

Director's Dialog



Bryan D. Thiriot, Executive Director

In March 2018, I traveled back to Washington D.C. to attend the National Association o f Development Organizations (NADO) policy conference. NADO provides advocacy, education, research, and training for the nation's regional development organizations. NADO promotes regional strategies, partnerships, and solutions to strengthen

the economic competitiveness and quality of life across America's local communities. Furthermore, NADO works to improve local and regional quality of life by promoting economic and community development through place-based strategies in the areas of: housing, transportation, infrastructure, workforce development, entrepreneurship, disaster resilience, social services, aging services, and other sectors.

This was also a time to meet with all six members of the Utah Congressional Delegation on Capitol Hill in their offices and receive legislative updates, and learn more about other issues important to Utah. Ironically, the big talk of the day was President Donald Trump signing the omnibus bill to keep the federal government operating until September 30th.

Our group presented U.S. Senator G. Hatch with the "2018 NADO Congressional Partnership Award" honoring him for his support of regional development organizations. Senator Hatch is a dedicated advocate for economic growth, job creation, and small business development in Utah. Throughout his years of public service, he has demonstrated support for the needs of local communities and the role of regional development organizations in Utah.

Senator Hatch has earned many titles over his years serving in the U.S. Senate. When I worked for him in Washington D.C. at the time he was Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and I always refer to him as the "Bicentennial Senator" from Utah because he was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1976,



Presentation of "2018 NADO Congressional Partnership Award" to Senator Orrin G. Hatch on March 20, 2018, in Washington, DC

the same year that the United States of America celebrated our nations Bicentennial --most importantly the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

I still have many friends on Capitol Hill and each one of them say to me that Utah is a great place to live, work, and has the best recreation spots. I think most of them said that because St. George, Utah was in the national headlines that day as the fastest growing metropolitan area in the country. Read through our newsletter to find many things going on in southwestern Utah with our dedicated team here at the Five County AOG.



CIB -101 Application Tutorial Workshop -Wednesday, April 18th in St. George



If your entity will be applying for grant and/or loan funding from the Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board for infrastructure, such as water and sewer system improvements, public buildings and facilities, or land use plans preparation in the coming 12 months, you

should have a local official and/or administrative staff person from your entity attend the upcoming "CIB-101" Application Tutorial Workshop.

A separate CIB-101 Application Workshop is held annually in each region of the state and is conducted by staff of the Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board (usually it's just called the "CIB").

Our region's **CIB-101 Application Tutorial Workshop** for this year is scheduled on **Wednesday, April 18, 2018** beginning at **1:30 p.m.** sharp at **the Dixie Technical College (DixieTech)**, Building A, located at **610 South Tech Ridge Drive**; St. George, Utah. This new campus is located on top of the ridge west of downtown, where the old airport used to be. Take St. George Boulevard westbound and continue up the ridge after crossing Bluff Street. You cannot miss the large building on your right!

The workshop will be approximately 1½ to 2 hours in length. A short informative tour of the brand new DixieTech educational facilities will take place at the conclusion of the workshop.

At the tutorial, the presenters will discuss 'who can apply?', 'when can you apply?', 'what are CIB Trimesters?', 'what are eligible projects?', 'how to apply?' and 'what comes next after being funded?', such as reimbursement procedures. Any new CIB policies, procedures and requirements will also be discussed.



The CIB is an important community development program of the state of Utah. The CIB provides loans and/or grants to state agencies and politic al subdivisions of the state which are, or may be, socially or

An oil well on BLM land in Grand County, Utah

economically impacted, directly or indirectly, by mineral resource development on federal lands. CIB's source of funding is mineral lease payments and ongoing production royalties, as a portion of Utah's share from mineral extraction, on federally-controlled lands. The CIB will only fund applications submitted by an eligible applicant, for an eligible project.

Any town, city, county or special service district that plans to apply in the June 2018, October 2018 or February 2019 CIB trimester application cycles should have the person, or persons, from your jurisdiction who will prepare its CIB application(s), as well as manage the project, once CIB funding is received, attend this workshop.

In addition to a representative from your entity, it is strongly recommended that the engineering and/or architectural firm professional that will be working with you by providing cost estimates and other technical assistance as you prepare your CIB application, attend this workshop as well. Jurisdictions with CIB application plans beyond these next three application cycles may also certainly attend, if desired, and are encouraged to do so.

Please RSVP your attendance at the CIB-101 Tutorial scheduled on Wednesday, April 18th to Gary Zabriskie, the CIB's Regional Planning Program Planner in this region, via e-mail to: gzabriskie@fivecounty.utah.gov

Weatherization Training Attended by Staff

In early February, the State of Utah Weatherization Assistance program held a two-day statewide weatherization training event at the Intermountain Weatherization Training Center (IWTC) in Clearfield, Utah. Pictured below at the event, from our dedicated and professional Five County Weatherization Assistance Program team, are: Tyrel Bundy, HVAC Tech; Jason Dickerson, Weatherization Tech; Josh Weaver, Energy Auditor; James Endter, Field Supervisor; Scott Bolander, Quality Control Inspector; and Danna Alvey, Operations Manager.



