



EDA Update

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EDA and the American Planning Association Announce Partnership

Enhanced Accessibility to Economic Development Information

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) and the American Planning Association (APA) have partnered to provide expanded content on a variety of economic development topics including best practices, regional cooperation, entrepreneurship and innovation.

EDA will launch its monthly newsletter, quarterly telecasts/Webcasts and quarterly publication to reflect the changing and growing needs of the expanded economic development community.

Also, each newsletter will feature APA research and provide a variety of tools for economic development practitioners, community leaders and engaged citizens.

Over the next year, EDA and APA will explore various topics at the heart of the economic development community beginning with a focus on "*the New Economy in the 21st Century*." Throughout the first quarter, we will look at attributes of the changing economy and focus on strategies and investments that connect regional economies with the worldwide marketplace.

Through the partnership, EDA and APA will distribute the information necessary to continue to grow our nation's economy. EDA looks to serve as a clearinghouse of information and will solicit your feedback along the way.

NTIA TV Converter Box Coupon Program

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) is working to educate Americans about the TV Converter Box Coupon Program. NTIA would like to keep you updated with official information, events and materials designed to help you get the word out to your constituents about the upcoming digital TV transition and TV Converter Box Coupon Program. If you are interested in information about this program, please email DTV2009@ketchum.com with the word yes to subscribe.

NTIA, part of the U.S. Department of Commerce, is playing an active role in the transition to digital television. NTIA administers and is the official source for information about the TV Converter Box Coupon Program. If it has not already, we hope your organization will join the nationwide network of nonprofits, government agencies and corporations dedicated to getting the word out about the Coupon Program and the historic transition from analog to digital television on February 17, 2009.



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Nominations for EDA's 2008 Excellence Awards Now Open

EDA's 2008 Economic Development Award nominations are now open. These awards recognize exemplary economic development accomplishments in your communities. Nomination information, such as categories, eligibility and selection criteria, etc., is available at: <http://www.eda.gov/PDF/EDAawardsbrochure2008.pdf>.

EDA is accepting nominations through April 16, 2008.

For more information on EDA Excellence in Economic Development Awards 2008, please contact Barbara Earman in EDA's Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs Division at 202-482-4521 or at awards@eda.doc.gov.

Coming Soon!

April 16-18, 2008

Greater South Economic Development Conference, New Orleans

April 27 - May 1, 2008

APA's 100th National Planning Conference, Las Vegas [\[Website\]](#)

May 5-7, 2008

National Brownfields Conference, Detroit (APA co-sponsor) [\[Website\]](#)

May 12-14, 2008

Beyond Innovation: Transforming Our Regional Economies Through Partnerships, Cleveland

May 2008

2008 National Summit on American Competitiveness