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## **Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance Receives National Association of Development Organization's 2008 Excellence in Regional Transportation Award**

**WASHINGTON, DC – The Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance in Pittston, Pennsylvania has been awarded a 2008 Excellence in Regional Transportation Award from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) for the Focus 81 Committee.**

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 received national recognition at the 2008 National Rural Transportation Peer Learning Conference, August 17 – 19 in Duluth, Minnesota.

According to NADO President Leanne Mazer, Executive Director of the Tri-County Council for Western Maryland in Cumberland, Maryland, "The Excellence in Regional Transportation Awards highlight the major impact of programs and projects like the Focus 81 Committee. Such initiatives are central to fostering economic growth in our nation's communities by promoting effective transportation networks."

For more information about the award winning project, contact the Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance at 570-655-5581.

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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.