Presentation Overview

- NADO – Your National Organization
- Budget and Appropriations Update
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- Questions and Answers
NADO’s MISSION

Strengthen local governments, communities and economies through the regional strategies, partnerships, and solutions of the nation’s regional development organizations.
What is NADO?

The National Association of Development Organizations has been advocating for the nation’s network of more than 500 regional development organizations on Capitol Hill and across federal agencies since 1967.
The generic phrase *Regional Development Organization* (RDO) is used to describe a multi-jurisdictional, public-based regional planning and development organization. These public-sector entities are governed by a regional policy board with majority control by local elected officials.

**Examples:**

- Regional Development Commissions
- Councils of Governments
- Economic Development Districts
- Regional Planning Commissions
- Planning and Development Districts
- Regional Councils
Executive Committee
* Six officers elected by the full membership
* Serve as Board of Directors for NADO Research Foundation

Board of Directors
* Elected across six NADO regions
* 1 board slot per 8 regional members within region
* 1 Associate board member per 25 associate members
* Past Presidents remain on the Board if still associated with member organization

Membership
* National network of 520 Regional Development Organizations
* Associate members
NADO Staff

• **Joe McKinney**, Executive Director
• **Laurie Thompson**, Deputy Executive Director
• **Susan Howard**, Director of Legislative Affairs
• **Ian Schramm**, Database Manager / Membership Assistant
• **Josh Shumaker**, Legislative Associate
• **Carrie Kissel**, Associate Director
• **Brett Schwartz**, Program Manager
President’s FY2018 Budget: Overview

- President’s FY2018 Budget was released on May 23
- Proposes $4.1T in federal spending for FY2018, same overall spending level as FY2017
- $668b for defense discretionary spending ($22b above the limit set by the 2011 Budget Control Act)
- $479b for non-defense discretionary spending ($57b below the 2011 BCA cap)
- Domestic discretionary savings made up of $27b in program eliminations and $30b in reductions
Proposed Budget Breakdown

-31% Environmental Protection Agency
-29% State Department
-21% Agriculture Department
-21% Labor Department
-18% Department of Health and Human Services
-16% Commerce Department
-14% Education Department
-13% Department of Housing and Urban Development
-13% Transportation Department
-12% Interior Department
-6% Energy Department
-5% Small Business Administration
-4% Treasury Department
-4% Justice Department
-1% NASA

+6% Department of Veterans Affairs
+7% Department of Homeland Security
+9% Defense Department
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- Shift of federal programs and functions to state and local governments and the private sector

- **Agencies Slated for Elimination**
  - U.S. Economic Development Administration
  - Appalachian Regional Commission
  - Delta Regional Authority
  - Denali Commission
  - Northern Border Regional Commission
  - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and HOME Investment Partnerships Program
  - U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Water and Wastewater loan and grant program and discretionary activities of the Rural Business Cooperative Service
  - U.S. Department of Transportation’s TIGER Discretionary Grant Program
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 Agencies Slated for Elimination, cont.

- U.S. Department of Transportation’s Essential Air Service Program
- U.S. Department of Transportation’s Capitol Investment Grants Program (New Starts)
- U.S. Department of Labor’s Senior Community Employment Program
- Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Flood Hazard Mapping Program
- U.S. Department of Treasury’s Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund (new grants)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency categorized grants
- U.S. Department of Commerce’s Manufacturing Extension Partnership
- National Endowment for the Arts
- National Endowment for the Humanities
FY2018 Budget Action in Congress

- Statutory deadline to pass a budget resolution was April 15

- House budget resolution proposal: $621.5b for defense ($18.5b increase over President Trump’s request, $72b increase over current level); $511b for domestic ($32b increase over President Trump’s request, $4b cut from current level)

- House budget resolution also mandates a $150b cut in mandatory spending over 10 years
FY2018 Budget Action in Congress

- House defense spending level is **$72.5b** above Budget Control Act cap

- This level of defense spending would bust the cap, triggering across-board-cuts (known as sequestration)

- FY2018 level proposed by the House Budget Committee would require a new bipartisan budget deal
FY2018 Budget Action in Congress

- No budget deal in place, so the options to avoid sequestration are:
  - Budget Control Act levels: $549b for defense and $516b for non-defense
  - FY2017 levels: which would be $5b above discretionary spending cap set for FY2018
FY2018 Appropriations Action in Congress

- House: Spend First, Budget Later
- Senate: Use FY2017 levels, then adjust
- House Appropriations Committee approved FY2018 Veterans Affairs-Military Construction bill totaling $88.8b
- Not clear how this funding level was reached ($6b increase over FY2017 level)
- FY2018 Hearings with agency representatives ongoing
FY2018 Endgame Scenarios

- Little time to complete regular appropriations process in an orderly way
- House members beginning to talk about bundling all appropriations bills and moving as a whole
- Continuing Resolution of some duration seems inevitable
  - Spending levels will pose a challenge
Congressional Summer To Do List

- Debt ceiling increase before October
- Health Care
- Tax overhaul (dependent upon budget resolution)
NADO Advocacy Efforts

- **Coalitions**
  - Rebuild Rural (Infrastructure focused)
  - Economic Development Stakeholders (NADO-led)
  - HUD-CDBG Coalition
  - Coalition to Invest in America’s Workforce
  - Brownfields Coalition

- **Engagement with Congress and the Administration**
  - Hill visits
  - Agency outreach
  - Sign-on letters
  - Targeted outreach pieces focused on successful projects in key congressional districts as well as the national impact of programs
What Role Can You Play?
The Importance of Engagement

• **Stay Informed**
  NADO delivers relevant and timely information through a weekly e-newsletter, an up-to-the-minute website, special legislative reports, webinars, and professional and organizational development resources.

• **Foster Relationships with Congressional Members and Staff**
  Periodically touch base with your member of Congress and their staff (local and in DC) regarding the importance of the programs provided by Southwest Regional Development Commission.

• **Participate in NADO’s Education and Training Opportunities**
  Attend conferences to network with other RDO Board members from across the nation or participate in a NADO webinar.
Upcoming Events

Washington Policy Conference
March 19-21, 2018