

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS**

**ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA • OCTOBER 3 - 7, 2008**

**North to the Future**



**Hilton Anchorage Hotel**

The Premier Annual Training Event for Policy Board Members,  
Executive Directors, Professional Staff and Strategic Partners of the  
Nation's Regional Development Organizations



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## ***North to the Future***

### Alaska's State Motto and NADO's 2008 Annual Training Conference Theme

Juneau journalist Richard Peter penned the motto, stating it "...is a reminder that beyond the horizon of urban clutter there is a Great Land beneath our flag that can provide a new tomorrow for this century's 'huddled masses yearning to be free.'"

As the theme of our conference, we see the parallels. We are convening in Anchorage in early October to share our experiences and learn from each other about practical and replicable solutions to economic challenges faced by our local communities and regions. And, along the way, we will promote the positive aspects of regional development...programs that can be implemented that provide economic opportunity in concert with environmental protection and sustainability.

Over the years, we have listened to your comments and evaluations about the conference and each annual conference is shaped with your feedback in mind. This year is no exception. Almost 20 diverse and informative sessions will be offered...some have been designed for policy board members, others for executive directors and still others for program staff. And, there are a number of sessions which may appeal to all attendees regardless of their roles with their organizations. Topics will cover organizational and professional development, regional solutions to local challenges and regional strategies for environmental stewardship.

Whether a professional development learning lab, a best practice session or a program area networking forum, attendees will have infinite opportunities to hear from peers and experts in their fields about topics relevant to their jobs and organizations.

But the learning and information sharing will not end in the hotel. We have heard loud and clear that conference attendees like to get out of the hotel to observe and learn about initiatives...so we have scheduled nine mobile workshops that will take you north to Talkeetna, south to the Kenai Peninsula, along the treasured Seward Highway (designated as a National Scenic Byway) and around Anchorage as you learn about gateway communities, the state's role in energy production, the strategic location of Anchorage in terms of the global economy and moving cargo/freight around the world, the city's emergency response program, the importance of oil to the state's economy and the nation's energy supply, a revitalized community's role in bringing arts and culture back to the city, and the amazing heritage and culture of Alaska's native communities and much, much more. We've said it before, but this conference will certainly offer something for everyone.

Other exciting events at this year's conference will include a welcome from Anchorage Mayor Mark Begich, special visit from four-time Iditarod Champ Martin Buser, three plenary sessions that will tackle different aspects of regional development, a special reception honoring the 2008 Innovation Awardees, the Annual President's Awards Banquet and the kick-off dinner and entertainment on Sunday evening.

The NADO board and staff look forward to seeing you in Anchorage. ***North to the Future!***



## 2008 NADO ANNUAL CONFERENCE • PRELIMINARY AGENDA

### Friday, October 3

8:00 am – 6:00 pm **CLOSED**  
Pre-Conference Mobile Workshop  
The Kenai Peninsula: Microcosm of Alaska's Economy\*

9:00 am – 5:00 pm **CLOSED**  
Pre-Conference Mobile Workshop  
Talkeetna: Thriving Gateway Community\*

6:00 – 8:00 pm  
NADO Executive Committee Meeting

### Saturday, October 4

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| 8:00 am - 6:00 pm  | Registration  |
| 8:45 am - 4:00 pm  | <b>Mobile Workshop* CLOSED</b><br>• Seward Highway Tour: Merging Scenic Byways with Economic Vitality   |
| 9:00 – 11:45 am    | <b>Policy Roundtable Discussion Groups (All conference attendees invited)</b><br>• Community and Economic Development<br>• Homeland Security<br>• Rural Development and Farm Bill<br>• Transportation<br>• NADO Research Foundation |
| 11:45 am - 2:30 pm | <b>Mobile Workshop*</b><br>• <b>Neighborhood in Motion</b>  |
| 2:30 – 4:00 pm     | <b>Program Area Networking Forum:</b><br>Federal - State Regional Commissions: Sharing Lessons Learned with ARC, Denali and DRA   |
| 4:00 – 6:00 pm     | <b>NADO Board of Directors Meeting</b>  |

### Sunday, October 5

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| 7:30 am - 7:00 pm                | Registration  |
| 8:00 – 9:15 am                   | <b>NADO Regional Member Caucus Meetings and Networking</b>  |
| 9:30 am – Noon<br>9:30 am – Noon | <b>Professional Development Labs</b><br>• Executive Directors<br>• Local Officials and Policy Members |
| 9:30 am – Noon                   | <b>NADO Nominating Committee</b>  |
| 1:30 – 4:00 pm                   | <b>Mobile Workshop* CLOSED</b><br>• Port of Anchorage   |

