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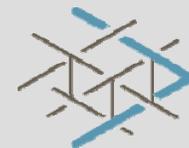
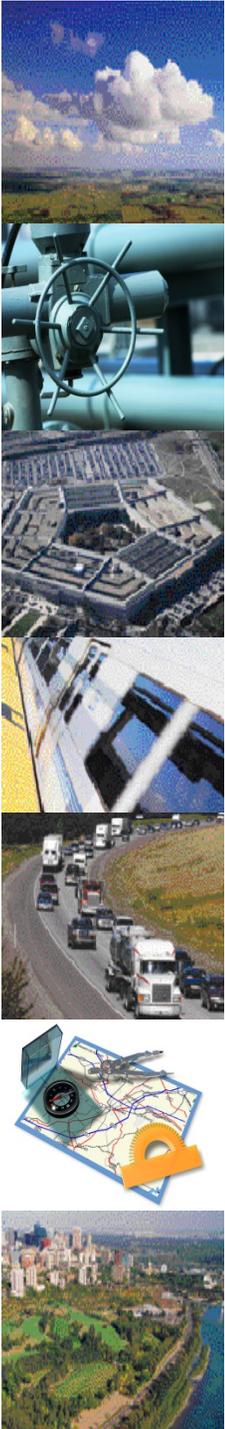
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Overview

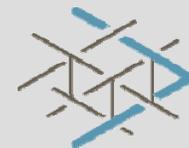
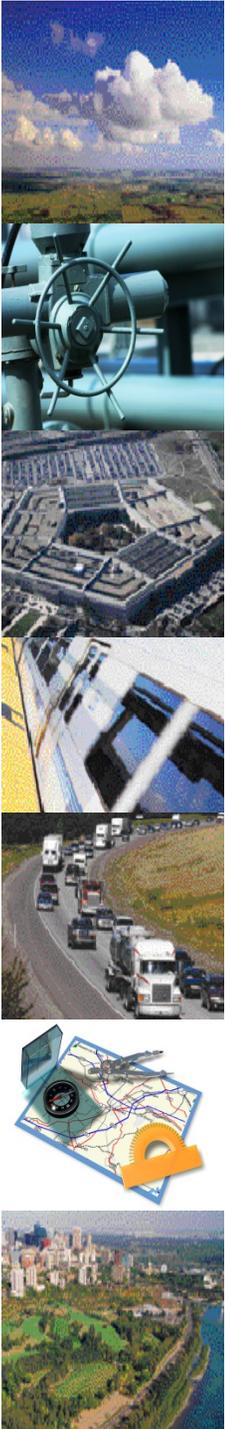
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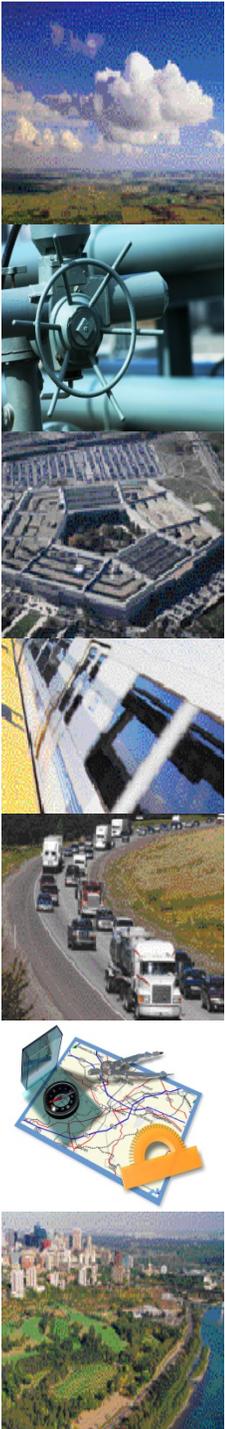
About NARC

- National non-profit trade organization
- Represents multi-jurisdictional regional planning organizations – large and small, urban and rural
- Formed by NACo and NLC
- Governed by local elected officials
- NARC President Hon. Steve Cassano
- Concentrate on four core areas
 - Transportation
 - Economic & Community Development
 - Homeland Security/Public Safety
 - Environment
- Provides advocacy, training and technical assistance



