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## **Southwest Regional Development Commission Receives 2019 Excellence in Regional Transportation Award from the National Association of Development Organizations**

WASHINGTON, DC – The Southwest Regional Development Commission in Slayton, MN has been awarded a 2019 Excellence in Regional Transportation Award from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) for the Languages & Interpreter Services in Southwest Minnesota project.

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. Award winners will receive national recognition at the 2019 National Regional Transportation Conference, to occur June 17 – 19 in Columbus, Ohio.

According to NADO President Scott Koons, Executive Director of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council in Gainesville, Florida: “The Excellence in Regional Transportation Awards highlight the important results of programs and projects like the Languages & Interpreter Services in Southwest Minnesota project. Such initiatives are central to fostering quality of place, facilitating economic vitality, and improving mobility in our nation’s communities by promoting effective transportation planning and networks.”

For more information about the award-winning project, contact the Southwest Regional Development Commission at 507-836-8547.

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Founded in 1967, the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) provides 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.