5:00 – 6:00 pm **Reception for New Members, New Executive Directors and New Board Members**

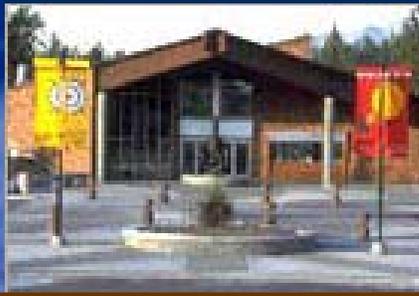
6:00 – 9:00 pm **Opening Reception and Dinner**

### Monday, October 6

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| 7:00 am - 5:30 pm | Registration   |
| 7:45 – 8:45 am    | <b>DDAA Annual Breakfast</b>   |
| 9:00 – 10:30 am   | <b>Opening Plenary: Shaping the Public Sector Role in Regional Development</b>   |
| 10:45 am – Noon   | <b>Best Practice Concurrent Sessions</b><br>• Power to the People: Developing a Regional Strategic Vision for Renewable and Alternative Energy<br>• A (Work) force to be Contended With: Challenges for Today's Employers<br>• Transportation Opportunities for Joining the Global Economy |
| 10:45 am – Noon   | <b>Program Area Networking Forum</b><br>Emergency Preparedness   |

**Noon – 1:45 pm**  **Luncheon with Special Guest Speaker: Martin Buser, Four-Time Iditarod Champion**

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| 2:00 – 3:15 pm | <b>Best Practice Concurrent Sessions</b><br>• Charting the Course for Regional Water Supply and Quality<br>• Diversifying Your Portfolio<br>• Mapping the Next Wave of GIS Technology |
| 2:00 – 3:15 pm | <b>Program Area Networking Forum</b><br>Dimensions and Dynamics of Aging Programs   |
| 2:00 – 4:45 pm | <b>Mobile Workshops*</b><br>• Anchorage Emergency Operations Center<br>• BP Energy Center   |
| 3:30 – 4:45 pm | <b>Program Area Networking Forum</b><br>Building a Strong State Association   |
| 3:30 – 4:45 pm | <b>Best Practice Concurrent Sessions</b><br>• Fiduciary Responsibility<br>• Handling Personnel Issues in a PC World<br>• Sustainability: The Future of Brownfields                    |
| 5:00 – 6:30 pm | <b>Innovation Awards Reception</b>  |



## 2008 NADO ANNUAL CONFERENCE • PRELIMINARY AGENDA CONTINUED

### Tuesday, October 7

7:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration
7:30 - 8:30 am	Innovation Award Winners Photo Session
8:45 - 10:15 am	Plenary Session: Alaska Innovations Present Promises for Lower 48
10:30 - 11:45 am	<b>Best Practice Concurrent Sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Air Quality Programs: A Breath of Fresh Air</li> <li>Finding Capital for Local Businesses</li> <li>Coordinating Investments: Transportation and Your CEDS</li> </ul>
Noon - 2:00 pm	Lunch on Your Own
Noon - 3:00 pm	<b>Mobile Workshops*</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anchorage Airport Cargo Tour and FedEx</li> <li>Alaska Native Heritage Center <b>CLOSED</b></li> </ul>
1:00 - 2:00 pm	Program Area Networking Forum RLFs
2:00 - 3:15 pm	Closing Plenary Session: How Does Your Organization Fit Into Your Region and State
3:30 - 5:30 pm	Annual Business Meeting Followed by 2008-2009 Board of Directors Meeting
6:30 - 7:00 pm	Reception (Cash Bar)
7:00 - 9:00 pm	President's Awards Banquet

**\*Subject to change and will require additional fee.** Mobile workshop fees cover transportation and lunch in some cases. Space varies based on capacity of tour host. **Mobile workshops are for registered conference attendees only.**

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### Optional Tour Kenai Fjords Resurrection Bay Cruise

