



Local Governments Working for Development



The Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association, Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District, Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission, Logan-Union-Champaign Regional Planning Commission, Maumee Valley Planning Organization, and Ohio Department of Transportation have been awarded a 2014 Excellence in Regional Transportation Award from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) for their Ohio RTPO Pilot Program. Award Recipients are pictured with Carrie Kissel, NADO Associate Director (*right center holding award*)

OMEGA was recently included among the local develop and planning organizations awarded a **2014 Excellence in Regional Transportation Award** from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) for their Ohio Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) pilot program.

NADO is a Washington, DC-based association that promotes programs and policies to strengthen local governments, communities and economies through regional cooperation, program delivery, and comprehensive strategies. The Excellence in Regional Transportation Awards showcase organizations for noteworthy projects and practices in rural and small metropolitan transportation planning, program delivery, and special initiatives.

The Ohio RTPO Pilot Program was designed to expand transportation planning activities in rural and traditionally underserved areas of the state, ensuring that all communities have a voice when it comes to transportation planning. To date, all participating organizations have formed dedicated transportation committees that provide valuable rural insight and input for regional planning efforts.

Congratulations!! OMEGA provided assistance to two communities that have been recommended to receive funding from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. Funding will be used to increase the number of police patrol hours. The Village of Powhatan Point (Belmont County) was recommended to receive \$6,000 and the Village of Salineville (Columbiana County) \$5,850. **Congratulations to all police departments in the OMEGA region that were successful in securing funds from this grant opportunity.**

Would you like to know more about OMEGA's Revolving Loan Fund?

Lolly Ravak, Loan Administrator of the OMEGA Revolving Loan Fund is available to speak at local business and civic organization meetings to provide details on the loan program. Ms. Ravak can be contacted at (740)439-4471, ext. 203 or by e-mail at lravak@omegadistrict.org.

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