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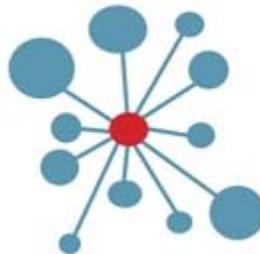
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EXECUTIVEBRIEF

Dear Colleagues,

I have the unique opportunity to attend and speak at the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA's) September Senior Staff Meeting this Thursday. While there, I will highlight NARC initiatives and goals with senior EDA staff, both at the national and regional level. I plan to engage with EDA Staff in an open discussion on how NARC can better partner with EDA to bolster innovation and competitiveness in American regions. I am thrilled to attend this meeting, and want to thank EDA for giving me time on their agenda!

If your Regional Council is engaged with EDA on particular projects or efforts that you think I should know about before this meeting, please

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PROGRAMUPDATE

September is National Preparedness Month at FEMA: *Be Disaster Aware, Take Action to Prepare* is the slogan for this year's National Preparedness Month at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). National Preparedness Month – observed every year in September - serves as a reminder that everyone must take action to prepare for the types of emergencies that can affect each of us. In support of this theme, the *Ready Campaign* will highlight the four building blocks individuals and groups can take to prepare for an emergency, including being informed, making a plan, building a kit, and getting involved. Click **HERE** to register and learn more.

FHWA/FTA Planning Rule Comment Period Extended: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced in the Federal Register this morning an extension to the comment period for the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on Metropolitan Planning and Statewide and Nonmetropolitan Planning. **The comment period will now close October 2, 2014.** Click **HERE** to read the official announcement.

FTA Publishes New Guidance on Use of FTA Funds: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) published Circular 7050.1 to provide guidance to recipients of FTA financial assistance on how to use FTA funds or FTA-funded real property for joint development. The circular is effective October 1, 2014. It incorporates provisions of MAP-21 and informs FTA recipients of opportunities for private sector participation in public transportation projects. Click **HERE** for more information.

Secretary Foxx Awards Grants to Accelerate Innovative Transportation Projects: U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx announced more than \$4 million in grants in five states for the *Accelerated Innovation Deployment Demonstration Program* (AID). Funds will help pay for demonstration projects using construction techniques that speed completion of road and bridge work. The grants

were awarded for projects in Alabama, Iowa, Oklahoma, Vermont, and Washington. Additional grants will be announced in coming weeks. Click [HERE](#) for details.

POLICYUPDATE

Congress is on recess.

Senator Carper Goes on Bridge Tour: Senator Tom Carper (D-DE), Chair of the Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, traveled last week to his home state of Delaware to discuss why it is so important that Congress pass a long-term transportation bill after the August recess is over. State and local leaders will join Senator Carper at several events in Delaware. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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NARC Welcomes New Executive Director for CWCOG: The Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments, located in Kelso, Washington, announces William Fashing as their new Executive Director. Click [HERE](#) to read the press release, and [HERE](#) to see his picture.

Secretary Foxx Announces Loan for DC Metro Extension: Secretary Foxx announced that a *Transportation Infrastructure Financial Innovation Act* (TIFIA) loan for \$1.3 billion has been awarded to the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) for construction of Phase Two of the Metrorail Silver Line, which will provide rail access to Dulles Airport. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

GRANTOPPORTUNITIES

Click [HERE](#) to view the list of grants still open!

USDA Announces \$200 Million to Promote Innovation in SNAP Employment and Training Programs

Applications Due: Nov. 24, 2014

Last week, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that \$200 million in competitive grants are available for state *Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program* (SNAP) agencies to design and conduct training for employees to help SNAP participants find jobs and increase their earnings. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack stated that the grants,

authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, "will allow us to test innovative approaches to give folks the opportunity to get training, get a good job and build stronger futures for their families." All 53 state agencies currently administering SNAP are eligible to apply. Click [HERE](#) for additional information.

UPCOMINGEVENTS

Click [HERE](#) to view the list of events still open!

WEBINAR: WIOA Stakeholder Consultation: Strategic Program Alignment and Unified Planning

September 11, 2:00 PM ET

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) of the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) invites state and local workforce leaders and practitioners, workforce system partners, customers, and other stakeholders to provide input on the implementation of the *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act* (WIOA). Key requirements for the Unified and Combined State Plans will be presented. The majority of the session will be devoted to obtaining feedback and input from participants on opportunities and challenges for planning, how to ensure an inclusive and successful process, and steps DOL can take to facilitate the development of a truly strategic plan that will lead to states' success in implementing WIOA. Click [HERE](#) for more information about WIOA and discussion questions for this topic. Click [HERE](#) to register.

WEBINAR: WIOA Stakeholder Consultation: WIOA and Registered Apprenticeship

September 12, 2:00 PM ET

ETA and DOL invite state and local workforce leaders and practitioners, workforce system partners, customers, and other stakeholders to provide input on the implementation of the WIOA. Click [HERE](#) for more information about WIOA and discussion questions for this topic. Click [HERE](#) to register.

NARC CONFERENCE: Executive Directors' Conference

September 21 - 24; Des Moines, IA

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