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Director's Corner

For the past several months, I have had the opportunity to serve on a planning team for the EDA Denver Regional Conference. It will be held in Denver on July 31-August 3, 2016. Additional information about the conference is below.

Who should attend?

Join your regional development peers (Economic Development Districts, University Centers, RLFs, Tribal Planning Grantees, Regional Councils, Trade Adjustment Assistance Centers, and other regional development stakeholders) from the 10-state region of Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, Nebraska, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming at the Grand Hyatt Denver for three days of best practice exchanges, peer networking, and professional development training.

What is the conference about?

Topics to be covered include data sources and uses; effective grants management (including indirect cost rates and the new OMB grant guidelines); regional infrastructure eco-systems; RLF marketing, performance metrics, and collections; entrepreneurial economies; impact of demographic changes; strategic partnerships among EDDs, UCs, sovereign nations, and others; building resilient communities; exporting and the global economy; regional innovation strategies; CEDS and strategic plans; economic diversification of regional economies; and more.

Additionally, the conference will include **sessions with EDA staff** to address specific aspects of EDA program regulations. And, **several networking events** will let you reconnect with, or meet new, peers from around the region, visit with EDA staff from the Denver Regional Office, and **meet staff from other federal agencies** serving the 10-state region.

Two mobile workshops are being offered, one to learn about the exciting economic and community development efforts underway in one of Denver's oldest neighborhoods, **Lower Downtown (LoDo)** and the other to tour **Galvanize**, a combined tech start-up campus, co-working space, and training center. Please note that both mobile workshops require pre-registration and an additional fee.

And, **all new executive directors are invited to attend a special pre-conference workshop designed specifically for them** on Sunday, July 31st from 1:30 - 5:00 p.m. An additional fee and pre-registration are required to attend.

Space is Limited. Register Today to Attend: www.nado.org



SECOG Communities Awarded CDBG Grants

Gov. Dennis Daugaard awarded more than \$3.3 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to eight projects throughout South Dakota. The money, awarded locally to Bridgewater, Canistota, Viborg, and Vermillion, represents nearly half of the grant awards statewide.

“The CDBG program is meant to assist South Dakota communities with projects that help improve quality of life,” said Gov. Daugaard. “We’re very fortunate to have so many community-minded leaders across South Dakota, and I greatly appreciate their continued efforts to better their towns and cities.”

The CDBG awards in the South Eastern Council of Governments area include the following:

The city of Bridgewater will utilize a \$117,500 grant to assist the replacement of two blocks of iron water main piping with PVC mains.

The city of Canistota was approved for a \$396,550 grant that will assist the community’s Main Street improvement project, replacing water and sewer service lines.

The city of Viborg will utilize a \$515,000 grant to improve its water and wastewater systems.

The city of Vermillion plans to replace a portion of its downstream sewer system and its Prentis Street Lift Station with the help of a \$515,000 grant.

The CDBG program provides local governments with funding to complete projects that improve living conditions. The CDBG program is funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and administered by the Governor’s Office of Economic Development.

For more information about the CDBG program and other financing programs offered through the GOED, please visit www.secog.org.

2020 Census Redistricting Program

Public Law 94-171 stipulates that the U.S. Census Bureau work in a nonpartisan manner with the states to identify and provide the small-area data population counts necessary for legislative redistricting to each state one year after the Census (i.e., by April 1, 2021). These small areas have been identified by the states as voting districts and tabulation blocks. The Census Bureau provides each state with the 100 percent counts of total persons by race, Hispanic origin, voting age, and other data for each voting district and census block.

The Census Redistricting & Voting Rights Data Office works directly with the states to help them define the census blocks used to tabulate the 2020 Census data through the Block Boundary Suggestion Project. This project allows for the identification of geographical features to be used as block boundaries in the census geographic database. The creation of tabulation blocks, and the ability for states to provide input towards their creation, assists the Census Bureau in complying with its requirements.

In the past, several states found participating in the Redistricting Data Program (RDP) difficult due to inconsistencies between the boundaries as represented by census and their state and local databases. Stemming from that difficulty, the states recommended tighter coordination between the RDP and the Boundary and Annexation Survey. A framework has been created under which this coordination will occur by allowing the suggestions of place boundaries to come through the RDP.

The Planning Districts of South Dakota will be working with local entities, the state and the Census Bureau in the coming months to develop Census block boundary suggestions.

2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)



The Sioux Falls Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the South Dakota Department of Transportation (DOT) are in the process of drafting the 2017—2020 Transportation

Improvement Program (TIP) and Statewide Transportation Improvements Program (STIP). The TIP and STIP include prioritized listings of multimodal transportation improvement projects for streets and highways, public transportation, aviation, railroads, bicycles, and pedestrian.

Additional information on the MPO meetings can be found at <http://siouxfallsmmpo.org/>. Additional information on the SDDOT meetings can be found at <http://www.sddot.com/>. If you have any additional questions, please contact Amber at amber@secog.org or 605-367-5390.

Michelle McAvoy Joins SECOG Staff



Michelle McAvoy joined SECOG's staff in June as a Loan Assistant. In this position, Michelle will provide assistance to Dakota BUSINESS Finance and South Eastern Development Foundation staff in the servicing of loans.

Michelle earned her A.A.S. Legal Administrative Assistant Degree from St. Cloud Technical College and went on to earn her Bachelor of Science Degree in Paralegal Studies from National American University. Before joining SECOG, Michelle spent 12 years analyzing and processing surety bond claims.

