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## NREDA Heads to D.C. — 2025 Trip Recap

Every two years, NREDA members take on Washington, D.C. — and this year’s visit was one of our most productive! **14 NREDA representatives** — board members, past presidents, and members of our Rural Issues Committee — met with key federal leaders and partners to **advocate for rural America.**



### Purpose of the Trip

The goal is to meet with Senate/House committees & partners. We advocate for our members by sharing rural issues, programs, and priorities. In preparation for these meetings, our Rural Issues Committee prepared a briefing paper to guide discussions — available now on the [NREDA website](#).

### Our Schedule

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NRECA/Touchstone Energy, CFC, NTCA, NADO, SBA, NACO, two USDA Rural Development meetings, Senate Agriculture Chairman Boozman, Senate Ranking Member Amy Klobuchar's staff, House Agriculture Chairman GT Thompson, Appalachian Regional Commission, IEDC and FCC.

We focused on the rural priorities you care about:

- Workforce & talent attraction
- Housing
- Broadband expansion
- Energy & infrastructure
- Federal funding
- REDL&G programs

## The Result: Insights About Proposed Federal Program Cuts

From this year's trip, we are already working to share:

- New webinar opportunities
- Newsletter articles & resources for members
- Ideas for growing national NREDA membership
- Promotions for our upcoming Annual Conference

A key result of this year's trip was learning in-depth about **federal program cuts** impacting rural communities that are under discussion. We are monitoring the situation and continue to work with our existing and newfound partners to update members and advocate appropriately.

In the meantime: **your voice matters** — please **advocate for the federal programs your communities rely on**. Lawmakers and partners need to hear about the impact these programs have across rural America. We are **collecting state stories**: [email us your state's impact stories](#) as we work to tell legislators and partners how successful these programs are to our livelihood and rural economic development!

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## NREDA Annual Conference: Registration Open!

Join Us in Nashville, Tennessee November 5 - 7, 2025!

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collaboration, innovation, and actionable strategies to address the unique challenges and opportunities of rural economic development.

Download the agenda and learn more about our keynote sessions, expert-led panels, and interactive workshops. Explore critical topics such as workforce development, infrastructure investment, entrepreneurship support, and more.



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## Professional Development

A graphic for a webinar. It includes the NREDA logo at the top right and a "WEBINAR" icon at the top left. The main title is "Beyond the Factory Floor: Rethinking Rural Workforce Through the Lens of Retail". Below the title, it says "2 PM ET/1 PM CT June 24, 2025". At the bottom, it says "REGISTER TODAY!" and provides the URL "nreda.org/webinars". The background shows a blurred image of people in a retail setting.

Presenting



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retail strategies

### Upcoming Webinar:

Beyond the Factory Floor: Rethinking Rural Workforce Through the Lens of Retail:

What if the future of your rural workforce isn't just in warehouses or manufacturing

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downtowns: Join us for a forward-thinking conversation that challenges the traditional narrative around rural economic development.  
June 24, 2025 2:00 p.m. ET/3:00 p.m. CT

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### Rural Recharged: New Energy, New Possibilities

Join the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) in Great Falls, Montana—the Electric City—for a conference created by rural leaders for rural leaders. This first-of-its-kind event will bring together a community dedicated to creating new energy and opportunities for rural and tribal places across America. A cross-sector exchange on rural economic development to propel understanding, practice, policy, and progress in and for Rural America.

**June 23–25 | Great Falls, Montana**

### Member Spotlight



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Karla Organist, Senior Project Manager, IDM  
Karla is a Certified Economic Development (CEcD) professional. Since joining IDM in 2016, she has worked with well over 85 unique clients from across Iowa and the Midwest. She is a current NREDA board member, our 2025 conference chair, our future President, and is an active member of the Professional Developers of Iowa (PDI) and the International Economic Development Council (IEDC).

### Industry Trends & Highlights

**Benton REA Completes Sale of PowerNET to Advanced High Speed Internet**

Yakima that focuses on providing premier rural internet services. [Read more](#) →

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## Thought Leadership from the Industry

**Chrissy Bienz, at Terracon Consultants, Inc., on the (Wonderfully) Dirty Side of Environmental Planning**

A love of the outdoors, wildlife, and science led Chrissy Bienz to a career in environmental planning. While she's often out in the field, you may glimpse her and her four-legged shadow, Simba, the office dog, at our Carmel, IN, location. [Read more](#) →

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