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Director's Corner

SECOG is excited to invite its members to a Community Resource Fair on Wednesday, June 21st. Being a member of SECOG provides you with access to:

- Project Development and Funding Application Assistance
- Land Use Planning and Zoning Assistance
- Geographic Information Systems



With over 40 years of experience as a planning and development district, SECOG staff are ready to assist you with all of your project needs, and we look forward to seeing you at the Community Resource Fair.

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South Eastern Council of Governments (SECOG) Community Resource Fair

Wednesday, June 21st

4:00PM – 7:00PM

The Country Club of Sioux Falls

3400 W 22nd St

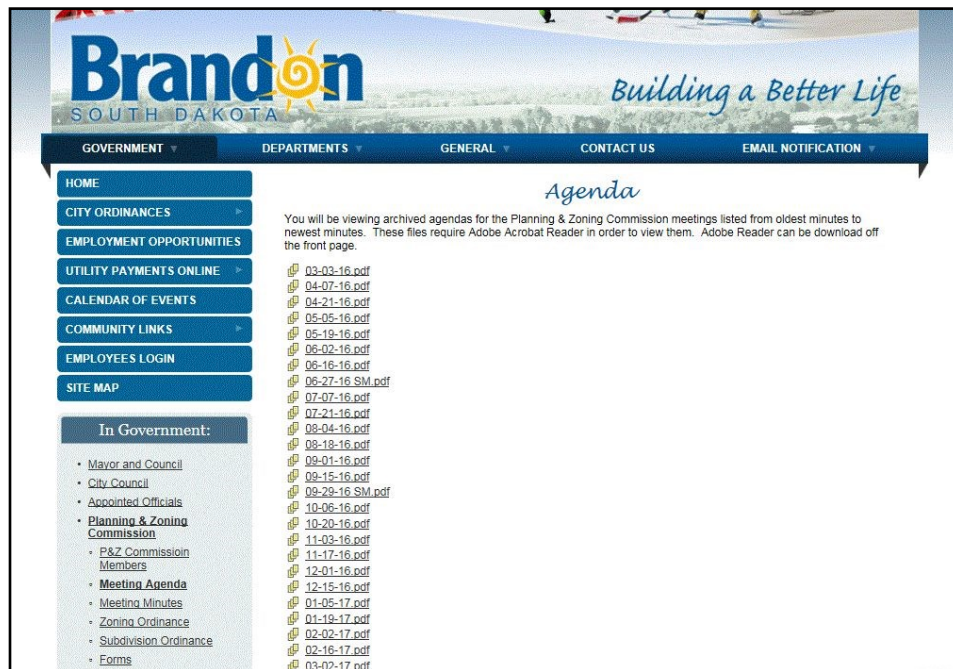
Sioux Falls, SD

Spend an afternoon with SECOG and officials from state and federal funding programs. An overview of each grant and loan program will be provided at 4:00 pm. Following the presentations, you will have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with the state and federal funders as well as SECOG staff. This is an opportunity to discuss projects in your community while enjoying complimentary hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and great door prizes.

RSVP to Gabrielle Emmett at gabrielle@secog.org.

SAVE THE DATE

Your Website—Use It or Lose It



the authority to exercise any sovereign power derived from state law.” As such, this definition is quite broad and likely includes your primary governing body, the appointed planning commission, and board of adjustment created by the zoning ordinance. Therefore, the proposed agenda for any official meetings of these groups is required to be posted on your website, if such a website exists.

What is a Public Body’s Website?

This is a subject without much, if any, elaboration by the courts; however, a “public body’s web-

Does your county or municipality have a website? If yes, do you know whether it complies with South Dakota’s Open Meetings Law? According to SDCL 1-25-1.1, “All public bodies...shall provide public notice, with proposed agenda, that is visible, readable, and accessible for at least an entire, continuous twenty-four hours immediately preceding any meeting, by posting a copy of the notice, visible to the public at the principal office of the public body holding the meeting. The proposed agenda shall include the date, time, and location of the meeting. *The notice shall also be posted on the public body’s website upon dissemination of the notice, if such a website exists.*” (emphasis added). This article is designed to provide you with a basic understanding of which public bodies are subject to the law and what may constitute a “public body’s website” for purposes of this statute.