**Date:** October 6, 2008

**Depart:** 7:00 am (Downtown hotel)

**Cruise:** 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**Return:** 9:30 pm (Downtown hotel)

**Price:** \$150.00 per person (Includes transfers from downtown hotel)

Participants will meet in lobby for their motorcoach transfer from downtown hotel to Seward, Alaska. As they travel south to Seward, with the Chugach Range on one side of the highway, a glimpse of the Alaska Range across the inlet and the Kenai Range in front, the views are nothing short of spectacular. Participants will want to keep an eye out for moose and eagles, and if they are very lucky, bears. As they come across the flats towards Portage, they will see abandoned buildings and tree stumps still standing from the 1964 earthquake, which dropped the entire area over twenty feet. The 2.5-hour drive to Seward (from Anchorage) will take guests up and over the Kenai Mountain Range and through the majestic mountaintop vistas of Turnagain Pass. This scenic drive alone is worth the trip but there's much more to this day. On arrival in Seward, guests will board the ONLY smooth sailing catamaran tour into Kenai Fjords National Park. This tour provides the greatest opportunity for wildlife and glacier viewing - abundant wildlife, excellent whale watching opportunities, and the massive Aialik or Holgate Glaciers. Guest will watch for Humpback whales, Steller sea lions, Dall's porpoise, harbor porpoise, Orca (killer whales), harbor seals, bald eagles, puffins and many other types of marine birds. Every tour is fully narrated by an experienced captain and a National Park Ranger. Lunch is included on the boat. Complimentary beverages include coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Additional snacks and beverages are available for purchase. Return Motorcoach included.

For more information and to register visit [www.nado.org/conference\\_files/glacier.pdf](http://www.nado.org/conference_files/glacier.pdf).

## The NADO Annual Training Conference will feature four types of training sessions:

- **Best Practice Sessions** will feature panel discussions and incorporate NADO member case studies
- **Program Area Networking Forums** will offer peer exchanges with a facilitator leading group conversations and information sharing on specific topics, such as aging services, brownfields redevelopment, EDA planning, local government services, renewable and alternative energy, transportation planning and workforce development
- **Professional Development Learning Labs** will provide targeted and more in-depth professional development training for executive directors, policy boards and staff, as well as foster peer networking
- **Mobile Workshops** will give participants an opportunity to experience Alaska and gain “first hand” knowledge

## BEST PRACTICE SESSIONS

### Regional Strategies for Environmental Stewardship

**Power to the People: Developing a Regional Strategic Vision for Renewable and Alternative Energy** – The country, and the world, are dizzy from the implications that renewable and alternative energy sources can have on the global environment and economy. Join your peers in a session aimed at addressing which solutions to the energy crisis are best for your region.

**Charting the Course for Regional Water Supply and Quality** – Regional councils are assuming greater roles in assuring the availability of clean and safe water, and for managing water and waste water systems, for those living and working in their regions. Collect ideas on ways that you can develop a platform for making sure there is safe and drinkable water.

**Regional Air Quality Programs: A Breath of Fresh Air** – Air quality issues are complex and have significant impact upon the well-being of communities nationwide. Learn about pro-active roles of regional councils to assure clean air throughout their regions.

**Sustainability: The Future of Brownfields Redevelopment** – Linking green building and brownfields to Economic Development seem like suitable allies; both improve the well-being of the community and both require time, effort and money. This interactive session is designed to help stakeholders from rural communities learn how to encourage, fund and initiate brownfield green building opportunities locally.

**Mapping the Next Wave of GIS Technology** – How are regional councils using GIS technology to prepare for the future? What new technology is available and what is on the horizon? Learn from GIS experts and from peers that are on the edge of the GIS wave.

### Building Strong Leadership to Build Strong Regional Organizations

**A (Work)force to be Contended With: Challenges for Today's Employers** – Baby boomers ready to slow down but not retire, growing immigrant populations, independent Gen Xers, needy Millennials...today's employers are certainly challenged by a diverse work force. Attend this session for valuable tips about working with a new work force while also learning steps for incorporating workforce enhancement into your economic strategies.

**Handling Personnel Issues in a PC World** – As the world becomes even more global, personnel issues are escalating to new heights. Join personnel experts as they share the latest “rules” of personnel management – and learn more about what employers can and can't do in the current litigious environment in which we all live and work.