Recent Funding in SECOG Region

	Project	DWSRF Loan	CWSRF Loan	CDBG
Bridgewater	Main Street Drinking Water Improvements	\$121,000		\$117,500
Canistota	Main Street Utility Improvements	\$96,000	\$378,000	\$396,550
Elk Point	Rose Street Utility Improvements	\$564,000	\$235,000	
Sioux Falls	Basin 14D Sanitary Sewer Sxtension		\$9,287,000	
Vermillion	Prentis Street Lift Station		\$812,000	\$515,000
Viborg	Sanitary Sewer and Drinking Water Improvements	\$606,000	\$105,000	\$515,000
Total		\$1,387,000	\$10,817,000	\$1,544,050

SEDF Develops Governor's Houses in Sioux Falls



South Eastern Development Foundation (SEDF) has purchased lots in the Grasslands Addition in northwest Sioux Falls. Governor's Houses are being placed on these lots to provide affordable housing within the City of Sioux Falls. Three of the Governor's Houses have been sold, and work has begun on six others. The three bedroom two bath houses will include a two car garage and all appliances for \$144,900.

Interested parties should contact Lynne Keller Forbes at 605-367-5390. For more information about the Governor's House program and eligibility requirements, visit the SECOG web-site at www.secog.org.

A three-bedroom two-bath Governor's House will also be on display at the Sioux Empire Fair from Friday, August 5, 2016, through Sunday, August 14.

See Us at the Fair!

Upcoming Project Deadlines

Please contact Leslie Mastroianni (Clay, McCook and Minnehaha) or Melissa Gibson (Lincoln, Turner and Union) if you are interested in applying for any of the following programs:

Aug 1	State Water Plan Application
Aug 26	Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant
Oct 1	State Water Plan Application
Oct 1	DENR Funding Application
Oct 1	CDBG Application



Shown above is a recently sold Governor's House located in the Grasslands Addition.

Dakota BUSINESS Finance and SEDF Approve Additional Loans

Minerva's

Financing Source: Dakota BUSINESS Finance

Purpose: Purchase building

Community: Sioux Falls

Participating Lender: Brent Reilly with First Dakota Bank



Foley's

Financing Source: Dakota BUSINESS Finance

Purpose: Purchase building

Community: Sioux Falls

Participating Lender: Brent Reilly with First Dakota Bank



Stensland Family Farms

Financing Source: South Eastern Development Foundation and Dakota BUSINESS Finance

Purpose: Leasehold improvements and equipment purchase

Community: Sioux Falls

Participating Lender: Nancy Bitterman with First Bank & Trust



Hot Springs KOA

Financing Source: Dakota BUSINESS Finance

Purpose: Purchase campground

Community: Hot Springs

Participating Lender: Heidi McBride with First Interstate Bank



Dakota BUSINESS Finance and SEDF Approve Additional Loans

Jones Family Eye Care

Financing Source: Dakota BUSINESS Finance

Purpose: Construct new facility

Community: Sioux Falls

Participating Lender: Scott Speer with First National Bank in Sioux Falls



North Sioux City Super 8

Financing Source: Dakota BUSINESS Finance

Purpose: Purchase existing hotel

Community: North Sioux City

Participating Lender: Jeff Priebe with First Dakota Bank



Last Chance Auction & Event Center

Financing Source: Dakota BUSINESS Finance

Purpose: Purchase and renovate existing building

Community: Sioux Falls

Participating Lender: Eric Hansen with Dacotah Bank



Dakota BUSINESS Finance and SEDF Approve Additional Loans

Vermillion Area Chamber of Commerce and Development Corporation

Financing Source: South Eastern Development Foundation

Purpose: Construction finance for remodel

Community: Vermillion

Participating Lender: First Dakota National Bank



Honey Baked Ham

Financing Source: South Eastern Development Foundation

Purpose: Business Purchase

Community: Sioux Falls

Participating Lender: First Dakota National Bank



KeyMedia Solutions

Financing Source: South Eastern Development Foundation

Purpose: Working Capital

Community: Sioux Falls

Participating Lender: MetaBank





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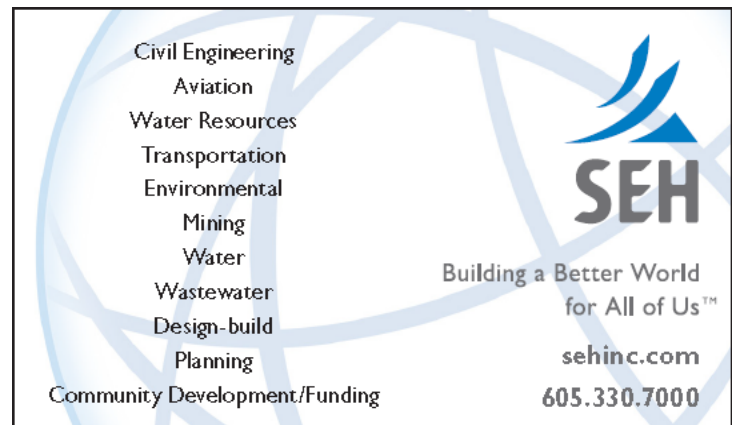
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SECOG Calendar

CAC Meeting August 10

TAC & UDC Meeting August 11

SEDF Board Meeting August 18

DBF Board Meeting August 18

SECOG Board Meeting September 7

CAC Meeting September 14

TAC & UDC Meeting September 15

SEDF Board Meeting September 15

DBF Board Meeting September 15

CAC-Citizens Advisory Committee

DBF-Dakota BUSINESS Finance

SECOG-South Eastern Council of Governments

SEDF-South Eastern Development Foundation

TAC-Technical Advisory Committee

UDC-Urbanized Development Commission



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