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EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Colleagues,

I'd like to first welcome NARC's newest employee, Autumn Campbell, our Director of Community Programs. Autumn will lead our economic development and community planning efforts which includes EDA, rural development, workforce, aging, housing and other core community areas. She comes to us from the non-profit world, running political campaigns and from work on the Hill. Autumn can be reached at autumn@narc.org or extension 225.

In D.C., we are faced

PROGRAM UPDATE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES UPCOMING EVENTS



2013 NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF REGIONS

FEBRUARY 10-12, 2013

THE RITZ-CARLTON HOTEL
WASHINGTON, DC

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PROGRAM UPDATE

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.

- **Orlando, FL** - January 25, 2013
- **Sacramento, CA** - January 29, 2013
- **Phoenix, AZ** - January 31, 2013
- **Indianapolis, IN** - February 27-28, 2013
- **Tulsa, OK** - March 4-5, 2013
- **Worcester, MA** - March 8, 2013

with a close end to the year and running over the fiscal cliff. Our action on it will determine the size and shape of the federal budget and expenditures for the next decade. Many of you have written letters and made calls expressing your concerns on the economy and local programs if the fiscal cliff is not dealt with diligently and fairly. Thank you for all your efforts. The discussion is down to House and Senate leadership and the President. We will keep you posted on our continuing efforts and news from the Hill.

Best,
Fred

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- **Washington, DC** - March 14, 2013

NARC Final 2012 Webinar on MAP-21: As the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) continues to draft and prepare guidance that supports the implementation of the recently enacted federal surface transportation authorization, NARC will schedule its final Transportation Committee webinar, which will focus on Measuring Success: Examining the state of practice in performance management. The webinar is scheduled for December 11, 2012, at 12:00 pm ET. Click [HERE](#) to register.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

EPA's 2013 Environmental Justice Small Grants

Application Due: January 7, 2013

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is providing \$1.5 million in environmental justice small grants. The grants enable non-profit organizations to conduct research, provide education and develop solutions to local health and environmental issues in communities overburdened by harmful pollution. Grants are available for up to \$30,000 each. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

The Coastal Resilience Networks Program

Applications by January 11, 2013.

The U.S. Department of Commerce is offering grants through The Coastal Resilience Networks program that provides support for activities that enhance the resilience of coastal communities to natural hazard and climate risks through a regional or national network. Support is provided in the following three U.S. regions: the U.S. Flag Pacific Islands (Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands), the Gulf of Mexico Coast (the State of Alabama, Gulf Coast areas of Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas), and the West Coast (California, Oregon and Washington). Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this opportunity.

NEA Our Town Grant

Application Due: January 14, 2013

The National Endowment for the Art's (NEA) Our Town grant will provide a limited number of grants, ranging from \$25,000 to \$200,000, for creative placemaking projects that contribute towards the livability of communities and help transform them into lively, beautiful and

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sustainable places with the arts at their core. Our Town will invest in creative and innovative projects in which communities, together with their arts and design organizations and artists, seek to: Improve their quality of life; encourage greater creative activity; foster stronger community identity and a sense of place; and revitalize economic development. Complete Our Town application guidelines are available [HERE](#).

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](#).

The Surdna Foundation

Application Deadline: Letters of Inquiry accepted year around.

The Surdna Foundation offers funding to nonprofit organizations that seek to help communities build wealth in a sustainable manner. The Surdna Foundation’s Strong Local Economies program aims to help create communities of opportunity that offer good jobs within reach for low- and moderate-income residents, and provide sustainable development solutions that enable people to easily travel between their homes and jobs, schools, and day-to-day services. For more information on the application process, click [HERE](#).

UPCOMINGEVENTS

Transportation Committee: MAP-21; measuring success: examining the state of practice in performance measurement

December 11, 12:00-2:00 pm ET

As the U.S. Department of Transportation continues to draft and prepare guidance that supports the implementation of the recently enacted federal surface transportation authorization, NARC has scheduled two Transportation Committee webinars to focus on different aspects of the law. This webinar will review efforts by the federal government, state departments of transportation, and regional planning organizations to create performance measurement systems for their planning and programming processes. An agenda is forthcoming. Click [HERE](#) to register for the webinar.

NARC's MAP-21 Implementation Roundtable

January 25, 2013, Orlando, FL

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January 29, 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 10-13, 2013, Washington, DC

Save the Date for this premier event, focused on all that is happening in Washington, DC. Information about NARC's February event will be available before the end of 2012. Local elected officials, executive directors and staff of regional and metropolitan planning organizations need to be here!

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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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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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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