What is a Public Body? According to SDCL 1-25-1, a public body refers to “any association, authority, board, commission, committee, council, task force, school district, county, city, town, township, or other agency of the state, which is created or appointed by statute, ordinance, or resolution and is vested with

site” is potentially any website that a reasonable person may infer the local government entity owns or controls, even if this is, in fact, not the case. For example, a municipal employee may have taken the initiative and used public funds to set up an official-looking website years ago, but it has long since been abandoned either intentionally or simply because the municipality never formally recognized its existence. Assuming it still exists on the internet, it’s possible that failure to post relevant meeting notices on this website may, at a minimum, be deemed a violation of the Open Meetings Act. It’s also possible that such a ruling may serve as grounds for invalidating an ordinance or determination if a court feels that failure to provide notice of the relevant meeting on the website equates to a failure of the local government entity to follow proper procedures in accordance with state law. Whether your website complies with the Open Meetings Act is a matter to be addressed with your attorney; however, if you have any questions about your local regulations generally, please contact Patrick Andrews at patrick@secog.org or (605) 367-5390.

SEDF Honored by Habitat for Humanity



South Eastern Development Foundation was recently recognized by Habitat for Humanity for its partnership in neighborhood revitalizations. SEDF has partnered with Habitat for Humanity on several projects to build fences and paint the exterior of a home. Pictured above are SEDF board members Matt Mueller, Ryan Ammann, Lynne Keller Forbes (Executive Director), Lee Ferguson (Habitat for Humanity), Jason Appel, and Todd Running.

Keller Forbes Named Top 25 Women in Business

Lynne Keller Forbes was named one of the Top 25 Women in Business by Prairie Business Magazine in 2017. Each year, candidates for the award are nominated and judged on multiple factors. Career accomplishments, community and professional involvement, volunteerism, commitment to local or regional causes, and awards or recognition both inside and outside the candidates' professional lives are assessed.

Lynne Keller Forbes has been the Executive Director of the SECOG in Sioux Falls since 2001. SECOG serves six counties in the southeast corner of South Dakota and is the entity responsible for the Sioux Falls Area MPO. Keller Forbes also serves as the Executive Director of SEDF, a regional revolving loan fund that provides financing for businesses and develops affordable housing,

and DBF, which provides financing through the Small Business Administration's 504 loan program.

She is president of the National Association of Development Organizations, serves on the Sioux Falls MPO Technical Advisory Committee and is a member of the Des Moines Federal Home Loan Bank Housing Advisory Board. Keller Forbes teaches Junior Achievement, is a volunteer driver for the Drive to Help program and is a United Way Heart Club member. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from St. Leo College in St. Leo, Florida, and a Juris Doctor from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. She is also a licensed real estate broker and certified economic development and housing development finance professional.

Recent Funding in SECOG Region

DENR Awards: At its March 30th and 31st board meetings, the state Board of Water and Natural Resources approved a total of \$94.6 million in grants and loans for water and waste projects. Grants and loans were awarded to the following communities:

- ◇ **Centerville** - A \$240,000 loan for Main Street storm sewer improvements.
- ◇ **Colton** - A \$1.385 million loan for sanitary sewer replacement and an \$815,000 grant and \$500,000 loan for drinking water main replacement for the 1st and Main Street projects
- ◇ **Humboldt** - A \$272,000 loan for water meter replacement.
- ◇ **Sioux Falls** - A \$11 million loan for primary digester cover and mixer improvements and \$559,125 for nonpoint source improvements in the Big Sioux River Basin.
- ◇ **Salem** - A \$2.556 million loan for wastewater collection improvements and a \$500,000 grant and \$302,000 loan for drinking water distribution improvements.
- ◇ **Worthing** - A \$120,000 loan with \$90,000 in principal forgiveness for water meter replacement.

GOED Economic Development Partnership Program (EDPP): SEDF was awarded a \$166,667 EDPP grant from GOED to recapitalize SEDF's regional revolving loan fund.

SEDF Receives IRP Loan



SEDF was recently awarded a \$500,000 low-interest loan from the Intermediary Relending Program (USDA). Pictured above are Dana Kleinsasser, Rural Business and Cooperative Programs Director (USDA), Claudette Fernandez, Deputy Administrator for Business Programs (USDA), Jason Appel, SEDF President, Bruce Jones, Acting State Director (USDA), and Lynne Keller Forbes, SEDF Executive Director.

Small Community Planning Grant

DENR established the Small Community Planning Grant to fund project specific engineering reports that allow a community to take a proactive approach to water and wastewater infrastructure management. The funds may also be used to conduct a utility rate analysis and review using the Show-me Ratemaker™.

