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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

North to the Future



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



Dear NADO members and friends:

Welcome to Anchorage! As NADO's President, I am pleased to report that this conference – with almost 700 attendees – is one of NADO's largest ever. Thank you all for making the journey *North to the Future* as we convene for another exciting and educational event.

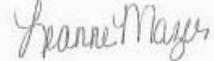
This year's conference theme, *North to the Future*, is also Alaska's state motto. The significance of the motto as our conference theme cannot be understated. As we gather for NADO's 41st Annual Training Conference, we look to our future with optimism and promise that the work we do will continue to make positive impacts throughout our regions. And, following last year's 40th anniversary celebration in Austin, we are poised to move forward and face the many challenges that certainly lie ahead in the next 40 years knowing that our commitment and dedication will persevere.

As you browse this conference program, you will see that NADO has once again responded to our requests for training that not only meets our needs but also makes it fun. With an unprecedented nine mobile workshops, no doubt almost everyone will have a chance to venture out of the hotel to learn about innovative and replicable projects here in Anchorage, on the Kenai Peninsula and in the Mat-Su Valley.

But the mobile workshops are not the only exciting aspects of this year's conference. Three plenary sessions will provide us with innovative approaches to regional development that are working here in Alaska, force us to think about how we are positioning our organizations for the future and push us to think more about the public sector's role in shaping regional development. Networking forums are structured to bring us together for peer-to-peer discussions about the importance of state associations, emergency preparedness, federal-state regional commissions, RLFs and aging programs. Best practice sessions will cover a range of topics, all aimed at helping us learn about successful approaches to regional development or how to expand our professional and organizational capacities.

I know that you all will enjoy the conference, Anchorage and Alaska.

Very Sincerely,



Leanne Mazer
NADO President

Welcome to NADO's Annual Training Conference:

This year's Annual Training Conference marks our second time in Anchorage – we are very fortunate to be back here in our nation's Last Frontier and 49th state. And, we are very pleased that so many NADO members and friends have joined us for our conference, *North to the Future*.

In the 11 years since we were here last, NADO has made great strides in our work. As an association we remain steadfast in our belief that communities benefit from the hard work of regional development organizations. As your partner at the national level, NADO is proud to work with each and every one of you on issues and topics of critical importance to your regions' economies.

I hope that you all enjoy the conference – with peer networking forums, best practice workshops, plenary sessions and mobile workshops, there is much to do throughout the conference.

On behalf of NADO's leadership and staff, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Matthew D. Chase

In Memoriam



*The Honorable Jake Brisbin
Executive Director, Rio Grande COG, El Paso, TX
NADO Board Member
1948 – 2008*

We honor the life of the Honorable Jake Brisbin. A NADO Board member since 2002, Jake was a tireless and dedicated advocate of regional development, not only in Texas, but nationwide. His commitment and contributions to NADO will be felt forever.

He will be missed.

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Exhibitors

Be sure to visit the exhibitors located in the conference registration area:

Anchorage Convention and Visitors Bureau
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Federal Communications Commission
NADO and the NADO Research Foundation

Thursday, October 2

4:00 – 7:00 pm

Registration

2nd Floor

Friday, October 3

7:00 am – 5:00 pm

Registration

2nd Floor

7:45 am – 5:30 pm

Pre-Conference Mobile Workshop

The Kenai Peninsula: Microcosm of Alaska's Economy

Hotel Lobby

8:45 am – 5:00 pm

Pre-Conference Mobile Workshop

Talkeetna: Thriving Gateway Community

Hotel Lobby

6:00 – 8:00 pm

NADO Executive Committee Meeting

Chart Room

Saturday, October 4

8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Registration

2nd Floor

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Mobile Workshop

- Seward Highway Tour: Merging Scenic Byways with Economic Vitality

Hotel Lobby

Policy Roundtable Discussion Groups

9:00 – 10:20 am

- Community and Economic Development
- Homeland Security
- NADO Research Foundation

**Aleutian
Lupine
Prince William**

10:30 – 11:45 am

- Rural Development and Farm Bill
- Transportation

**Aleutian
Lupine**

11:45 am – 2:30 pm

Mobile Workshop

- Neighborhood in Motion

Hotel Lobby

2:30 – 4:00 pm

Program Area Networking Forum

Federal - State Regional Commissions:
Sharing Lessons Learned with ARC,
Denali and DRA

Lupine

4:00 – 6:00 pm

NADO Board of Directors Meeting

Aleutian

Conference participants are encouraged to attend the policy roundtable discussions and board meetings.

Sunday, October 5

7:30 am – 7:00 pm

Registration

2nd Floor

8:00 – 9:15 am

Regional Caucus Membership Meetings

- East
- Midwest
- Southeast
- Southwest
- West

**Prince William
Fireweed
Alaska
Lupine
Cook Inlet**

9:30 am – Noon

Executive Directors Learning Lab

Aleutian

9:30 am – Noon

Local Officials and Policy Members Learning Lab

Denali

9:30 am – Noon

Nominating Committee

Cook Inlet

1:30 – 4:00 pm

Mobile Workshop

- Port of Anchorage

Aleutian

4:30 – 5:30 pm

Reception for New Members,
New Executive Directors and New Board Members

Top of the World

6:00 – 9:00 pm

Opening Reception and Dinner

**Alaska
Ballroom**

AICP Credits

The American Planning Association has approved NADO to offer AICP Certification Maintenance credits at eight sessions. Each session is valued at 1 CM credit. Registered conference participants can earn CM credits for attending:

Power to the People: Developing a Regional Strategic Vision for Renewable and Alternative Energy (Monday, 10:45 am – Noon)

Transportation Opportunities for Joining the Global Economy (Monday, 10:45 am – Noon)

Emergency Preparedness/Homeland Security (Monday, 10:45 am – Noon)

Charting the Course for Regional Water Supply and Quality (Monday, 2:00 – 3:15 pm)

Mapping the Next Wave of GIS Technology (Monday, 2:00 – 3:15 pm)

Sustainability: The Future of Brownfields (Monday, 3:30 – 4:45 pm)

Regional Air Quality Programs: A Breath of Fresh Air (Tuesday, 10:30 – 11:45 am)

Coordinating Investments: Transportation and Your CEDS (Tuesday, 10:30 – 11:45 am)

Please note that you cannot enter more than one session at a time in your CM log, so you should choose one session per timeslot to attend.

