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Lowcountry Council of Governments Receives National Association of Development Organization's 2008 Excellence in Regional Transportation Award

WASHINGTON, DC – The Lowcountry Council of Governments in Yemassee, South Carolina has been awarded a 2008 Excellence in Regional Transportation Award from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) for the Lowcountry Revolutionary War Trail.

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 Lowcountry Revolutionary War Trail. Such initiatives are central to fostering economic growth in our nation's communities by promoting effective transportation networks."

The project, which spans Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper counties started in 2003, and has included archaeological assessments of key sites. Earl (Smittie) Cooler, Jr., chairman of the Lowcountry Revolutionary War Trail Foundation, commented, "It is very encouraging to see this type of high-level recognition bestowed on the team at LCOG. I am very grateful to them for providing the resources and experience to make this project a reality for our community."

NADO Releases New Environmental and Brownfields Report
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For more information about the award winning project, contact the Lowcountry Council of Governments at 843-726-5536.

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