

Alliance of Two Major Philanthropic Organizations Formed

We are pleased to inform you that the Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers and the Council on Foundations, two of the largest membership organizations in philanthropy, have entered into an important and far-reaching strategic alliance to better serve the nation's foundations and other philanthropic donors. The alliance brings together the Council, with 2,000+ members nationwide, and the Forum, which serves 4,000+ grantmakers through 32 regional or local hubs. SDG is a member of the Forum.

The first initiative of the alliance will be to streamline and update education and professional development offerings through an expanded common framework. The alliance will also seek to advance knowledge management and to enhance government relations outreach.

"This is the right time to launch this alliance," noted Colin Lacon, Chair of the Forum's Board and president of Northern California Grantmakers. "The need and desire for increased cooperation drives our commitment. As the Forum worked to put together a new strategic plan for its network, we realized it was time to work from a bigger and more collaborative vision." Lacon continued, "The alliance reflects the work of a joint Forum-Council task force, and has the enthusiastic support of both organizations' boards of directors and executive staff."

This alliance will align the services of both organizations to better serve the field of philanthropy, eliminating duplication in philanthropic infrastructure; providing better, more seamless, targeted and cost-efficient and services, and leveraging core competencies. In addition, the Forum will move to offices at the Council to ensure close collaboration between the two entities.

For further details please click on this link:

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