The Small Community Planning Grants are available to those communities serving a population of 2,500 or fewer. Eligible communities may receive up to 80 percent of the cost of the study once the study is complete with a limit of \$8,000 for drinking water studies and \$10,000 for wastewater-related studies. This grant is not available for projects already on the State Water Plan.

Planners at the SECOG are available to help eligible communities prepare funding applications. Applications are accepted year-round and funded any time after DENR review of the application. In Minnehaha, McCook and Clay Counties contact Leslie Mastroianni at leslie@secog.org. In Union, Turner and Lincoln Counties, contact Melissa Gibson at melissa@secog.org regarding your eligibility or to begin the application process.

Erin Reilly Joins SECOG Staff



Erin Reilly has recently joined the SECOG staff as a Closing Officer. Erin graduated from South Dakota State University with a major in Political Science and a minor in Criminal Justice. Prior to coming to SECOG, Erin worked at Wells Fargo as a FHA consumer loan underwriter. Prior to Wells Fargo, Erin lived in Billings, MT and Nashville, TN and worked as a union life insurance agent for American Income Life. She decided to move back to South Dakota to be closer to family. Erin now lives in Lennox, SD with her husband and 3 sons, Ace, Jax and Tre. When not working she enjoys spending time with her kids, watching baseball, golfing and supporting the South Dakota State Jackrabbits! We welcome Erin in her new role.



Sioux Falls MPO 2016 Year End Report

The Sioux Falls Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) receives federal funding to conduct continuous, comprehensive, and cooperative transportation planning and programming activities for its study area, including the Cities of Brandon, Crooks, Harrisburg, Hartford, Sioux Falls, and Tea, as well as portions of Lincoln and Minnehaha Counties.

The 2016 Year End Report for the Sioux Falls MPO is now posted at: <http://siouxfallsmpo.org/resources/publications/>. Highlights of the transportation planning activities from 2016 include: continued work on the [I-229 Major Investment Study](#) and the [I-29 Exit 77 \(41st Street\) Interchange Study](#), and continued efforts to implement work activities to address the priorities identified in the [Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan](#). Additional information on these activities and more can be found at <http://siouxfallsmpo.org/>. Overall, the Sioux Falls MPO completed just under \$2 million in transportation planning activities in 2016, which continues work to improve a coordinated multi-modal transportation system in the region.

2018-2021 TIP

The Sioux Falls Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the South Dakota Department of Transportation (DOT) are in the process of drafting the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Statewide Transportation Improvement 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.

Communities in the SECOG region (Clay, Lincoln, McCook, Minnehaha, Turner, and Union Counties) are encouraged to attend the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 27th, at 3:00 p.m. in the SECOG Board Room. At this meeting, DOT staff will present the transportation improvements projects included in the draft 2018-2021 STIP for the SECOG region. There will also be time for discussion and questions.

The draft 2018-2021 TIP, which includes transportation improvements projects for the MPO area (Brandon, Crooks, Harrisburg, Hartford, Sioux Falls, Tea, and portions of Lincoln and Minnehaha Counties), will be presented to the MPO committees in July, including a public hearing to be held during the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee.

DOT will also be holding public meetings across the State and via webinar to present the draft 2018-2021 STIP. The schedule of public meetings can be viewed at <http://sddot.com/transportation/highways/planning/stip/docs/STIP-pmdates20182021.pdf>.

Additional information on the MPO meetings can be found at <http://siouxfallsmpo.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.

NADO Presents 2017 Legislator of the Year Award

During the National Association of Development Organization's Washington Policy Conference on March 21, Senator Jon Tester (D-MT) was presented with the 2017 NADO Legislator of the Year Award.

Senator Tester is an outspoken advocate for rural America and small businesses. He has made rural growth and prosperity a cornerstone of his work in the Senate, championing rural development issues within the Senate Democratic Caucus and before the Senate Veterans' Affairs, Indian Affairs, Banking, and Appropriations Committees.

Senator Thad Cochran (R-MS) was also recognized as a NADO 2017 Legislator of the Year.



L to R: Joe McKinney, NADO Executive Director, Senator Jon Tester, Lynne Keller Forbes, President

Dakota BUSINESS Finance and SEDF Approve Additional Loans

Justice Fire & Safety

Financing Source: Dakota BUSINESS Finance and SEDF

Purpose: Purchase existing real estate, working capital to support business purchase

Community: Sioux Falls

Participating Lender: David Painter with Reliabank



Straightlines Custom Restoration, Inc.