Monday, October 6

7:00 am – 5:30 pm

Registration

2nd Floor

7:45 – 8:45 am

DDAA Breakfast

Chart Room

9:00 – 10:30 am

Opening Plenary: Shaping the Public Sector Role in Regional Development

Alaska Ballroom

10:45 am – Noon

Best Practice Concurrent Sessions

- Power to the People: Developing a Regional Strategic Vision for Renewable and Alternative Energy
- A (Work)force to be Contended With: Challenges for Today's Employers
- Transportation Opportunities for Joining the Global Economy

Dillingham

Katmai

King Salmon

10:45 am – Noon

Program Area Networking Forum

Emergency Preparedness/Homeland Security

Aspen/Spruce

12:00 – 1:45 pm

Luncheon with Guest Speaker

Martin Buser, Four-Time Iditarod Champion

Alaska Ballroom

2:00 – 3:15 pm

Best Practice Concurrent Sessions

- Charting the Course for Regional Water Supply and Quality
- Diversifying Your Portfolio
- Mapping the Next Wave of GIS Technology

Dillingham

Katmai
King
Salmon

2:00 – 3:15 pm

Program Area Networking Forum

Dimensions and Dynamics of Aging Programs

Aspen/Spruce

1:45 – 4:45 pm

Mobile Workshops

- Anchorage Emergency Operations Center
- BP Energy Center

Hotel Lobby
Hotel Lobby

3:30 – 4:45 pm

Best Practice Concurrent Sessions

- Fiduciary Responsibility
- Handling Personnel Issues in a Politically Correct World
- Sustainability: The Future of Brownfields

Dillingham
Katmai

King
Salmon

3:30 – 4:45 pm

Program Area Networking Forum:

Building a Strong State Association

Aspen/Spruce

5:00 – 6:30 pm

Innovations Awards Reception

Top of the World

Tuesday, October 7

7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Registration

2nd Floor

7:30 – 8:30 am

Innovations Photo Session

Birch/Willow

8:45 – 10:15 am

Plenary Session: Alaska Innovations Present Promises for Lower 48

Alaska

10:30 – 11:45 am

Best Practice Concurrent Sessions

- Regional Air Quality Programs: A Breath of Fresh Air
- Finding Capital for Local Businesses
- Coordinating Investments: Transportation and Your CEDS

Dillingham

King Salmon
Katmai

11:45 am – 3:00 pm

Mobile Workshop

- Alaska Native Heritage Center

Hotel Lobby

Noon – 3:00 pm

Mobile Workshop

- Anchorage Airport Cargo Tour and FedEx

Hotel Lobby

Noon – 1:00 pm

Lunch on Your Own

1:00 – 2:00 pm

Program Area Networking Forum

RLFs: Making a Difference in Rural Communities

Lupine

2:00 – 3:15 pm

Closing Plenary Session: Positioning Your Organization within Your Region

Alaska

3:30 – 5:30 pm

Annual Business Meeting
2008 – 2009 Board of Directors Meeting

Aleutian
Bristol Bay
Ballroom

6:30 – 8:30 pm

Cash Bar Reception

Alaska
Ballroom

7:00 – 9:00 pm

President's Award Banquet

Alaska
Ballroom

Please note that room locations are subject to change. Be sure to check daily schedules at the conference registration desk.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 7:45 am - 5:30 pm

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. The day-long tour will travel south along the Turnagain Arm and onto the Seward Highway (an All-American Road), along the Kenai River into the town of Kenai. As the group works its way toward Kenai, there will be opportunities to pull alongside the road to inhale the view and take photos. Lunch will be served in Kenai. **Meet in the main lobby at 7:45 am. The buses will depart at 8:00 am sharp.**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 8:45 am - 5:00 pm

Talkeetna: Thriving Gateway Community

Attendees will head north to Talkeetna, a quirky little town of 500 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. The tour will include a chance to see the amazing scenery along the Glenn Highway, a National Scenic Byway. 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. **Meet in the main lobby at 8:45 am. The bus will depart at 9:00 am sharp.**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 8:15 am - 5:00 pm

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

From mountains to meadows, the Seward Highway is one of Alaska's crown jewels. The highway is chock full of breathtaking views and landscapes: you may see Dall Sheep, Beluga whales, eagles, 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. Includes Lunch. **Meet in the main lobby at 8:15 am. The bus will depart at 8:45 am sharp.**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 11:30 am - 2:30 pm

Neighborhood in Motion

Spend 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 with 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. Lunch will be provided. **Meet in the main lobby at 11:30 am. The bus will depart promptly at 11:45 am.**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1:30 - 4:30 pm

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, bulk petroleum and cement. After the 1964 earthquake and tsunami, the Port of Anchorage became the main port for receiving all shipments for re-building 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”. **There will be a special presentation from Stephen Ribuffo, Deputy Port Director in the Aleutian Room prior to leaving for the tour. Please bring a valid picture I.D. that will be checked before boarding the bus. The bus will depart at 2:00 pm.**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1:45 - 4:45 pm

