

VAPDC UPDATE

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Mark your calendar for the VAPDC Winter Conference, February 11-12, 2016

The VAPDC 2016 Winter Conference will be in Richmond, Virginia, February 11-12. The agenda is still being formulated, but mark your calendar and details will be announced soon. Registration will open in early January.

Governor McAuliffe releases 2016-2018 biennial budget

Earlier this month, Governor McAuliffe released his proposed [2016-2018 Biennial Budget](#). [Link Here](#) for the Governor's remarks. The unveiling of the Virginia Growth and Opportunity Fund has a particular emphasis on strategic regional economic and workforce development efforts. The regular session of the Virginia General Assembly convenes on Wednesday, January 13, 2016.



Grants writing workshop in Portsmouth, VA

Portsmouth Police Department and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day grants workshop in Portsmouth, February 11-12, 2016. This training is applicable to grant seekers across all disciplines. Attend this class and you'll learn how to find grants and write winning grant proposals. [Click here for full event details.](#)

Beginning and experienced grant writers from city, county, and state agencies as well as nonprofits, K-12, colleges and universities are encouraged to attend. Tuition is \$405 (regularly \$455) and includes everything: two days of terrific instruction, workbook, and access to our Alumni Forum that's packed full of tools, helpful discussions and more than 200 sample grant proposals. Seating is limited, online reservations are necessary. Seating is limited, online reservations are necessary.

More than 10,000 agencies across North America have turned to Grant Writing USA for grant writing and grant management training.

NADO/USDA webinar: Strategic Economic and Community Development (SECD) program

On January 12 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET, the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development will host an informational webinar on USDA's new Strategic Economic and Community Development (SECD) program.



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Established under the 2014 Farm Bill (P.L. 113-79), the SECD program allows USDA-RD to reserve up to 10 percent of funding appropriated to specific programs until June 30 of each fiscal year to fund projects that support the implementation of strategic economic and community development plans across

multi-jurisdictional areas. The four Rural Development programs under the program include: Community Facilities, Water and Environmental Programs, Rural Business Development Grants, and Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans. The SECD program went into effect this past June and funds will be accessible during fiscal year (FY) 2016.

This timely webinar will provide an overview of the SECD program, how to apply for funding, and will include an in-depth question and answer session at the end. This webinar is free of charge and a recording will be made available to registrants afterward.

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USDA webinar: new online application system - RD Apply

USDA adds a series of webinars to introduce its new online application system RD Apply <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rd-apply>. [Click here](#) for more information.

Based on extensive demand, the USDA Telecommunications Program will host a series of six additional webinars focused on our new application intake system: RD Apply. This new system allows interested parties to apply electronically for loans and grants administered by the Rural Utilities Service (RUS).

Apply with ease for the latest RUS Farm Bill Broadband Loan Program and Infrastructure Program loans through RD Apply. Eventually, more programs will be added into the system, allowing a wider range of customers to submit applications electronically.

Learn about the new system at one of our WEBINAR training events. Offered on the following dates:

- Jan 13, 2016, 2:30 - 4 PM EST
 - Jan 27, 2016, 2:30 - 4 PM EST
 - Feb 10, 2016, 2:30 - 4 PM EST
 - Feb 23, 2016, 10 - 11:30 AM EST
 - Mar 8, 2016, 10 - 11:30 AM EST
 - Mar 23, 2016, 2:30 - 4 PM EST
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Kevin Byrd elected Secretary of National Association of Development Organizations

Kevin Byrd, Executive Director of the New River Valley Regional Commission in Radford, VA was elected Secretary of the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2015 at NADO's Annual Business Meeting. The meeting was held in conjunction with the association's 48th Annual Training Conference in New Orleans.

"We are honored to have Kevin serve on NADO's Board of Directors since 2013 and now moving into an officer role with the organization. He brings a wealth of expertise, knowledge, and leadership on regional communities and economic development issues to the national level," stated Joe McKinney, NADO Executive Director. "Most importantly, Kevin is focused on helping our nation's local communities pursue comprehensive regional strategies for remaining economically competitive in today's rapidly changing global environment."

NADO was founded in 1967 to provide training, information and representation for the regional development organizations throughout the United States. Today, NADO member organizations serve local governments and the public within their regions through various programs focused on diversifying local economies, assisting businesses, creating jobs, and providing services to communities. The NADO Board of Directors oversees the association's budget and operations, and develops policy on issues affecting regional development organizations.

NADO's Board of Directors represent nearly 400 member organizations from a broad section of the United States, including the Eastern, Midwestern, Central, Southeastern, Southwestern and Western regions.

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