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Snapshot: NARC Issue Areas

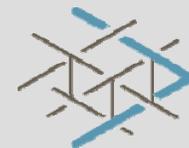
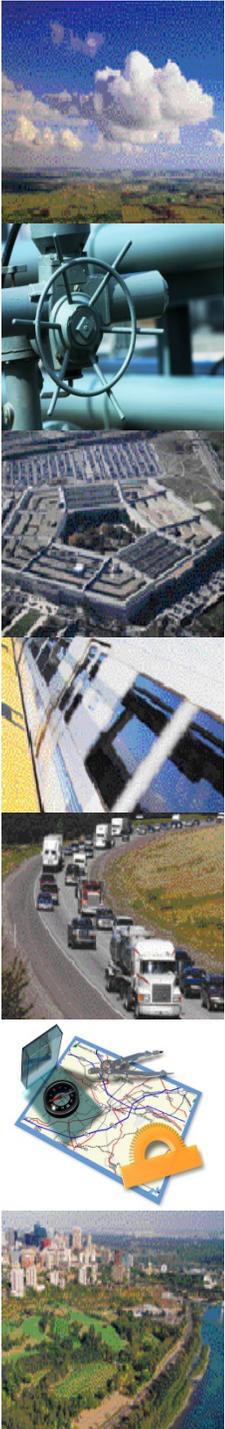


Transportation	Economic & Community Development	Homeland Security	Environment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Highway ❖ Transit ❖ Rail ❖ Aviation ❖ Maritime ❖ Goods Movement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ EDA ❖ HUD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Housing ❖ CDBG ❖ Brownfields ❖ Rural Development ❖ Aging ❖ Livability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Preparedness and Response Planning ❖ Emergency Coordination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Water & Wastewater ❖ Air Quality ❖ Green Infrastructure ❖ Energy ❖ Climate Change



Understanding Regional Planning Organizations

- Go by many names – COGs, MPOs, EDDs, LDDs, RPCs, etc.
- 39,000 local governments in the U.S, over 35,000 are served by regional planning organizations
- Multi-jurisdictional, Multi-purpose
- Large and small, rural and urban
- “Conveners of local government”
- Deliver federal, state and local services & programs
- Provide planning, technical assistance and services to local governments
- 40+ year history throughout US

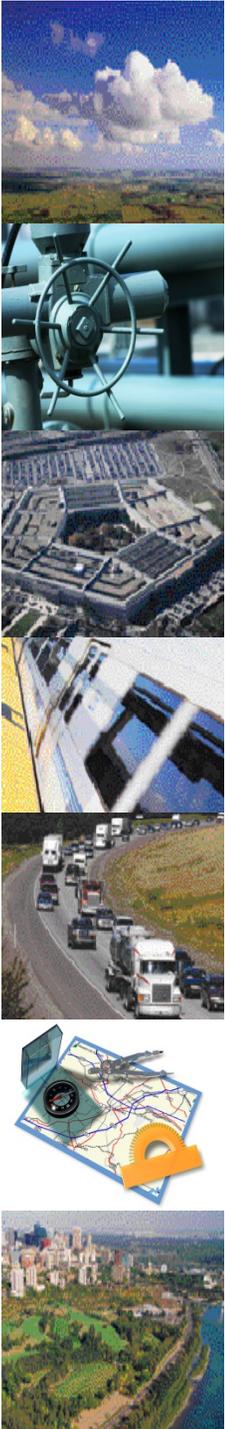


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Regional Councils/Councils of Governments

- Voluntary in nature
- May be set up under State law or local government statutes
- over 500 in the US
- Perform a wide variety of planning and service delivery

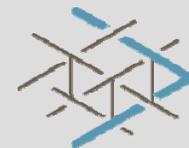


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Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)

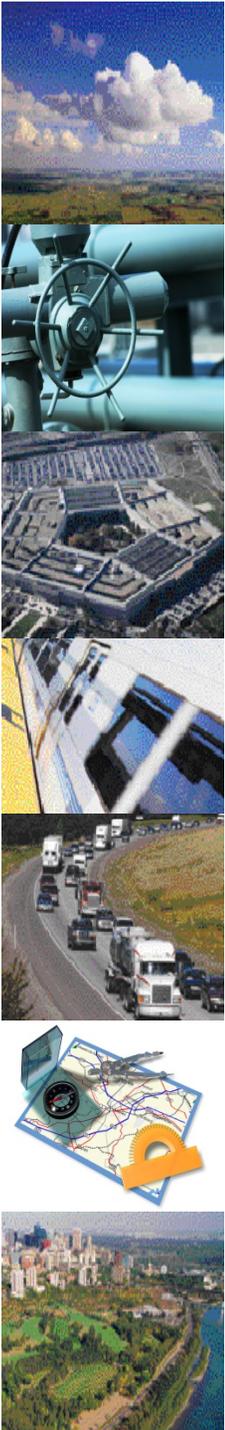
- Federally mandated for areas with a population of 50,000 or greater
- Approx 480 MPOs in the US
- Designated every 10 years based on Census – will change in 2010
- Perform transportation planning
- Report to Feds in federal-state-local-regional transportation planning partnership
- Half operate within a RC/COG