Anchorage Emergency Operations Center

Anchorage's 5,600 sq. ft. Emergency Operations Center 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 that was fully retrofitted 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. 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. **Meet in the main lobby at 1:45 pm. The bus will depart promptly at 2:00 pm.**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1:45 - 4:45 pm

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. **Meet in the main lobby at 1:45 pm. The bus will depart promptly at 2:00 pm.**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport Cargo Tour and FedEx

Workshop attendees will 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 presentation about the airport's 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. Lunch will be provided. **Meet in the main lobby at Noon. The bus will depart promptly at 12:30 pm.**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 11:45 am - 3:00 pm

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-renowned cultural center and museum. Center staff will share the rich heritage of Alaska's eleven cultural groups drawing upon the lifeways 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 and in the state's cultural tourism. Lunch will be provided. **Meet in the main lobby at 11:45 am. The bus will depart promptly at noon.**

Mobile workshops require pre-registration and an additional fee. Check with the conference registration desk to determine availability if you did not pre-register for a mobile workshop. Mobile workshops are for registered conference attendees only.

Plenary Sessions

Monday, October 6 • 9:00 - 10:30 am

Shaping the Public Sector Role in Regional Development

To retain our nation's economic competitiveness, the United States must reinvest resources and refocus attention on building modern infrastructure, training a cutting-edge workforce and fostering regional innovation and collaboration. While most international and national research has focused on major metropolitan regions and the role of the private sector and higher education institutions, this session will highlight the importance of the public sector and the need for improved coordination among metropolitan and rural regions.

Welcome: Leanne Mazer, Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Cumberland, MD
Moderator: George Canelos, Denali Commission, Anchorage, AK
Panelists: Thomas Wright, Regional Planning Association, New York, NY
Chris Masingill, Office of Governor Mike Bebee, Little Rock, AR
The Honorable Mark Begich, Mayor of Anchorage, AK

**Alaska
Ballroom**

Tuesday, August 28 • 8:45 - 10:15 am

Alaska Innovations Present Promises for Lower 48

Alaska is often viewed as a remote and geographical isolated part of the United States. Yet, the state hosts the third largest freight cargo airport in the world, serving as a bridge between Asia and the U.S. mainland. Alaska contributes substantial natural resources, such as oil, fish, minerals and timber, for usage in the Lower 48. It is also a fertile ground for economic and community development innovations and showcases. This session will explore Alaska's programs and projects that present promises for the rest of the nation.

Moderator: Benjamin Erulkar, Economic Development Administration, Washington, D.C.
Panelists: George Canelos, Denali Commission, Anchorage, AK
Bill Popp, Anchorage Economic Development Corporation, Anchorage, AK

Alaska

Tuesday, August 28 • 2:00 - 3:15 pm

Positioning Your Organization within Your Region

Regional development organizations were often the only major sub-state regional organizations during their founding in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Today, there is tremendous growth in many states of new multi-purpose and single-focused regional entities. Some are public based, while others are driven by higher education institutions, private sector leaders or even public-private partnerships. This session will explore how regional development organizations in Georgia, Idaho and South Carolina are working to position their organizations for the future.

Moderator: Wayne Strickland, Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, Roanoke, VA
Panelists: Ron Mitchum, Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments, North Charleston, SC
Kathleen Simko, Sage Community Resources, Garden City, ID
Jim Dove, Northeast Georgia Regional Development Center, Athens, GA

Alaska

Policy Roundtable Agendas

Saturday, October 4

Community and Economic Development Policy Roundtable

Aleutian

Saturday, October 4 • 9:00 – 10:20 am

- Welcome and Introductions: Jim Mylott, Executive Director, Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council
- Update on Economic and Community Development Appropriations and Authorization Activity: Jason Boehlert, NADO Legislative Director
- State Updates and Open Dialogue

NADO Research Foundation

Prince William

Saturday, October 4 • 9:00 – 10:20 am

- Welcome – Kathleen Simko, President Sage Community Resources and Advisory Committee Co-chair
- Program Update – Laurie Thompson, NADO Deputy Executive Director
- Discussion About NADO Educational Programming
 - Training needs for COG board
 - Training needs for COG executive directors
 - Training needs for other COG staff
 - EDFs

Homeland Security/Emergency Management Roundtable

Lupine

Saturday, October 4 • 9:00 – 10:20 am

- Welcome and Introductions: Wendell Lawrence, Executive Director Lincoln Trail Area Development District
- Guest Speaker: John W. Madden, Director, Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- Roundtable Discussion: Updates from NADO members regarding homeland security and emergency management collaborations with states.
- NADO Legislative Update: Amy Linehan, NADO Legislative Representative. Update of federal homeland security and emergency management activity and initiatives, including Department of Homeland Security fiscal 2009 Appropriations.

Transportation Policy Roundtable

Lupine

Saturday, October 4 • 10:30 – 11:45 am

- Welcome and Introduction: Terry Bobrowski, Executive Director, East Tennessee Development District
- Legislative Update and Review of NADO Transportation Activities: Jason Boehlert, NADO Legislative Director
- State Updates and Open Dialogue

Farm Bill/Rural Development Roundtable

Aleutian

Saturday, October 4 • 10:30 – 11:45 am

- Welcome and Introductions: Jay Trusty, Executive Director, Southwest RDC
- 2008 Farm Bill Implementation Update: Tim McNielly, Special Assistant to the Under Secretary Office of Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture (via telephone)
- Discussion of NADO Rural Development Member Priorities and Initiatives

Training • Saturday • October 5

2:30 - 4:00 pm

Federal-State Regional Commissions: Sharing Lessons Learned with ARC, Denali and DRA

Lupine

Hear from representatives from the three commissions and various regional development organizations located in their service areas about programs and processes they are implementing.

