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## MEETING NOTICE

### NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

There will be a meeting of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on August 30, 2012. The meeting will be held at the Lake City Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard, Lake City, Florida. Dinner will start at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

*Please call the Council at (352) 955-2200, or (800) 226-0690, or email [laine@ncfrpc.org](mailto:laine@ncfrpc.org) by August 27th to let us know if you will be attending the meeting. (You can call after hours and leave a message on voice mail too.) **THANK YOU.***

(Location Map on Back)

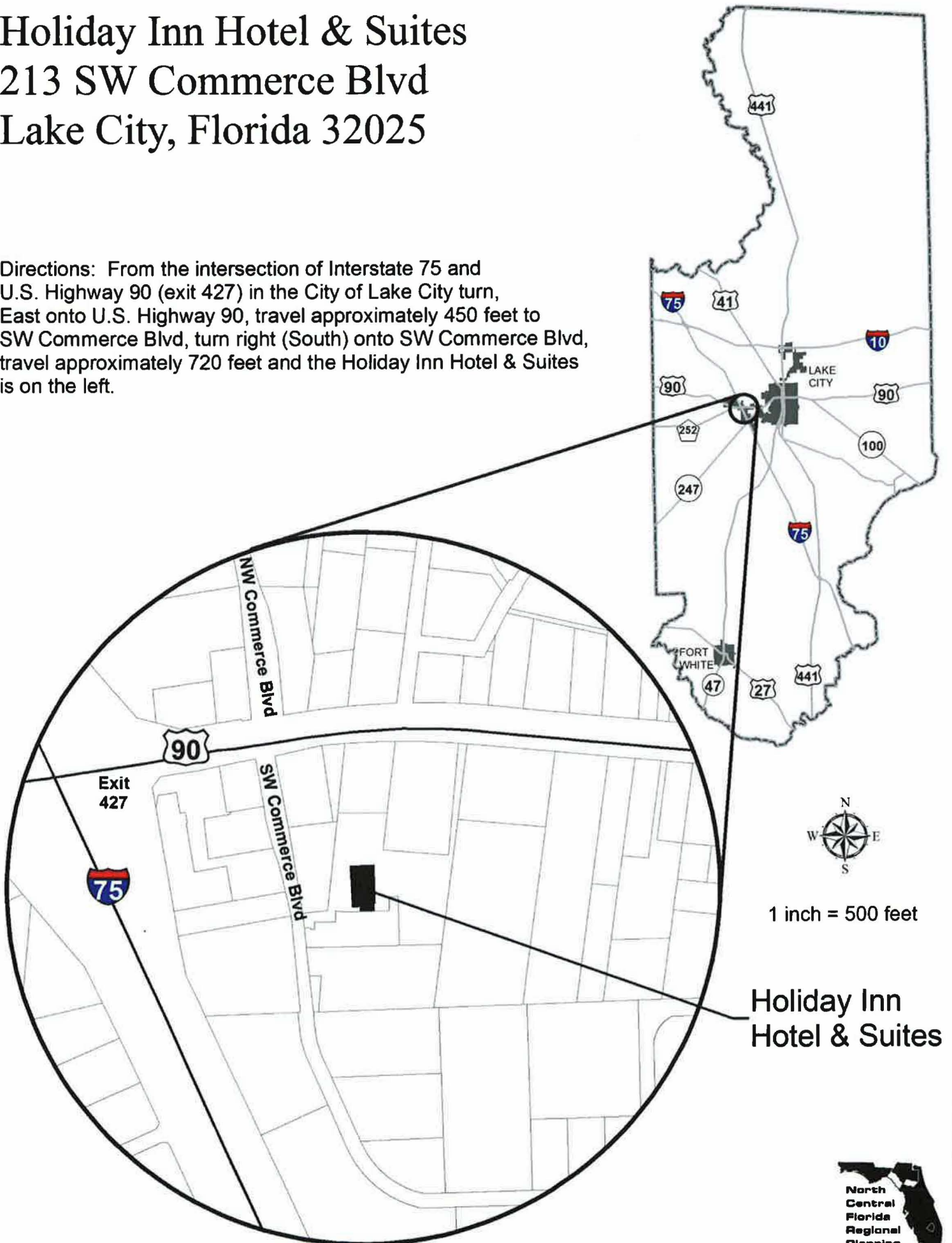
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## AGENDA

### NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites  
213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard  
Lake City, Florida

August 30, 2012  
7:30 p.m.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites  
Lake City, Florida

July 26, 2012  
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper  
**Thomas Collett, Alachua County**  
Jim Catron, City of Madison  
**Louie Davis, City of Waldo**  
Rusty DePratter, Columbia County  
Alphonso Dowdell, City of Perry  
**Roy Ellis, Madison County**  
**Sandra Haas, Suwannee County**  
**Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County**  
**Thomas Hawkins, City of Gainesville**  
Yvonne Hinson-Rawls, City of Gainesville  
Jason Holifield, Dixie County  
Jordan Marlowe, City of Newberry  
**Charles Maultsby, Taylor County**  
**James Montgomery, Columbia County**  
**Ronny Morgan, Hamilton County**  
**Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak**  
Lauren Poe, City of Gainesville  
Eleanor Randall, City of Hawthorne  
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County  
**Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke**  
**Lorene Thomas, Dixie County**  
Wesley Wainwright, Suwannee County  
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua  
*Charles Williams, Hamilton County*

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Dopp  
Scott Koons  
Carol Laine  
Jean Strong  
Bryan Thomas

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jon Wershow

MEMBERS ABSENT

**Stephen Bailey, Columbia County**  
Susan Baird, Alachua County  
Bob Barnas, City of High Springs  
Mike Byerly, Alachua County  
Todd Chase, City of Gainesville  
Paula DeLaney, Alachua County  
Frank Ogborn, City of Archer  
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County  
James Tallman, Union County  
**Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County**  
Randy Wells, City of Gainesville  
Mark Wiggins, Taylor County  
*Mike Williams, Madison County*  
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

OTHERS PRESENT

Tim Bennett, City of Madison  
Dave Cobb, Florida Power and Light  
Greg Evans, Florida Dept. of Transportation  
Jacob Grantham, Live Oak City Councilman  
Jordan Green, Florida Dept. of Transportation  
George Haas  
Keith Hinton  
Keith Mixon, Live Oak City Councilman  
Jesse Quillen, Columbia County Economic  
Development  
Joe Riddick  
Susan Ramsey, Hamilton County  
Development Authority

**Board Members names are bolded**  
*Gubernatorial Members names are italicized*

I. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. with an invocation given by Commissioner Catron and a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chair Thomas stated that there was a quorum of the Council.

Chair Thomas asked Mayor Sonny Nobles to introduce Councilman Keith Mixon and Councilman Jacob Grantham from the City of Live Oak. Chair Thomas introduced and welcomed Greg Evans, District 2 Secretary, Florida Department of Transportation, Tim Bennett, City Manager for the City of Madison, Dave Cobb from Florida Power and Light.

Chair Thomas welcomed and introduced Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee members Susan Ramsey, Executive Director of the Hamilton County Development Authority and Jesse Quillen, Director of the Columbia County Economic Development Department and Ms. Ramsey's guest Keith Hinton. She also introduced and welcomed former Council member Joe Riddick, who served as Chair of the Council during 1995-96 and George Haas, husband of Council member Sandra Haas.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 28, 2012

Chair Thomas asked that the minutes of the June 28, 2012 meeting be approved as written.

**ACTION: Mr. Maultsby made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis, to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2012 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.**

III. CONSENT AGENDA - None

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT - Introduction of New Members

Chair Thomas reported that there were no new members to introduce.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Regional Visioning Process

Mr. Scott Koons, Executive Director, stated that regional visioning initiatives bring together elected officials, economic development organizations, workforce boards, educational institutions, environmental and community representatives to develop a vision for the future based upon shared core values. The regional visioning process provides a framework for working together to accommodate growth, protect resources, maintain economic vitality and enhance quality of life while adding value to communities within a region.

Mr. Koons stated that a regional visioning process would advance the Council's mission of *improving the quality of life of the region's citizens, by coordinating growth management, protecting regional resources, promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments*. Mr. Koons further stated that the Florida Department of Transportation has agreed to partner with the Council to undertake a regional visioning process. Therefore, the Executive Committee recommended that the Council agree to convene and coordinate a regional visioning process for north central Florida.

