Regional Development Organizations (RDO’s)

- Also known as “Councils of Government” (COG’s), “Regional Planning and Development Councils or Commissions”.

- Present in all states

- Alabama is served by 12 RDO’s

- Organized under the Alabama Association of Regional Councils | www.alarc.org
1. Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments
P.O. Box 2602
Muscogee, AL 35662-2603
Phone: (256) 389-0500
Fax: (256) 389-0589
Website: www.nacog.org
Director: Keith Jones

2. West Alabama Regional Commission
P.O. Box 509
Porter, AL 35476
Phone: (205) 333-2906
Fax: (205) 333-2713
Website: www.warrc.info
Director: Dennis Stripling

3. Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
2 Twentieth Street N., Suite 1200
Birmingham, AL 35203
Phone: (205) 231-6139
Fax: (205) 328-3304
Website: www.rppgb.org
Director: Charles Ball

4. East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission
P.O. Box 2186
Anniston, AL 36202-2186
Phone: (256) 237-6741
Fax: (256) 237-6763
Website: www.earpdc.org
Director: Lori Hodge Corley

5. South Central Alabama Development Commission
5900 Carmichael Place
Montgomery, AL 36117-2345
Phone: (334) 244-6903
Fax: (334) 271-2715
Website: www.scadc.net
Director: Tyson Howard

6. Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission
197 Broad Street
Cameron, AL 36726-1701
Phone: (334) 522-4234
Fax: (334) 522-4205
Website: www.atrcog.org
Director: John Clyde Riggs

7. Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission
P.O. Box 1406
Dothan, AL 36302-1406
Phone: (334) 749-4093
Fax: (334) 749-3289
Website: www.sarpc.org
Director: Scott Farmer

8. South Alabama Regional Planning Commission
P.O. Box 1665
Mobile, AL 36633-1665
Phone: (251) 433-6552
Fax: (251) 433-6099
Website: www.sarpc.org
Director: John F. (Rickey) Rhodes

9. Central Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission
430 South Court Street
Montgomery, AL 36104
Phone: (334) 262-4300
Fax: (334) 262-6976
Website: www.carpc.org
Director: Greg Clark

10. Lee-Russell Council of Governments
2207 Gateway Drive
Opelika, AL 36801-6834
Phone: (334) 449-5264
Fax: (334) 449-5682
Website: www.lrcog.com
Director: Suzanne Girard Burnette

11. North-Central Alabama Regional Council of Governments
P. O. Box C
Decatur, AL 35602
Phone: (256) 351-4515
Fax: (256) 351-1380
Website: www.ncrco.org
Director: Jeff Pruitt

12. Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments
5075 Research Drive NW
Huntsville, AL 35805
Phone: (256) 886-0818
Fax: (256) 886-0843
Website: www.tarccog.org
Director: Nancy Robertson

AARC Administrator: Sharon Darrington

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Purpose and role of RDO’s

- Member-based organization of counties and municipalities
- Designed to serve local governments with planning and development services; and provide regional planning
- Provide Revolving Loan Fund programs to small businesses
- House the AREA AGENCY ON AGING – programs and community-based services for seniors*

Some AAA’s have stand-alone facilities.
Services provided by RDO’s

- Provide Community and Economic Development planning
- Transportation Planning
- GIS Mapping, Census Redistricting
- Project development; Grant preparation and Administration
- Socio-economic Data
- Technical Assistance
- Public Transit Services* Not offered in all regions
- Other services as determined by RDO members
Tourism and Recreation

- Regions support efforts to improve quality of life and further economic development
- Partner with other stakeholders to carry out initiatives and projects
- Promote tourism and recreation in economic development plans

Goal 2, 2.4: Protect and maintain natural resources and quality of place assets to attract and benefit residents and increase tourism.

*See your area’s regional plan for comparable Goals/Objectives.

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https://www.tourwestalabama.com

www.warc.info
Seeking Assistance

- Contract with units of local government when they serve as the project sponsor to carry out grant writing and administration
- Support other agencies of the local government such as county or municipal park boards, police and fire departments
- Work with other regions or stakeholder groups; contribute time, data, services
- Provide technical assistance to non-profit applicants or project sponsors
Advantages of Your Region

- Long-standing relationships with units of local government and stakeholder agencies and groups
- Established contacts with federal and state funders
  - Identify appropriate contacts; make introductions
  - Aid in getting the “current correct” answers from (hopefully) the right people
  - Assist coordination with a local government as applicant/sponsor for funding request
Decades of securing grants and carrying out projects

- Assist in project development and identify funding sources
- Monitor what funders priorities are
- Evaluate competitiveness of proposed activities
- Procure professional services
  - FYI - Regions are exempt from procurement requirement to act as grant writers/administrators
- Prepare grant applications and administer grants
- Establish/Maintain program eligibility
- Ensure project compliance
Questions

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