While the 2016 Olympic Games ended last night, NARC would like to keep the fun going. Please tweet ([@NARCregions](#)) or **post** us a picture of a favorite design from your region - one that you deem Olympic-worthy or even one that you are just particularly proud of. If tweeting, please use hashtag: #RegionsLead. If you don't have access to social media, please email details to [anna@narc.org](mailto:anna@narc.org) so we can put it out for you and post all entries on our website.

### **TBRPC Partners with the University of Tampa on Sustainability**

The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Commission (TBRPC) has been awarded a grant from the Land Economics Foundation in cooperation with the University of Tampa and the City of Treasure Island. The grant will allow an examination of current commercial and residential land use policies that hinder economic growth in older, more established beach communities. The project is entitled, *Land Use Mix for Fiscal Sustainability in Beachfront Communities*. The City of Treasure Island has agreed to be a case study, with the results being used to propose commercial and residential policy changes that will encourage revitalization in the city and improve economic growth and development opportunities. The project will explore a change in commercial zoning, a

revision of residential land use regulations, and alternative options to promote sustainable growth within the city.

## FEATURED JOBS

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### **Community Development Planner/Grant Administrator**

Indian Nations Council of Governments, Tulsa, OK

### **Transportation Modeler/Analyst**

Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, Philadelphia, PA

## FUNDING

*[View full list of grants!](#)*

### **2017 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Prize**

Application Deadline: November 3

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Culture of Health Prize recognizes and celebrates communities that are bringing partners together to improve health for all residents. Communities can compete to receive a \$25,000 cash prize and the chance to share their accomplishments with the nation. RWJF is also asking for help in promoting this award and have provided a number of resources available to promote the 2017 Prize CFA information including shareable images, sample tweets, Facebook posts, and more – all **[available in this dropbox](#)**.

## EVENTS

*[View full list of events!](#)*

### **Hotel Block Extended to 8/28! NARC's 2016 Executive Directors Conference and Board Retreat**

EDC: September 18-20 – South Bend, IN

Board Retreat: September 20-21 – South Bend, IN

Join NARC and the Michiana Area Council of Governments for the 2016 Executive Directors Conference in South Bend, Indiana. This conference brings executive directors, deputy directors, and senior staff together to network, share best practices, and explore opportunities for strengthening professional capacity and development. *Please plan to arrive on Sunday, September 18. Hotel rooms will not be available on Saturday night at our hotel or any others in the area.*

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