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Region Five Development Commission Receives 2018 NADO Innovation Award

STAPLES, MN – Region Five Development Commission receives 2018 National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Innovation Award for their ‘The Good Life...FOR ALL’ project. Region Five was recognized at a special reception during NADO’s 2018 Annual Training Conference held October 13 – 16 in Charlotte, NC.

Each year, NADO recognizes member organizations that demonstrate innovative approaches to regional economic and community development through their Innovation Awards program. Over 1,500 NADO member projects have been recognized since 1986 for their creative efforts in advancing regional economic development and improved quality of life. The breadth and scope of the winning projects is impressive and far-reaching and illustrates the important role NADO members have in supporting regional development.

“The Alicceann Wohlbruck Innovation Awards program recognizes the important and wide-ranging work of regional development organizations in communities across the country” said 2017-2018 NADO Doug Elliott, executive director of the East Central Iowa Council of Governments, located in Cedar Rapids. “These awards demonstrate the value of regional development organizations and highlight their critical role in promoting economic development for the nation’s rural and small metropolitan communities.”

This year’s awards are presented in honor of Alicceann Wohlbruck, who passed away in March 2018. Wohlbruck was NADO’s first executive director, serving 24 years as a tireless champion for regional approaches to economic development in rural communities.

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About National Association of Development Organizations

Since 1967 the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) has provided advocacy, education, networking, and research for the national network of 540 regional development organizations. NADO members provide professional, programmatic, and technical assistance to over 2,300 counties and 15,000 municipalities.

About Region Five Development Commission

Enhancing the vitality and quality of life in Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and Wadena counties is the mission of Region Five Development Commission. Resiliency, inclusion and collaboration are guiding concepts in achieving mutually shared goals that continue to evolve with local municipalities, state, federal agencies, philanthropic, non-profit and social advocacy agencies. Visit www.regionfive.org to learn more.