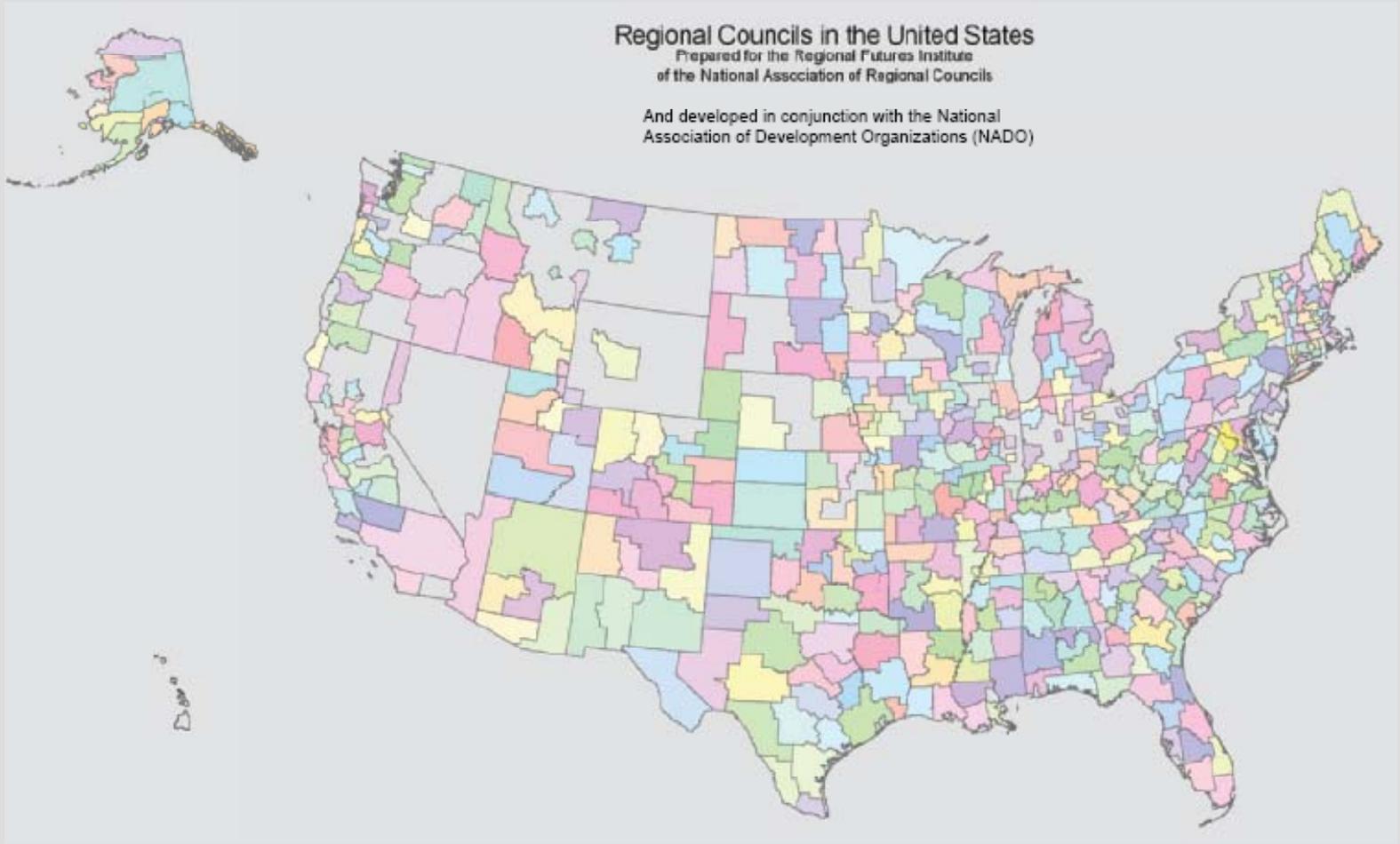
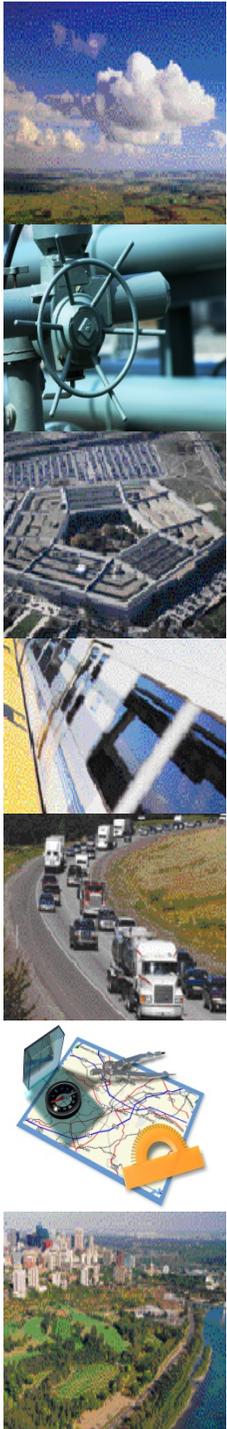