Sessions at the event covered a wide range of topics. Keynote speakers were nationally recognized trainers Paul Francisco, an indoor climate expert and Cory Chovanec a building science master trainer. Lance Olsen, a DWS employee presented on "How Mindset Impacts Our Success". Program training sessions provided valuable information that keeps weatherization workers at the forefront of the industry. At the event were former State Weatherization Program Managers Mike Johnson and Gary Spangenberg. During the awards lunch they revealed the new Mike Johnson Weatherization Innovation Award.

For information on the Weatherization Assistance Program call 435-586-0585 or 1-888-503-5921. Information is also available on the web at https://wxworkssite.wordpress.com - Danna Alvey, Weatherization Operations Manager

16th Annual Southern Utah Seniors Conference on Friday, May 4, 2018

"Navigating the Area Agency on Aging"



The 16th Annual Southern Utah Seniors Conference will be held **Friday, May 4, 2018**, starting at 9:00 a.m. with a resource fair at the **Heritage Center**, **105 N 100 E; Cedar City, Utah**.

Seniors from throughout our five counties attend this conference each year. The Conference offers good referrals and program information.

The Keynote Session will be Carrie Schonlaw, Area Agency on Aging Five County Director. She will be joined by Area Agency on Aging Home and Community-Based Program Director Tracy HeavyRunner. The Area Agency on Aging is part of Five County Association of Governments. Together they will discuss funding, needs and opportunities in our community for healthy and happy aging.



Last year's conference

Breakout sessions provided will include dealing with fraud, how to get involved at the Senior Center from activities to volunteering, educational activities and experiences and Caregiver services, support and education, and more!

We are hoping to share our resources as the Five County Aging Staff with our community. For more information about the Area Agency on Aging - Five County, please join up on our FaceBook community page which is located on the web at:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/437685749726751

Many Cedar City businesses have donated door prizes and for musical entertainment we have local musician Cody Johnson.

To register for this Conference please call (435) 673-3548

- Tracy HeavyRunner, Home & Community Based Program Director



□ Human Services Council Meeting; May 9th at 1:00 p.m.@ Panguitch City office/Library Building.

Please note that there are no regular **Finance Committee** or **Steering Committee** meetings scheduled during May. The next meetings of those two bodies will be June 13, 2018 in Beaver, UT.

Economic Diversification Summit May 4th



The Economic Development Administration (EDA), Five County Association of Governments, Dixie State University, Southern Utah University, Dixie Technology College and Southwest Technology College formally

invites you to participate in the Economic Diversification Summit (EDS) to be held on Friday, May 4, 2018 at Dixie Technology College (DixieTech), 610 S. Tech Ridge Dr., St George, Utah, in the Stephen Wade Board Room, Third Floor. Participants will include key federal, state and local stakeholders whose agency missions and related resources align with the EDS objectives. The Five County Region (Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane and Washington) is ripe for an implementation discussion on entrepreneurship and economic diversification. Both Dixie State University and Southern Utah University have nascent entrepreneurship labs they want to build and St. George is a growing and known innovation community. This EDS will focus on entrepreneurship and economic diversification, pulling in priorities identified in the Five County AOG Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) that are at the tipping point of implementation based on the concerted effort of local, federal, state and private sector partners.

This effort began as a collaborative undertaking between Five County AOG and the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). The goal of this economic diversification summit is to expand the conversation and participation of those attending to take the next step in implementing the identified economic diversification and integration objectives of the Five County region. By pulling in priorities identified in Five County AOG's 2014-2019 CEDS, this EDS will focus on two of the timeliest topic areas: economic diversification - business retention, expansion, recruitment, value added jobs and entrepreneurship; and economic integration - increase business technology linkages with Las Vegas, tech transfer opportunities and leveraging the tourism economy.

The EDS will be a working meeting with discussions on ways to implement projects that can benefit from the synergy created by a concerted effort from federal, state, local and private sector partners. An outcome of the EDS meeting will be the creation of one or more working groups that will focus on implementing identified projects from the discussion.

If you have any questions, please contact: Bryan Thiriot, Executive Director, Five County AOG, via e-mail: bthiriot@fivecounty.utah.gov or

Jay Aguilar, EDA Coordinator, Five County AOG, via e-mail: jaguilar@fivecounty.utah.gov

Please RSVP to Bryan Thiriot or Jay at the these e-mail addresses shown above. Once they receive your RSVP they will e-mail you a detailed Summit Program and Agenda. We look forward to your attendance and participation at the EDS event.

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