Moderator: Tom Hunter, Appalachian Regional Commission, Washington, DC

George Cannelos, Denali Commission, Anchorage, AK

Bill Johnson, Delta Regional Authority, Montgomery, AL

Dan Neff, Appalachian Regional Commission, Washington, DC

Training • Sunday • October 5

9:30 - Noon

Policy Officials Professional Development Lab

Denali

This session will offer policy officials who serve on regional development organization boards insights and information useful in their leadership roles.

Moderator: Rodney Kirtley, Barren River, Area Development District, Bowling Green, KY

Panelist: Dennis McMillian, Foraker Group, Anchorage, AK

9:30 - Noon

Executive Director Professional Development Lab

Aleutian

This workshop will explore strategies and models for positioning your regional development organization for the future.

Moderator: Matthew Chase, National Association of Development Organizations, Washington, D.C.

Panelists: Jim Mylott, Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council, Parkersburg, WV

Joe McKinney, Land-of-Sky Regional Council, Asheville, NC

Ken Sweet, Northern Arizona Council of Governments, Flagstaff, AZ

Training • Monday • October 6

9:00 - 10:30 am

Opening Plenary Session: Shaping the Public Sector Role in Regional Development

**Alaska
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Thomas K. Wright, Regional Plan Association, New York, NY

The Honorable Mark Begich, Municipality of Anchorage, Anchorage, AK

10:45 am - Noon

Power to the People: Developing a Regional Strategic Vision for Renewable and Alternative Energy

Dillingham

Join your peers in a session aimed at addressing which solutions to the energy crisis are best for your region.

Moderator: Jennifer Beck Walker, Purchase Area Development District, Mayfield, KY

Panelists: Joe McKinney, Land-of-Sky Regional Council, Asheville, NC

Meera Kohler, Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, Inc., Anchorage, AK

A (Work)force to be Contended With: Challenges for Today's Employers

Katmai

Attend this session for valuable tips about working with a new workforce while also learning steps for incorporating workforce enhancement into your economic strategies.

Moderator: Diane Rekowski, Executive Director, Northeast Michigan Council of Governments, Gaylord, MI

Panelists: John Chamberlin, Corbett, OR

Wanda Land, Mississippi Development Authority, Jackson, MS

Transportation Opportunities for Joining the Global Economy

Attend this session to learn how regional development organizations are working to enhance transportation investments to improve economic potential in their regions.

Moderator: Eric Bridges, North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission, Ridgway, PA

Panelist: Jerrod Haberman, Panhandle Area Development District, Gering, NE

King
Salmon

Program Area Networking Forum: Emergency Preparedness/Homeland Security

Join your peers to learn about their strategies for mitigating and responding to such disasters, and to share your experiences as well.

Facilitators: Doug Elliott, East Central Iowa Council of Governments, Cedar Rapids, IA

Stan McGee, Acadiana Regional Development District, Lafayette, LA

The Honorable Knox Winton Ross, Jr., Pelahatchie, MS

Aspen/
Spruce

2:00 - 3:15 pm

Charting the Course for Regional Water Supply and Quality

Collect ideas on ways that you can develop a platform for making sure there is safe and drinkable water.

Moderator: Betty Riley, South Central Oregon Economic Development District, Klamath Falls, OR

Panelists: James Baldwin, Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission, Lebanon, VA

Patty O'Donnell, Northwest Michigan Council of Governments, Traverse City, MI

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Diversifying Your Portfolio

Learn about new ways to increase revenue that work and make a difference to an organization's financial well-being.

Moderator: Eric Senger, Northeast Council of Governments, Aberdeen, SD

Panelists: Rick Hunsaker, Region XII Council of Governments, Carroll, IA

Randy Kelley, Three Rivers Planning Development District, Pontotoc, MS

Katmai

Mapping the Next Wave of GIS Technology

Here from GIS experts and from peers that are on the edge of the GIS wave.

Moderator: Amy Kennedy, Buffalo Trace Area Development District, Maysville, KY

Panelists: Ryan Hartley, First District Association of Local Governments, Watertown, SD

Pete Fellows, Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission, Woodstock, VT

King
Salmon

Program Area Networking Forum: Dimensions and Dynamics of Aging Programs

Join your peers to learn about new approaches to program delivery, as well as the many services that today's aging programs entail.

Facilitator: Rick Green, Upper Savannah Council of Governments, Greenwood, SC

Aspen/
Spruce

3:30 - 4:45 pm

Fiduciary Responsibility

Learn how RDO executive staff and board can avoid being sued for breach of fiduciary duty.

Moderator: Misty Casto, Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District, Reno, OH

Panelist: Steve Mahoney, Foraker Group, Anchorage, AK

Dillingham

Handling Personnel Issues in a Politically Correct World

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.

Moderator: Wendy Askins, Upper Cumberland Development District, Cookeville, TN

Panelist: John Chamberlin, Corbett, OR

Katmai

Sustainability: The Future of Brownfields

This interactive session is designed to help stakeholders from rural communities learn how to encourage, fund and initiate brownfield green building opportunities locally.

Moderator: TBD

Panelists: Sven-Erik Kaiser, Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC

Sandeep Dey, West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission, Muskegon, MI

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Program Area Networking Forum: Building A Strong State Association

This session will provide an in-depth look at how to form a state association and make it work for you.