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Important areas:

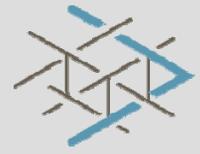
- Land-use coordination
 - Encroachment
- Transportation
 - Logistics and growth
- Environmental planning and mitigation
 - Air quality, water, climate change
- Security and evacuation
 - Coordination and planning
- Economic/Community Development
 - Coordinated, sustainable growth





Regional Councils in the United States
Prepared for the Regional Futures Institute
of the National Association of Regional Councils

And developed in conjunction with the National
Association of Development Organizations (NADO)



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Regional Planning Examples

Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council

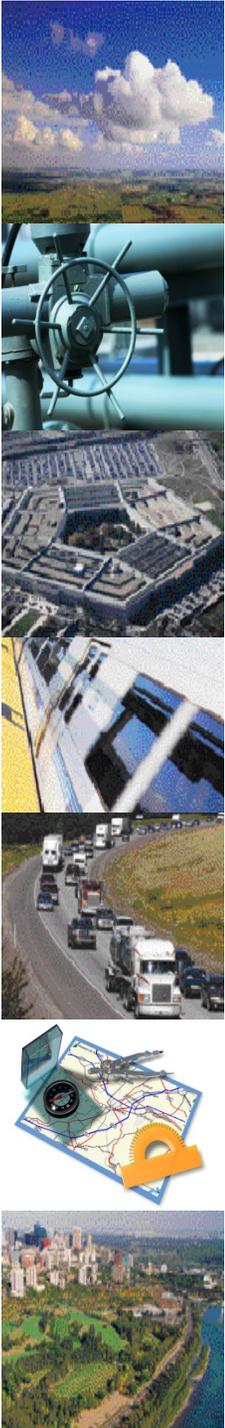
Greater Metropolitan JACKSONVILLE, FL

- FL separates MPO and COG functions
- 7 counties and 27 municipalities in a 35 member board of elected and appointed officials; >1.1 million population
- Provides:
 - Land-use coordination
 - Evacuation and safety coordination
 - Water planning
 - Housing coordination
 - Economic Development
 - Regional Transportation
 - Regional Impact Reviews



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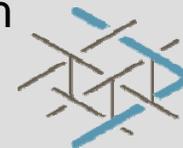


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Maricopa Association of Governments