Financing Source: Dakota BUSINESS Finance

Purpose: Purchase land and construct a new building

Community: Tea

Participating Lender: Chris Nickles with Plains Commerce Bank



Dakota BUSINESS Finance and SEDF Approve Additional Loans

Travelodge

Financing Source: Dakota BUSINESS Finance

Purpose: Purchase existing hotel

Community: Spearfish

Participating Lender: Ryan Schneiders with Plains Commerce Bank



Dakota Cowboy Inn

Financing Source: Dakota BUSINESS Finance

Purpose: Purchase existing hotel

Community: Custer

Participating Lender: Tom Lessin with First National Bank



Roosevelt Inn

Financing Source: Dakota BUSINESS Finance

Purpose: Purchase and renovate existing hotel

Community: Keystone

Participating Lender: Josh Anderson with MetaBank



Gibson Boats of South Dakota

Financing Source: Dakota BUSINESS Finance

Purpose: Purchase existing equipment

Community: Harrisburg

Participating Lender: Steve Hanley with Quoin Financial Bank



Dakota BUSINESS Finance and SEDF Approve Additional Loans

Nyberg's Ace Hardware

Financing Source: Dakota BUSINESS Finance

Purpose: Purchase existing building and complete renovations

Community: Sioux Falls

Participating Lender: Terry Cleberg with Great Western Bank



Thrivent Financial-Mark Schlueter

Financing Source: South Eastern Development Foundation

Purpose: Purchase existing building

Community: Sioux Falls

Participating Lender: Keith Portner with MetaBank



Legacy Law Firm, PC

Financing Source: Dakota BUSINESS Finance

Purpose: Construct new building

Community: Sioux Falls

Participating Lender: Lance Bialis with Security State Bank



Garbage-N-More, LLC

Financing Source: South Eastern Development Foundation

Purpose: Purchase sanitation truck and equipment

Community: Garretson





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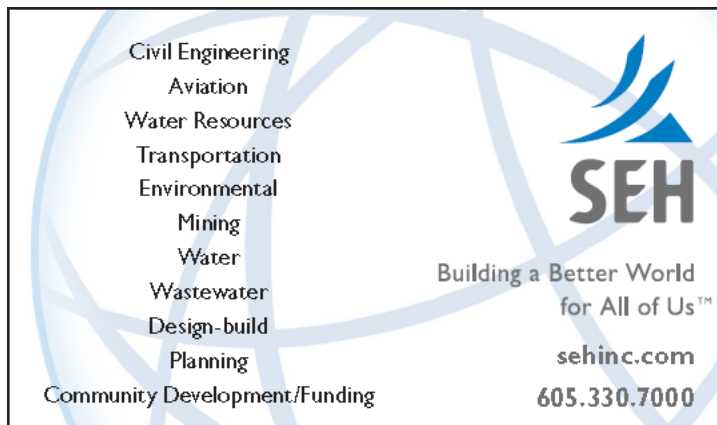


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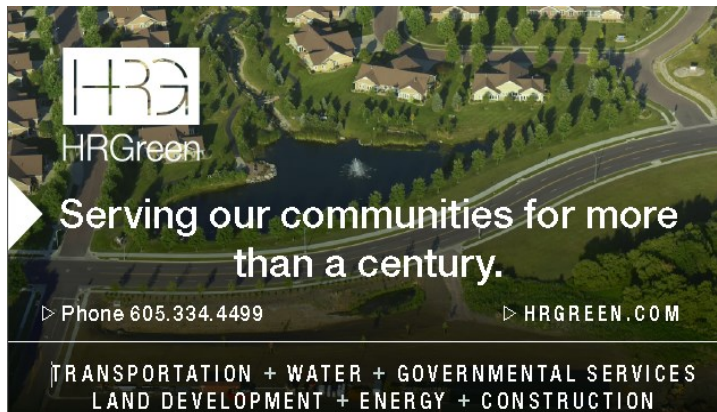
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SECOG Calendar

DBF Board Meeting	April 27
CAC Meeting	May 10
TAC Meeting	May 11
UDC Meeting	May 11
SEDF Board Meeting	May 24
DBF Board Meeting	May 24
SEDF Board Meeting	June 14
DBF Board Meeting	June 14
SECOG Board Meeting	June 14
SEDF Board Meeting	July 12
DBF Board Meeting	July 12
CAC Meeting	July 12
TAC Meeting	July 13
UDC Meeting	July 13

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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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