Facilitator: Hubert Quintana, Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District/COG, Roswell, NM

Aspen/
Spruce

8:45 - 10:15 am

Plenary Session: Alaska Innovations Present Promises for Lower 48

Alaska

This session will explore Alaska's programs and projects that present promises for the rest of the nation.

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10:30 - 11:45 am

Regional Air Quality Programs: A Breath of Fresh Air

Dillingham

Learn about pro-active roles of regional councils to assure clean air throughout their regions.

Moderator: Lisa Dawson, Northeast Oregon Economic Development District, Enterprise, OR

Panelists: Virginia Booker, Piedmont Triad Council of Governments, Greensboro, NC
Hon. Jay P. Millikin, Chair, Comal County, New Braunfels, TX

Finding Capital for Local Businesses

King Salmon

Learn how regional councils are finding new pots of money and how they are combining resources to help local businesses flourish.

Moderator: Lynne Keller Forbes, South Eastern Council of Governments, Sioux Falls, SD

Panelists: Myron Schuster, Northwest Regional Planning Commission, Spooner, WI
Ted Hendricks, East Central Idaho Planning and Development Association, Rexburg, ID
Robert Pothier, Entrepreneurial Center, Rexburg, ID

Coordinating Investments: Transportation and Your CEDS

Katmai

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.

Moderator: Amy Stoner, Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments, Maryville, MO

Panelists: Norm Walzer, Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL
Melissa Henriksen, Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL
Laura Lewis Marchino, Region 9 Economic Development District, Durango, CO
Ed Morlan, Region 9 Economic Development District, Durango, CO

1:00 - 2:00 pm

Program Area Networking Forum: RLFs: Making a Difference in Rural Communities

Lupine

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.

Facilitator: Tom Higginbotham, Jr., Northeast Nebraska EDD, Norfolk, NE

2:00 - 3:15 pm

Closing Plenary: Positioning Your Organization within Your Region

Alaska

This session will explore how regional development organizations in Georgia, Idaho and South Carolina are working to position their organizations for the future.

Moderator: Wayne Strickland, Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, Roanoke, VA

Panelists: Ron Mitchum, Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments, North Charleston, SC
Kathleen Simko, Sage Community Resources, Garden City, ID
Jim Dove, Northeast Georgia Regional Development Center, Athens, GA

Friday, October 3

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Executive Committee Meeting

Chart Room

Saturday, October 4

Policy Roundtable Discussion Groups

9:00 – 10:20 am

• Community and Economic Development **Aleutian**

• NADO Research Foundation **Prince William**

• Homeland Security and Emergency Management **Lupine**

10:30 – 11:45 am

• Transportation **Lupine**

• Rural Development and Farm Bill **Aleutian**

4:00 – 6:00 pm

Board of Directors Meeting

Aleutian

Sunday, October 5

8:00 – 9:15 am

Regional Membership Caucus Meetings

- East **Prince William**
- Midwest **Fireweed**
- Southeast **Alaska**
- Southwest **Lupine**
- West **Cook Inlet**

9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Nominating Committee

Cook Inlet

Tuesday, October 7

3:30 – 5:30 pm

Annual Business Meeting

Aleutian

2008 – 2009 Board Meeting (immediately following the business meeting)

Bristol Bay

Tuesday, October 7

3:30 - 5:30 pm

Aleutian

Agenda

Presiding Leanne Mazer, President

Minutes Tim Ware, Secretary

Treasurer's Report Russ Cowley, Treasurer

Membership Report and Recognition of Platinum Members and Upgrades Mike Norton, Second Vice President

Legislative Update Jason Boehlert, Legislative Director

State of the Association Report Matthew Chase, Executive Director

Nominating Committee Report Jack Scriber, Chair

Election of Officers Leanne Mazer

Announcement of 2008 – 2009 Board Leanne Mazer

Other Business Leanne Mazer

Note: Voting Credentials

Voting delegates must turn in completed credentials forms at the NADO registration desk to receive their voting delegate ribbon. Voting delegates sit in a specially marked section during the Annual Business Meeting on Tuesday and vote for officers of NADO. Only voting delegates wearing a green ribbon will be allowed to vote, but all conference registrants are encouraged to attend the business meeting.

The 2008 – 2009 Board of Directors Meeting will convene in Bristol Bay immediately following the Annual Business Meeting.

James A. Baldwin, Executive Director, Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission (CPPDC), P.O. Box 548, Lebanon, VA 24266; 276.889.8125; 276.889.5732 (fax)

Jim Baldwin has been with CPPDC since 1972, serving as Director of Planning from 1982 to 2006 and as Executive Director since July 2006. During his tenure, public water service has increased from 25 percent of homes to nearly 70 percent of homes in his district. Baldwin holds a bachelor's degree in government from the College of William and Mary.

Honorable Mark Begich, Mayor, Anchorage, Alaska, 632 W. 6th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501

Mayor Mark Begich has owned and operated several businesses in Alaska before being elected mayor of Anchorage. While in office, he has improved public safety, created jobs, stimulated economic development and relieved traffic congestion. Begich was first elected to the Anchorage Assembly in 1988 at age 26. During his 10 years in elected municipal office, he focused on strengthening Anchorage's economy, creating new opportunities for young Alaskans and sound fiscal management.

Virginia G. Booker, Assistant Director, Piedmont Triad Council of Governments (COG), 2216 W. Meadowview Road, Greensboro, NC 27407; 336.294.4950; 336.632.0457 (fax); gbooker@ptcog.org

Virginia Booker is responsible for zoning and land use planning and supervision of the COG's environmental programs. She also organizes and manages the Triad Air Quality Early Action Compact. Booker is a graduate of the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Greensboro and the UNC School of Law.