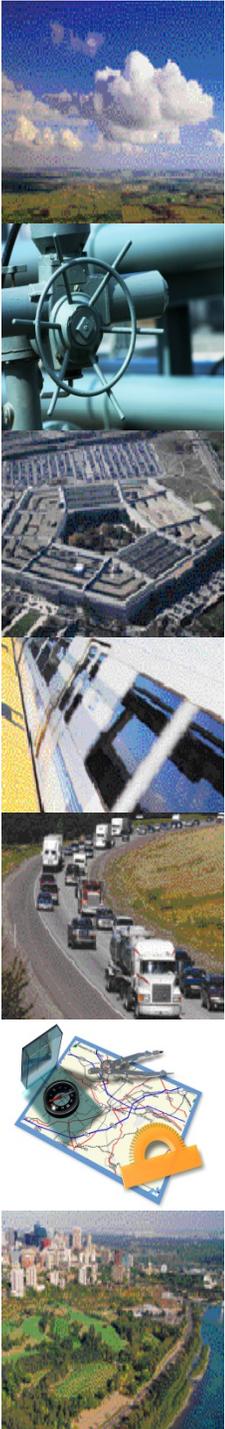
Greater Metropolitan PHOENIX, AZ

- 25 incorporated cities and towns, the Gila River Indian Community, the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, Maricopa County, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and the Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee (CTOC); >700,000 population
- High growth region
- Both MPO and COG – planning & policy services:
 - Transportation – MPO
 - Human Services – homelessness assistance; elderly transport
 - Information Services – GIS; modeling; telecom
 - Environmental Programs - air quality; solid waste; water quality
 - Communications – public outreach
 - Administration



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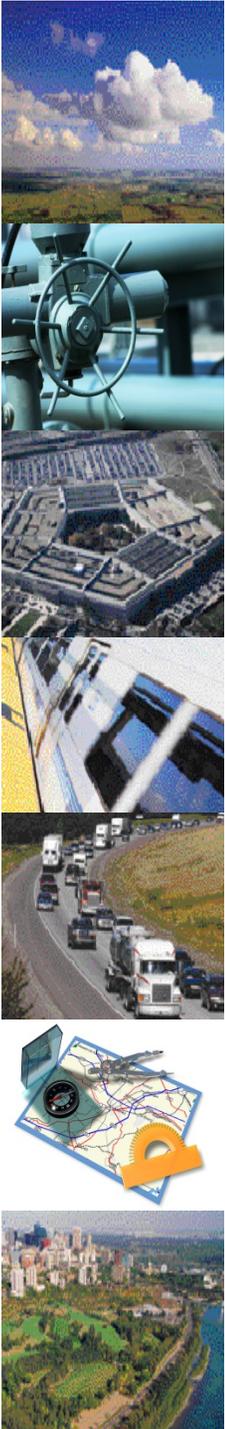


Regional Planning Examples

Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments

Greater COLORADO SPRINGS, CO Region

- 3 counties and 12 municipalities in a 35 member board of elected and appointed officials; >550,000 population
- COG, MPO, RPO
- High growth region
- Provides:
 - Area Agency on Aging
 - Economic Planning
 - Military Impact
 - Transportation Planning
 - Environmental Planning
 - Rural Transportation Authority
- Military Impact: focuses on the impacts to the region resulting from Fort Carson's growth - to add over 15,000 troops in 2006-2013
- Helps Foster Military-Community Partnerships



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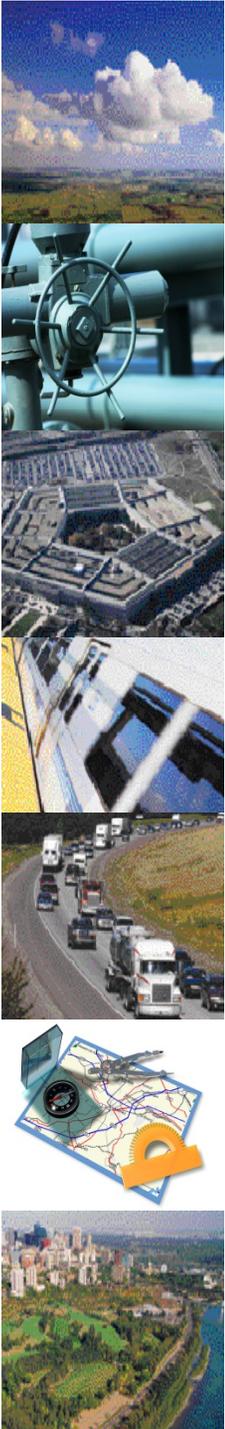
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Metropolitan Washington COG

Greater Metropolitan WASHINGTON, DC

- 21 local governments from DC, MD and VA, MD and VA State legislatures and US Senate and House Reps; >5 million population
- COG and MPO
- Integrated Planning – Greater Washington 2050
- Provides:
 - Affordable Housing Planning
 - Economic Dev. Planning
 - Health & Family Concerns
 - Public Safety
 - Transportation Planning
 - Environmental Planning
 - Human Services
 - Workforce Development