**Fiduciary Responsibility** – Whether you need a quick refresher or a solid overview about the basic issues of fiduciary responsibility, board members, executive directors and senior staff will all benefit from this session. The session will cover ways that RDO executive staff and board can avoid being sued for breach of fiduciary duty, will outline board and executive staff areas of potential liability, the types of financial information that board and executive staff need to make decisions, red flags that executive staff and board need to be aware of as they

# Alaska Wild Life Adventures Await...

## Take Advantage of Your Trip to the Last Frontier and See the Sights!

Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center; Portage Glacier – [www.alaskawildlife.org](http://www.alaskawildlife.org)

Alaska Sealife Center; Seward – [www.alaskasealife.org](http://www.alaskasealife.org)

Kenai Fjords Tour (until Oct 6); Seward – [www.kenaifjords.com](http://www.kenaifjords.com)

26 Glacier Cruise (until Sep 30); Whittier – [www.26glaciers.com](http://www.26glaciers.com)

Alaska Good Time Charters (fishing charters only in fall); Whittier – [www.alaskagoodtimecharters.com](http://www.alaskagoodtimecharters.com) or 907.373.7447

Alaska Railroad; Anchorage – [www.alaskarailroads.com](http://www.alaskarailroads.com)

review financials, what questions to ask as they review financial reports to assure financial health and well-being of the organization, and an overview of various federal audit requirements.

**Diversifying Your Portfolio** – Regional councils everywhere are looking at new ways to bring revenues to their bottom lines – especially as funding sources are increasingly competitive. Join your peers in this best practice session to learn about new ways to increase revenue that work, and make a difference to an organization's financial well-being.

**Building a Strong State Association** – Bringing regional development organizations concerns and needs to the forefront – whether state wide or nationally – is a perfect opportunity to prove the “strength in numbers” adage. This session will provide an in-depth look at how to form a state association and make it work for you.

## Regional Solutions to Local Challenges

**Transportation Opportunities for Joining the Global Economy** – To compete in today's global economy, businesses are looking to their regional councils and local governments to help them gain access to new markets across town, across the country and throughout the world. Attend this session to learn how regional development organizations are working to enhance transportation investments to improve economic potential in their regions.

**Emergency Preparedness** – The nation has been bombarded with natural disasters over the past few years: hurricanes have radically changed the face of our Gulf Coast, floods have washed away communities in the Midwest, forest fires in the west are burning thousands

upon thousands of acres daily, and drought conditions nationwide are impacting local and regional economies. As local governments struggle to meet the challenges thrown at them by Mother Nature, they continue to turn to their regional development organizations to lead the way. Join your peers to learn about their strategies for mitigating and responding to such disasters, and to share your experiences as well.

**Finding Capital for Local Businesses** – Regional councils are working with local businesses and entrepreneurs to secure financial resources that can help them thrive – contributing to the local tax base, keeping residents employed and building a strong local economy. Learn how they are finding new pots of money and how they are combining resources to help local businesses flourish.

**Coordinating Investments: Transportation and Your CEDS** – With declining federal funding for transportation projects, it is important for rural regions to coordinate transportation priorities with economic development goals. Learn about innovative practices that integrate transportation planning throughout the CEDS process. This session will feature case studies as well as national trends based on the NADO Research Foundation's recent scan of regional development organizations inclusion of transportation planning in their CEDS.

**Dimensions and Dynamics of Aging Programs** – Many regional councils manage their local AAA programs, and as the aging population changes the dynamics of aging programs are changing as well. Learn from your peers about new approaches to program delivery, as well as the many services that today's aging programs entail.

**RLFs Bring Opportunities to Businesses and Regions** – Loan funds, no matter the source of capital, are a great way to boost local and regional economies through business start up, retention, recruitment

and expansion as well as increase jobs and income for residents. While their success can be monumental, they are oft-criticized or misunderstood because they cater to smaller businesses. Attendees will talk about their strategies for increasing lending capital, managing default and delinquency, marketing to various audiences and potential clients and partnerships critical to their survival.

**Federal State Regional Commissions: Sharing Lessons Learned with ARC, Denali and DRA** – Hear from representatives from the three commissions and various regional development organizations located in their service areas about programs and processes they are implementing. Share experiences, learn how they might have resolved similar challenges and offer examples of what had worked in your region. Gain an understanding of ways to strengthen the federal state regional commission relationship in your area.

*Sessions are subject to change. Visit [www.nado.org/conferences/annual.php](http://www.nado.org/conferences/annual.php) for regular updates.*



## **Positioning Your Regional Organization for the Future: Executive Director Learning Lab Hilton Anchorage • Anchorage, Alaska Sunday, October 5 • 9:30 - Noon**

**Workshop Overview:** The role and functions of regional development organizations are constantly evolving, especially in today's renewed era of regionalism. While most regional development organizations were originally focused almost exclusively on community and economic development, many have diversified their portfolios in response to local government and regional community needs.