Martin Buser, Four-Time Iditarod Champion, P.O. Box 520997, Mile 4.5 West Lakes Boulevard, Big Lake, AK 99652; 907.892.7899; martin@buserdog.com

Martin Buser came to Alaska in 1979 to enhance his knowledge of care and training of sled dogs. He ran his first Iditarod in 1980. Buser and his family reside in Big Lake, Alaska, where they own and manage Happy Trails Kennel. He also speaks with youth on the humanitarian care of animals and the spirit of the Iditarod.

George Cannelos, Federal Co-Chair, Denali Commission, 511 L Street, Ste. 410, Anchorage, AK 99501;

George Cannelos began his career in Alaska in 1975 with the Department of Community and Regional Affairs. He completed planning and community development projects in over 50 Alaskan communities in public and private sectors. Cannelos earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Lewis and Clark College and a master's degree in regional planning from the University of Pennsylvania.

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John Chamberlin provides consulting and legal services focused on workforce development, welfare reform, education reform and community development. He has worked with over 200 cities, 30 states and 200 private industry councils. Chamberlin holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and history from the University of Illinois and a law degree from Lewis and Clark School of Law.

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Sandeep Dey held numerous development positions, in both the private and public sectors before joining the West Michigan Shoreline RDC. He holds a master's degree in economics from the University of Rochester, New York, and a bachelor's degree in economics from the Maxwell School of Public Affairs, Syracuse University, New York.

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Jim Dove has served as Executive Director of the Northeast Georgia RDC since 1987. During his tenure, he has overseen the expansion of the Northeast Georgia RDC from ten counties and forty-seven cities to its current twelve counties and fifty-four cities, with a population of 560,000. Dove holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Georgia.

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Doug Elliott has been the executive director of the ECICOG since 1994, and previously spent five years as the executive director of the North Iowa Area Council of Governments in Mason City, Iowa. Elliott holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa in political science with a minor in sociology. He received a master's degree from the University of Illinois at Springfield in community arts management.

Benjamin Erulkar, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development and Chief Operating Officer, U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, 1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230

Benjamin Erulkar directs and coordinates all operations of EDA. He was previously EDA's Chief Counsel where he managed EDA's legal practice and policy. Erulkar holds a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, an M.A. with Distinction in international relations from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, and an A.B. magna cum laude in government from Harvard University.

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Pete Fellows is currently the GIS Manager for Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission which serves 30 towns and 58,000 people in east-central Vermont. He has worked in GIS and planning for nine years. Fellows holds degrees in geography from St. Lawrence University and Syracuse University.

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Rick Green has fourteen years of experience managing local government services in South Carolina. He has worked on projects ranging from transportation to comprehensive planning and economic development initiatives. He holds a bachelor's degree from Wofford College and a master's degree in city and regional planning from Clemson University.

Jerrold Haberman, Executive Director, Panhandle Area Development District, 1432 10th Street, Gering NE 69341; 308.436.6584; jerroldh@charterinternet.com

Jerrold Haberman has been involved with the "Heartland Expressway," a Federal High Priority Corridor, and the "Great Plains International Trade Corridor," a coalition of three Federal High Priority Corridors. He holds a master's degree in transportation/land use planning from the University of Toledo and a bachelor's degree in geo-studies and economics from Wayne State College.

Ryan Hartley, GIS Coordinator, First District Association of Local Governments, P.O. Box 1207, Watertown, SD 57201; 605.882.5115; 605.882.5049 (fax); ryan@1stdistrict.org

Ryan Hartley began his career in 1995 as a GIS Specialist for First District and became GIS Coordinator in 1997. Hartley has extensive experience in technical and analytic topics and a detailed functional understanding of ESRI ArcGIS software and data models. He graduated from South Dakota State University with a major in geography and minors in GIS and computer science.

Ted Hendricks, Executive Director, East Central Idaho Planning and Development Agency, 299 E. 4th N., Rexburg, ID 83440; 208.356.4524 x312; 208.356.4544 (fax); ted.hendricks@ecipda.net

Ted Hendricks has worked to bring grants and loan assistance to cities and counties in the region amounting to millions of dollars. Hendricks holds a bachelor's degree in organizational communication from the University of Utah and an Undergraduate Certificate in public administration and personnel management.

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Melissa Henriksen has a diverse municipal background including experiences in community and economic development, technical assistance, strategic and comprehensive planning and grant writing. Henriksen holds a bachelor's degree in political communication/public relations and a master's degree in public policy from the University of Northern Iowa.

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Thomas Higginbotham has been with NENEDD since 2000, serving as Executive Director since 2005. Higginbotham is a Certified CDBG, HOME administrator and has successfully completed the National Development Council (NDC) HD410 Homeownership Finance course. Prior to joining NENEDD he worked in the public accounting field. Higginbotham holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from DeVry Institute of Technology.

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Rick Hunsaker has served as Executive Director of Region XII COG in Carroll, Iowa since 1995, having previously held various positions in that agency. In addition to housing, transportation, and community and economic development services, Region XII COG administers the public transit agency for the six county region and is also the provider of all Workforce Investment Act titles. Hunsaker received bachelor's and master's degrees from Drake University.

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Tom Hunter oversees a wide range of programs, including projects in education and workforce training, highway construction, water and sewer system construction, leadership development, small business start-ups and expansions, and enhancement of healthcare resources. Before joining ARC, Hunter was manager of the Community Growth and Jobs Department of the Tennessee Valley Authority. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

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Bill Johnson served as Assistant Director of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) until being appointed as Director of the agency in 2005. ADECA manages more than \$200 million in federal grant dollars each year with some 230 employees. Johnson holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Spring Hill College.

