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## **Arrowhead RDC and Duluth-Superior MIC Receive 2009 Excellence in Regional Transportation Award from the National Association of Development Organizations**

**WASHINGTON, DC – The Arrowhead Regional Development Commission and Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council in Duluth, Minnesota has been awarded a 2009 Excellence in Regional Transportation Award from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) for the Northern Minnesota/Northwest Wisconsin Freight Plan.**

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 2009 National Rural Transportation Peer Learning Conference, October 28 – 30 in Savannah, Georgia.

The award-winning freight plan helps regional leaders make investment decisions that address freight-related needs. The plan outlines measures that would result in job creation and retention in key industries such as mining, energy, manufacturing and forest products.

According to NADO President Mike Norton, Executive Director of the Northwest Arkansas Planning and Development District in Harrison, Arkansas, "The Excellence in Regional Transportation Awards highlight the major impact of programs and projects like the Northern Minnesota/Northwest Wisconsin Freight Plan. 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 Arrowhead RDC at 218.529.7514.

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