

**Committee on Agriculture
U.S. House of Representatives
Information Required From Nongovernmental Witnesses**

House rules require nongovernmental witnesses to provide their resume or biographical sketch prior to testifying. If you do not have a resume or biographical sketch available, please complete this form.

- 1. Name: Lynne Keller Forbes**
- 2. Organization you represent: South Eastern Council of Governments (SECOG), South Eastern Development Foundation (SEDF), Dakota BUSINESS Finance (DBF), and the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO).**
- 3. Please list any occupational, employment, or work-related experience you have which add to your qualification to provide testimony before the Committee:**
Since 2001, I have been the President & CEO of SECOG which works with USDA programs to assist its cities and counties. Since 2002, I have been the President & CEO of SEDF, which is a regional revolving loan fund that provides financing to businesses in part using the USDA Intermediary Relending Program. I am the past-president of NADO where I represented RDOs who utilized other USDA RD programs.
- 4. Please list any special training, education, or professional experience you have which add to your qualifications to provide testimony before the Committee:**
I currently serve on the board of the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) and am a Past President of the organization. I formerly served on the board of the National Association of Development Companies (NADCO) as the representative for Region 8. I am a member of the South Dakota Bar Association and a certified Economic Development and Housing Development Finance Professional. I earned a B.A. in Business Administration from St. Leo College, St. Leo, FL and a Juris Doctorate Law Degree from the University of South Dakota, School of Law
- 5. If you are appearing on behalf of an organization, please list the capacity in which you are representing that organization, including any offices or elected positions you hold:**
I currently serve as the President & CEO of SECOG, SEDF, and DBF. I also serve on the board of the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) and am a Past President of the organization.

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TESTIMONY.**