This workshop will explore strategies and models for positioning your regional development organization for the future. Presenters will cover new federal program opportunities, but also the importance of establishing partnerships with business, education, government and philanthropic leaders within your region.

Following the presentations, participants will engage in a Conversation Café with Your Executive Director Peers. This unique forum will give attendees a chance to network in small groups with your peers, discussing specific topics and issues facing regional development organizations across the nation. Topics will include personnel management, conflict resolution and communicating with key stakeholders.

## **Policy Board Official Learning Lab Hilton Anchorage • Anchorage, Alaska Sunday, October 5 • 9:30 - Noon**

**Policy Board Official Learning Lab** – This session will offer policy officials who serve on regional development organization boards insights and information useful in their leadership roles. Topics may include marketing, partnership building, board roles and responsibilities, regional development organization philosophies and purposes, creating strong organizations, organizational change and other relevant topics and concerns.

# Mobile Workshops



## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

### The Kenai Peninsula: Microcosm of Alaska's Economy\*

Participants will get a taste of Alaska's economy (both from the challenge and opportunity perspectives) as it has been said the peninsula is a microcosm of the state. Each of the state's primary industries – fishing, timber, oil and gas, tourism – are a major force in the region. The day-long tour will travel south along the Turnagain Arm and onto the Seward Highway (a designated National Scenic Byway), along the Kenai River into the town of Kenai. As the group works its way towards Kenai, there will be opportunities to pull alongside the road to inhale the view and take photos. Lunch will be served in Kenai.

**8:00am – 6:00 pm; Includes Lunch; \$50**

### Talkeetna: Thriving Gateway Community\*

Attendees will head north to Talkeetna, a quirky little town of 500 that is often considered the inspiration behind the TV show "Northern Exposure." The tour will focus on the importance of the community to area tourism activities, and to see how small communities can embrace arts and culture as economic livelihoods. Complete with Roadhouses and shops filled with Made in Alaska items, Talkeetna is also the largest staging area for those hearty folks seeking their sights on climbing Mt. McKinley. The tour will include a chance to see the amazing scenery along the Glenn Highway, a National Scenic Byway, visit Palmer for a quick stop to hear from the local arts council and downtown businesses about the city's efforts to vitalize the local economy (including a stop at the train station which is now an art and performance venue). While in Talkeetna, the group will have lunch, and will meet with the Denali Arts Council about the transformation of an airport hangar into a performing arts center. Visit [www.talkeetnachamber.org](http://www.talkeetnachamber.org), [www.alaska.net/~denaliac](http://www.alaska.net/~denaliac) and [www.palmerartscouncil.org](http://www.palmerartscouncil.org) for more information.

**9:00 am – 5:00 pm; Includes Lunch; \$50; Limited to 50 attendees**

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

### Merging Scenic Byways with Economic Vitality: Tour of the Seward Highway\*

From mountains to meadows, the Seward Highway is one of Alaska's most beautiful. The highway is chock full of breathtaking views and landscapes: you may see Dall sheep, belugas, wild horses, moose and other wildlife as the group winds its way along the Turnagain Arm towards the Kenai Peninsula. Stopping along the way to take in the vast beauty (and snap pictures galore!), there will be much discussion about the importance of the highway to the region's economy and the state's approach to keeping it beautiful and scenic. Visit [www.byways.org/explore/byways/10390](http://www.byways.org/explore/byways/10390) for more details about the highway.

**8:45 am – 4:00 pm; Includes Lunch; \$35**

### Neighborhood in Motion\*

Spent the afternoon in one of Anchorage's up-and-coming neighborhoods, Mountain View, and learn how the community is reviving the neighborhood – including reclaiming buildings classified as brownfields. The area is being crafted into an Arts and Culture district as they are placing the arts in the center of all efforts to re-build the community, resulting in job opportunities, new and revived businesses, greater tax base, higher property values and increased community pride. Participants will hear from local leaders about the revitalization effort. Visit [www.artsculture.org](http://www.artsculture.org) for more information about Mountain View.

**11:45 am – 2:30 pm; Includes Lunch; \$35**

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

### Port of Anchorage\*

In operation since 1961, the Port of Anchorage is a five-berth terminal that moves over 4 million tons of commodities a year, much of it containerized freight, iron and steel products, milk, petroleum and cement. After the 1964 earthquake and tsunami, the Port of Anchorage became the main port for receiving all shipments for rebuilding the state as the other ports serving the region were destroyed. Since then, the Port has continued to grow and today is in the midst of a major inter-modal expansion project. The Port generates over \$750 million annually to the State and 90 percent of the consumer goods pass through its gates. Attendees will have a birds-eye view of operations as the tour will occur during one of the two weekly "ship days". Visit [www.muni.org/port](http://www.muni.org/port) for more information.