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Randy Kelley has been the executive director of the Three Rivers Planning and Development District, Inc. since 1976. His organization was instrumental in organizing the Three Rivers Solid Waste Management Authority, of which Three Rivers serves as the administrative agency. Kelley holds a bachelor's degree in Banking and Finance and a master's degree in Urban Planning from the University of Mississippi.

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Meera Kohler's career in the electric utility business spans almost 30 years, mostly in rural Alaska. She has been the chief executive officer of three Alaskan utilities and has been at AVEC since 2000. Kohler holds a bachelor's degree in economics and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Delhi, India.

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Wanda Land has worked in the state and local workforce development arena since 1979. She has served as the Director of the Office of Grant Management at the Mississippi Department of Employment Security and the Director of the Mississippi Development Authority's Employment Training Division. She graduated from Mississippi State University.

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John Madden was appointed to his current position in 2007. He previously served as the Deputy Director for Homeland Security within the division. His state service follows a distinguished career in seven federal agencies. Most recently, he served with the Transportation Security Administration as Assistant Federal Security Director for Operations. He coordinated security policies, procedures, plans and exercises with federal, state, and local agencies throughout Alaska.

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Steve Mahoney retired from ARCO Alaska where he served as the company's Vice President of Tax and is currently "of counsel" with Hughes Thorsness in Anchorage. He holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and computer sciences from Pennsylvania State University and earned a J.D. at the University of San Francisco.

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Laura Lewis Marchino began her career in broadcast journalism before making the move from television to building the capacity of regional nonprofits. She joined the Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado in 2005, and is the Assistant Director. She holds a bachelor's degree in journalism and mass communications and a master's degree in business administration.

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Stan McGee oversees a multi-million dollar workforce development program that covers seven parishes in south Louisiana and manages a grant and loan fund to assist small businesses that suffered economic and physical damages as a result of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Gustav. McGee holds a bachelor's degree in business psychology and management from the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

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Joe McKinney has seventeen years experience in local government, having served in city, county, and regional government management since 1991. He was appointed the Executive Director of Land-of-Sky Regional Council in 2003. McKinney holds a bachelor's degree in public policy analysis from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is a candidate for a master's degree in public administration from UNC-Chapel Hill.

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Jay Millikin served 24 years in the United States Air Force as a Commissioned Personnel Officer. He has extensive experience in government, serving as a City Councilman and Mayor of the Garden Ridge, Texas. Milliken holds bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from Ohio State University and Webster University.

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Ronald Mitchum has more than 16 years of experience with issues related to regional economic development and has been an active member of NADO for the last 14 years. He began his career with the organization in 1990 as a technical assistance specialist. Mitchum holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of South Carolina.

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Ed Morlan oversees the administration of the corporation, business loan fund, SW Colorado Enterprise Zone, Planning and Technical Assistance Program through the Economic Development Administration, and the Southwest Regional Transportation Commission. He holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and elementary education from Western State College.

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Patty O'Donnell develops and implements planning programs and projects such as environmental planning, joint governmental planning, solid waste, pollution prevention and energy efficiency. She was formerly the Environmental Stewardship Director of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and the President of Great Lakes United. O'Donnell holds a bachelor's degree in biology and conservation from Central Michigan University.

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Bill Popp has spent more than 30 years in both the Alaska private and public sectors. In his current position, he sets the strategic direction in marketing Anchorage and Alaska to companies and global industries considering Anchorage as a place in which to do business. Popp also assists local businesses looking to expand outside of Alaska. He also has private industry experience as a small business owner.

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Norman Walzer has published extensively on infrastructure issues including roads and bridges, local public finance, entrepreneurship and economic development. He is working on a national scan that examines how transportation is included in CEDS documents. He earned a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Illinois (Urbana).

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Aging, Health and Human Services

Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC): **Northeast Minnesota Active Living Community Vision Project**
 Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley RDD: **Healthy IDEAS and Healthy U Evidence-Based Programs**
 Georgia Mountains Regional Development Center: **Health Access Initiative Physician and Pharmaceutical Patient Data**
 Mid-Minnesota Development Commission: **Falls Prevention Program for Older Adults**
 Pennyrile Area Development District: **Pennyrile Elder Abuse Council**
 Sonoma County Economic Development Board: **Sonoma County Employers' Coalition on Health**
 Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District: **Senior Citizen GPS/GIS Mapping Project**

Arts and Culture

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: **Rutland's Creative Economy**
 Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District: **Arts Recovery Project**

Business Development and Entrepreneurship

Denali Commission: **Alaska Marketplace**
 East Central Planning and Development District: **Neshoba Business Enterprise Center**
 Middle Georgia Regional Development Center: **Enterprise Zones/Opportunity Zones**
 North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning & Development Commission: **Strategic Counseling for At-Risk Businesses**
 Northern Arizona Council of Governments: **Economic Development Council B-3 Program**
 Northwest Commission: **Microloan Program**
 Region XII Council of Governments: **Valley Business Park Master Plan**
 South Carolina Appalachian Council of Governments: **PLAN-A-BIZ.org**
 South Delta Planning and Development District: **Community Development through Microloan Program**
 Southern Tier West Regional Planning and Development Board: **Southwest New York Entrepreneurship Development System**

Community, Economic and Social Development

Arrowhead Regional Development Commission: **Itasca County Community Readiness Assessment**
 Central Mississippi Planning and Development District: **Terry Town Hall/Community Building**
 Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission: **2008 State of the Region - Central Ohio**
 Northeast Mississippi Planning and Development District: **Marshall County Strategic Planning Project**
 Northeast Mississippi Planning and Development District: **Town of Byhalia-Cargill Industrial Infrastructure Project**
 North Country Council: **Coos County Economic Action Plan**
 Rutland Regional Planning Commission: **Rutland Area Farm and Food Link**
 Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council: **Community Beautification and Economic Development**