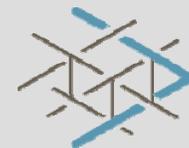
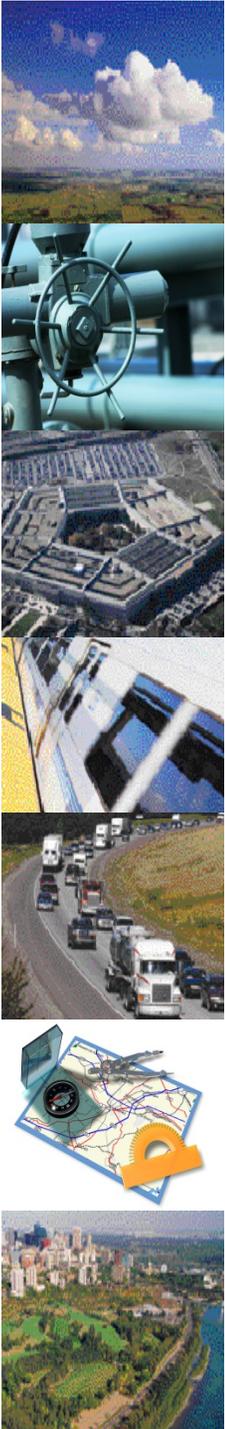


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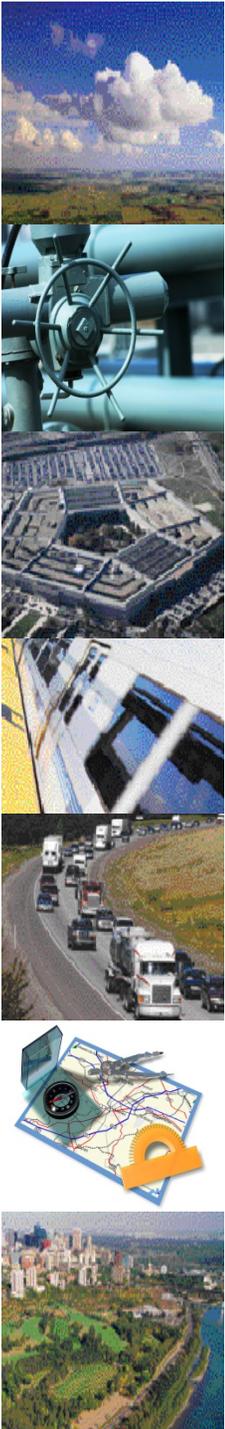
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Working with Regional Planning Organizations

- Nearly everywhere in some form
- Likely your community/community stakeholders are involved
- It's as simple as picking up the phone or sending an email
- Public organization and must report all meeting minutes – board meetings are open to the public
- Good source of information and updates
- Provide a neutral forum to discuss regional concerns and opportunities



Working with Regional Planning Organizations



Working With Regional Councils:
A Guide for DoD Installations



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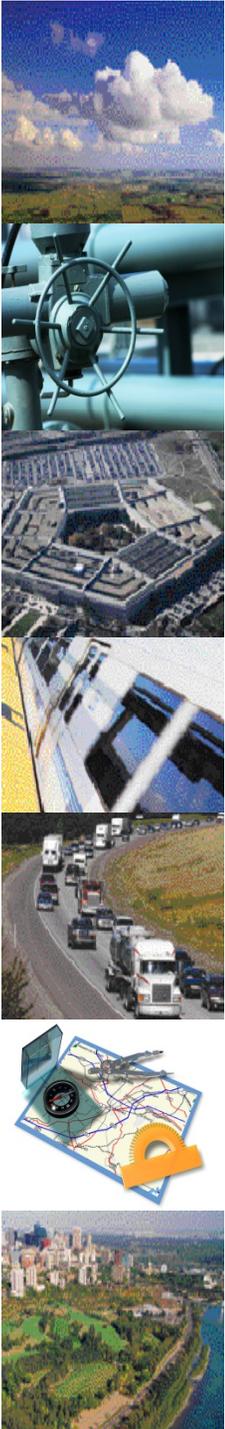
- Guide for Base Commanders
- Useable in multiple areas and audiences
- Funded by DOD – multipart series
- Available at www.NARC.org



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Opportunities for Regional Planning Organizations

- Push for Comprehensive, Integrated Planning
- WH Office of Urban Affairs
- Sustainable Communities Partnership
- Livable Communities Act of 2009
- Transportation Authorization bill
- Economic Development Admin. Reauthorization



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QUESTIONS? THANK YOU

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