**1:30 – 4:00 pm; \$25; Limited to 50 attendees**



# Mobile Workshops

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

### Anchorage Emergency Operations Center\*

Anchorage's 5,600 square foot EOC is prepared to respond to any emergency situation faced by the city and to provide information to residents in response to disaster or emergency events. The facility is located in a former telephone switch center which was fully retro-fitted to meet building, fire and seismic codes and has backup power systems that allow it to be fully operational for over seven days if the situation warrants. The 2,835 sq ft Situation Room has state of the art fiber-optic telecommunications systems, stand-alone computer systems, two large screen projection systems, and radio communications support were included in the remodel project. The EOC also contains the communications section for radios, telephones and computers that support operations and daily work and an alternate police and fire dispatch center that can act with, or independent of, the primary 911 Dispatch Center. Workshop attendees will have a glimpse into the systems and operations and will hear from staff about the importance of the EOC to the city and the region. Visit [www.ci.anchorage.ak.us/oem/eoc.cfm](http://www.ci.anchorage.ak.us/oem/eoc.cfm) for more information.

**2:00 – 5:00 pm; \$25**

### BP Energy Center Tour\*

BP established the Energy Center to provide an opportunity for all Alaskans to become more familiar with the energy industry in the state. At the Center, interpretive and interactive displays provide information on many aspects of the industry. Attendees will tour the Center and hear from representatives about BP's part in the state – and world – energy industry.

**2:00 – 5:00 pm; \$25**

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

### Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport Cargo Tour and FedEx \*

Workshop attendees will have a rare chance to see the cargo operations of the FedEx facility at the airport – the airport's cargo facility is the third largest in the world and the FedEx portion is a major piece of that action. A brief tour of the airport and presentation about its importance to the state and global economy (with over 102,000 landings annually, the airport contributes almost \$110,000 to the state economy and generates over 18,000 jobs) will be followed by a tour of the FedEx facility. The FedEx Anchorage operation is the company's largest – they sort 60,000 packages daily, serve 500 flights a month, send/receive packages from over 220 countries and employ 1,350 employees. Limited to 25 participants; security clearance required (NADO staff will contact you in August for the necessary information)

Visit [www.dot.state.ak.us/anc](http://www.dot.state.ak.us/anc) for more information.

**12:00 – 3:00 pm; Includes Lunch; \$35; Limited to 25 attendees**

### Alaska Native Heritage Center

This mobile workshop will provide attendees with information about the cultures of Alaska's first people through a special tour of the Alaska Native Heritage Center, a world-famous cultural center and museum. Center staff will share the rich heritage of Alaska's eleven cultural groups drawing upon the legacy of long ago, the wisdom of their elders and the traditions that endure. The group will also learn about the importance of the Center to preserving Native culture; they will also learn about the important role of the Center in the state's cultural tourism. Lunch will be provided.

**12:00 – 3:00 pm; Includes Lunch; \$35**

+Subject to change; please check site regularly for updates

\*Subject to change and additional fee required

*Mobile workshops require an additional fee to cover transportation costs: space varies based on capacity of tour host.*

*Some Mobile Workshops may have specific safety and clothing requirements; we will inform you of any restrictions as we get more information from the hosts.*

**Mobile workshops are for registered conference attendees only.**

**CLOSED**

# List of Confirmed Speakers

- James Baldwin, Cumberland Plateau PDC (VA)
- Mayor Mark Begich, Anchorage, Alaska
- Virginia G. Booker, Piedmont Triad Council of Governments (NC)
- George Canelos, Denali Commission (AK)
- John Chamberlin (OR)
- Sandeep Dey, West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission
- Doug Elliott, East Central Iowa COG
- Pete Fellows, Two Rivers - Ottauquechee Regional Commission (VT)
- Rick Green, Upper Savannah COG (SC)
- Jerrod Haberman, Panhandle Area Development District (NE)
- Ryan Hartley, First District Association of Local Governments (SD)
- Ted Hendricks, East Central Idaho Planning and Development Agency
- Melissa Henriksen, Center for Governmental Studies, Northern Illinois University
- Rick Hunsaker, Region XII COG (IA)
- Tom Hunter, Appalachian Regional Commission
- Sven-Erik Kaiser, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Meera Kohler, Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, Inc.
- Wanda Land, Mississippi Development Authority
- Stan McGee, Acadiana Regional Development District (LA)
- Joe McKinney, Land of Sky Regional Council (NC)
- Hon. Jay P. Millikin, Comal County (TX)
- Jim Mylott, Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council (WV)
- Patty O'Donnell, Northwest Michigan Council of Governments
- Bob Pothier, East Central Idaho Planning and Development Agency
- Hubert Quintana, Southeastern New Mexico COG
- Myron Schuster, Northwest RPC (WI)
- Ken Sweet, Northern Arizona Council of Governments
- Bill Triplett, Delta Regional Authority (MS)
- Norman Walzer, Center for Governmental Studies, Northern Illinois University
- Russ Wimberly, South Alabama RPC

