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# Harrison Moody participates in White House public-private economic development and job growth forum

WASHINGTON, D.C. –Harrison Moody, Chairman Dinwiddie County Board of Supervisors represented the National Association of Counties (NACo) during a special NACo-NADO White House Forum, “Building Blocks for Economic Development and Job Growth,” which was held on Sept. 19 at The White House, Eisenhower Executive Office Building.

NACo partnered with the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) for this special event, which focused on the role of the public sector – especially counties and regional development organization and councils of government – in making strategic investments to support private sector job creation and economic opportunity. The goal of the forum was to bring together senior White House and federal agency officials with regional development organization leaders and county officials to highlight noteworthy practices across the country.

“This was truly a unique opportunity for us to share details about the critical role counties like ours play in economic development and job creation with senior White House and agency officials,” Harrison Moody said. “The forum was a terrific and meaningful exchange of ideas over the three hours of time we had together.”

Issues discussed included federal investment in transportation infrastructure, successful local initiatives to target economic development opportunities, public-private partnerships to support infrastructure-led economic development, and connecting local communities and regions to global markets.

Administration officials who participated included David Agnew, deputy assistant to the president and White House director of Intergovernmental Affairs; Polly Trottenberg, assistant secretary for transportation policy, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT); Beth Osborne, deputy assistant secretary for transportation policy (DOT); Christopher Bertram, assistant secretary for transportation policy (DOT); Angela Beldon Martinez, senior advisor and director of external affairs, U.S. Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration; Valerie Piper, deputy assistant secretary for economic development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Judy Canales, acting deputy under secretary for rural development, U.S. Department of Agriculture; Steve Olson, director of SelectUSA and senior advisor to the secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce; and Joanna Turner, deputy assistant secretary for intergovernmental affairs (DOT).

For more information about the forum, visit [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org) or contact Erik Johnston at 202.942.4230 or [erikjohnston@naco.org](mailto:erikjohnston@naco.org).

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