Emergency Response

Lake Cumberland Area Development District: **Wolf Creek Dam**
 Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District: **Community Wildfire Protection Plan**

Environment

Eastern Carolina Council: **Sinkholes in Onslow County, North Carolina**
 Juneau Economic Development Council: **Cold Weather Concrete**
 SEDA Council of Government: **Energy Resource Center's High Performance Building**
 South Central Oregon Economic Development District: **Rural Renewable Energy Specialist**
 Southwest Regional Development Commission: **Local Water Management Plan Facilitation**
 Upper Savannah Council of Governments: **Upper Savannah Land Trust**

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Housing

Central Savannah River Area Regional Development Center: **Southwest Washington Urban Redevelopment Plan**
Northern Arizona Council of Government: **Privately-Funded Workforce Housing Assistance Program**

Intergovernmental

Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments: **BCD Reality Check**
Headwaters RDC's Center for Community Stewardship: **Bemidji Leads!**
Green River Area Development District: **Olomouc Kraj, Czech Republic Sister Region**
Northeast Georgia Regional Development Center: **Retreat Facilitation Service**
Northwest Commission: **Municipal Outreach Program**

Technology

Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission: **Managing IT Development in Rural Virginia**

Tourism

Central Mississippi Planning and Development District: **Town of Pelahatchie Tourism and Downtown Revitalization**
Georgia Mountains Regional Development Center: **North Georgia's Emerging Wine Industry**

Transportation

Hildago County MPO: **Incident Management and Public Involvement**
Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission: **Public Outreach and Promotion**
Kerr-Tar Council of Government: **North Carolina Strategic Prevention Framework**
Upper Cumberland Development District: **Regional Veterans Transportation Project**

Workforce Development

Buffalo Trace Area Development District: **TENCO WIA Regional Advancement Mapping Project**
Denali Commission: **Alaska Works Partnership, Inc.**
North Delta Development District, Inc.: **Northwest Community College/John Deere**
Northwest Piedmont Council of Governments: **ESL Connect: Community Linkage for ESL Success**
Northwest Piedmont Workforce Development Board: **Hispanic Skilled Trades Program**
South Delta Planning and Development District: **Faureceia Training Project**
Workforce Solutions Northeast Texas and the Arkansas Workforce Center: **Red River Army Depot**

Youth

Green River Area Development District: **Extreme Entrepreneurship Tour**

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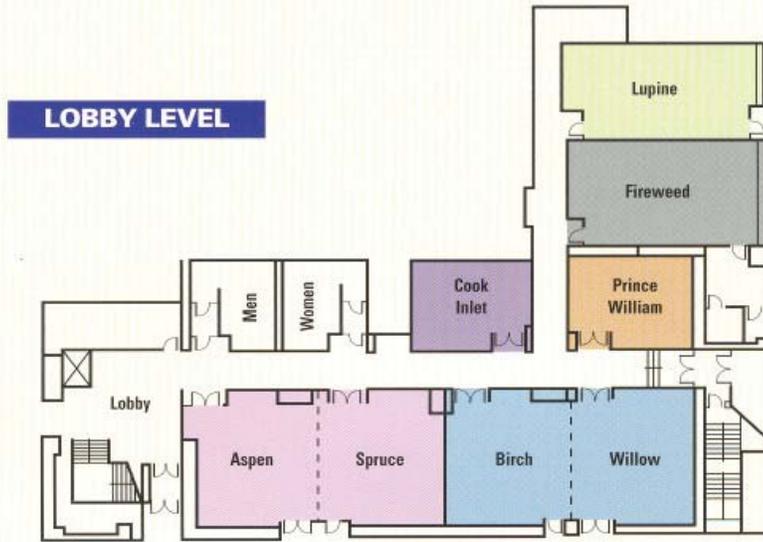
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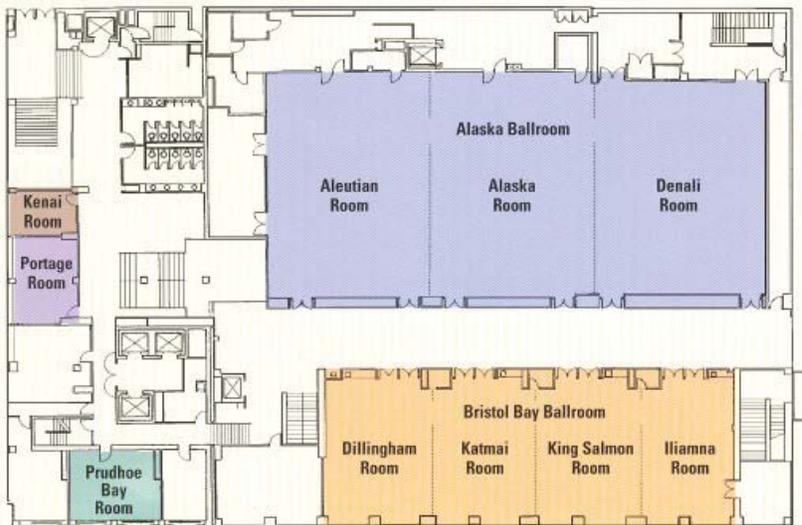
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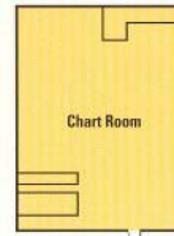


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Savannah, GA

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