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Federal Highway Administration  
Mississippi Association of Planning Development Districts  
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association  
Small Business Administration  
Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference

### NADO Conference Sponsorship Opportunities

Do you know an organization that might want to sponsor our 2008 Annual Training Conference? It is a great opportunity for them to be recognized throughout the conference. We offer a full menu of benefits for sponsoring organizations in return for their support – have them visit [www.nado.org/conference\\_files/sponsor08.pdf](http://www.nado.org/conference_files/sponsor08.pdf) for details. They can also contact Laurie Thompson at [lthompson@nado.org](mailto:lthompson@nado.org) or 202.624.5948.

### NADO Conference Exhibit Space

If you know of an organization that might want to rent exhibit space at the conference, please refer them to [www.nado.org/conference\\_files/exhibitor08.pdf](http://www.nado.org/conference_files/exhibitor08.pdf). They can attend the conference to personally market their products or services to you and your peers, or they can send them to Anchorage for placement on an exhibitors table. They can also contact Laurie Thompson at [lthompson@nado.org](mailto:lthompson@nado.org) or 202.624.5948.

## As You Plan Your 2008 Alaska Experience, Please Note:

- There will be an average 11.5 hours of sunlight in Anchorage during the conference.
- You can expect the temperature to range within the 40s – 50s.
- If you want to spend a few extra days in Alaska, we recommend you add days before the conference.
- There is no sales tax in Alaska!
- Alaska is in the Pacific Standard Time Zone...or 1 hour earlier than on the west coast and 4 hours earlier than the east coast.
- More than 1,600 moose live in Anchorage...that's right, so pack your camera!
- Unless you are planning to visit Canada as you travel to and from Alaska, you will not need a passport.
- Visit [www.anchorage.net/NADO](http://www.anchorage.net/NADO) – the Anchorage Convention & Visitors Bureau has created a NADO web page – it has information about tours and other events of interest.

## Conquer the Alaska Chill with a NADO Fleece Jacket or Vest!



Fleece Jacket with NADO Logo



Fleece Vest with NADO Logo

Don't be left out in the cold in Anchorage – buy a NADO fleece jacket or vest and stay warm! The jackets and vests, complete with the NADO logo, are made by Columbia, and are available for purchase on a pre-order basis only (there will not be any for sale in Anchorage): order today and they will be waiting for you when you arrive for the conference.

The NADO jackets and vests cost \$50 each. Visit [www.nado.org/conference\\_files/fleeceform.pdf](http://www.nado.org/conference_files/fleeceform.pdf) to download the form, or use the form below.

**To be sure your jacket or vest arrives in Anchorage, we ask that you complete the order form and fax it to NADO at 202.624.8813 by August 15th.**

**Item:**

- Item No. 1 - Fleece Jacket
- Item No. 2 - Fleece Vest

**Choice of Colors:**

- Columbia Navy
- Burgundy/Beet
- Black
- Bright Blue



**Choice of Sizes:**

- Ladies Size: S, M, L, XL, 2XL
- Men's Size: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL

Name	Mens or Ladies	Item No.	Color	Size	Cost
<b>Total</b>					

# 2008 NADO ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

## REGISTRATION OPTIONS (Make checks payable to NADO)

1. Complete this form and mail with full payment to NADO, 400 North Capitol St., N.W., Suite 390, Washington, D.C. 20001.
2. Complete this form and fax to NADO at 202.624.8813 and send payment with a copy of this form to NADO at the above address.
3. Complete this form and fax to NADO at 202.624.8813. If payment is not received by September 5, 2008, NADO will invoice you.
4. Complete this form and fax to NADO at 202.624.8813 and bring full payment to conference. **NADO does not accept credit cards.**

## PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Please print or type

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check all extra events each registrant plans to attend. You must list the names of each registrant. This includes spouses and guests. Use the form on the next page if you are registering additional people.**

### Mobile Workshops

Please list each participant's name (First and Last) and title	Conference only	Spouse/Guest	AK Native Cultural Ctr.	Kenai Tour	Talkeetna	Seward Highway	BP Energy Center	Neighborhood in Motion	Port Tour	Emergency Operations Center	Airport & FedEx
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## CONFERENCE FEES

	Early Bird Discount (Before Sept. 5)	Regular Registration (After Sept. 5)	Number of Registrants	Total
Platinum*	\$385	\$420	x _____	= _____
Sustaining**	\$420	\$455	x _____	= _____
General/Associate	\$455	\$490	x _____	= _____
Sustaining Associate***	\$455	\$490	x _____	= _____
Nonmember	\$590	\$635	x _____	= _____
Spouse/Guest	\$150	\$190	x _____	= _____
Student	\$100	\$100	x _____	= _____

## MOBILE WORKSHOPS FEES

The Kenali Peninsula, Oct. 3, 9am - 5pm	\$50	\$50	x _____	= _____
Talkeetna, Oct. 3, 10am - 5pm	\$50	\$50	x _____	= _____
The Seward Highway, Oct. 4, 8:45am - 4pm	\$35	\$35	x _____	= _____
Neighborhood in Motion, Oct. 4, 11:45am - 2:30pm	\$35	\$35	x _____	= _____
Port of Anchorage, Oct. 5, 1:30 - 4:00pm	\$25	\$25	x _____	= _____
Anchorage Emergency Ctr., Oct. 6, 2:00 - 5:00pm	\$25	\$25	x _____	= _____
BP Energy Center, Oct. 6, 2:00 - 5:00pm	\$25	\$25	x _____	= _____
Anchorage Airport Tour & FedEx, Oct. 7, 12:00 - 3:00pm	\$35	\$35	x _____	= _____
Alaska Native Heritage Center, Oct. 7, 12:00 - 3:00pm	\$35	\$35	x _____	= _____

**Conference attire is business casual/casual except for the President's Award dinner which is business attire.**

Total number of registrants \_\_\_\_\_  
Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

- \* Platinum members receive six free spouse registrations.
- \*\* Sustaining members receive three free spouse registrations.
- \*\*\* Sustaining Associate members receive one free spouse registration.
- Spouse and student registration includes all conference events.
- NADO reserves the right to cancel any conference-related event.
- Cancellations must be in writing and received by September 26, 2008. A \$50 processing fee will be charged for each cancelled registration.
- Conference attire is casual for all events except the President's Awards Banquet on Tuesday evening which is business dress.
- Plan to wear casual clothes and good walking shoes on the mobile workshops. NADO will inform you if there is a required dress code for any of them.
- If you have special dietary or ADA needs, call NADO at 202.624.7806 or email info@nado.org.

## Additional Registrants for NADO's 2008 Annual Training Conference

Please list each participant's name (First and Last) and title	Conference only	Spouse/ Guest	AK Native Cultural Ctr.	Kenai Tour	Talkeetna	Seward Highway	BP Energy Center	Neighbor- hood in Motion	Port Tour	Emergency Operations Center	Airport & FedEx
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## While in Anchorage, be sure to:

- Ask the hotel concierge to arrange a “Northern Lights Wake-up Call” – they will call you if the lights are “dancing” so you can experience nature’s amazing light show
- Visit Earthquake Park and learn about the historic 1964 quake’s impact on the city
- Buy an Ulu – an amazing cutting tool used by Alaska Natives, primarily to skin and clean fish but is also a great pizza slicer. (Note: you MUST pack your Ulu in your checked baggage as they are not allowed in carry-on bag!)
- Run or walk along Tony Knowles Coastal Trail (you might even see a moose)
- Visit the Log Cabin Downtown Visitor Center for information about current happenings and events
- Buy Made in Alaska products at the Make it Alaskan Festival at the Sullivan Arena (Oct 3 – 5)
- Celebrate Oktoberfest on the Great Alaska Beer Train – roundtrip between Anchorage and Portage Glacier will offer amazing scenery and fun! [www.alaskarailroads.com](http://www.alaskarailroads.com)
- Check out the local art scene on the Friday Night Art Walk (Oct 3) when galleries remain open until 8pm

Visit [www.anchorage.net](http://www.anchorage.net) for more fun things to do!



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