**ACTION: Vice-Mayor Spooner made the motion, with a second by Councilman Bryant to authorize staff to work with the Florida Department of Transportation to develop a scope, schedule and funding mechanism for a regional visioning process for north central Florida. The motion carried unanimously.**

2. Banking Services Proposal

Mr. Koons reported that for the past year, the Council has maintained its bank account and the Employee Pension Plan Trust Fund account with Wells Fargo. The Council also manages bank accounts for the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area and The Original Florida Tourism Task Force with Wells Fargo.

Mr. Koons stated that the Council recently authorized staff to solicit proposals for banking services. The Executive Committee met on July 17, 2012 and reviewed the three proposals submitted for banking services. The Executive Committee recommended that the Council select Capital City Bank for Council and Employee Pension Plan Trust accounts for banking services.

**ACTION: Mr. Collett made the motion, with a second by Vice-Mayor Spooner to select Capital City Bank for Council and Employee Pension Plan Trust accounts for banking services. The motion carried unanimously.**

3. Employee Health Insurance Proposal

Mr. Koons reported that UnitedHealthcare has offered to continue health insurance coverage for the Council with a 7.5 percent increase in premiums for the coming year beginning September 1, 2012. UnitedHealthcare is proposing no change in life insurance premiums for the coming year. UnitedHealthcare is proposing a 5.4 percent increase in premiums for dental insurance.

On July 17, 2012, the Executive Committee met and reviewed two alternative proposals for health insurance from UnitedHealthcare. Both of the alternative proposals included reduced benefits for employees. Mr. Koons stated that the Executive Committee recommended the following four actions concerning health, life, dental and vision insurance.

- Approve the alternative proposal received from UnitedHealthcare for Plan 9FU for employee health insurance, Plan P3416 for dental insurance and life insurance for the year beginning September 1, 2012;
- Approve making dental insurance a voluntary option with employees paying 100 percent of the premium effective September 1, 2012;
- Approve changing the employee life insurance premium payment Council share from 75 percent to 100 percent effective September 1, 2012; and
- Approve changing the health insurance premium payment Council share from 75 percent for both employee and dependent coverage to 100 percent for employee coverage only and 0 percent for dependent coverage by increasing the health insurance premium payment Council share for employee coverage by 5 percent per year over a five-year period and decreasing the health insurance premium payment Council share for dependent coverage by 15 percent per year over a five-year period beginning September 1, 2013.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Catron made the motion, with a second from Mr. Collett to approve the alternative proposal received from UnitedHealthcare for Plan 9FU for employee health insurance, Plan P3416 for dental insurance and life insurance for the year beginning September 1, 2012; approve making dental insurance a voluntary option with employees paying 100 percent of the premium effective September 1, 2012; and approve changing the employee life insurance premium payment Council share from 75 percent to 100 percent effective September 1, 2012. The motion carried with 24 yeas and 1 nay.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Chair Sandra Haas gave the Clearinghouse Committee report. She stated that the Clearinghouse Committee met earlier in the evening and reviewed one local government comprehensive plan amendment.

#81 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment

Ms. Haas stated that the Clearinghouse Committee found that the comprehensive plan, as amended, does not create significant adverse impacts to Natural Resources of Regional Significance, regional facilities or adjacent local governments. Additionally, she stated that the County comprehensive plan, as amended, remained consistent with the regional plan. The Committee recommended forwarding these findings to the County and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity as regional comment.

**ACTION:** Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Mr. Maultsby, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #81, Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee  
Draft Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2013-2017

Mr. Bryan Thomas, Economic Development Program Director, presented a slideshow concerning the draft Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. He reported that every five years, the Council prepares an update of the Strategy for submission to the U.S. Economic Development Administration to meet our contractual obligations with that agency, and to qualify our counties for funding under its economic development program.

Mr. Thomas stated that the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee met July 17, 2012 to review and recommend to the Council Goals and Objectives and Priority Project Areas. He reported that the Strategy has been organized using the Florida Chamber Foundation Six Pillars for Securing Florida's Future Economy. By organizing the Strategy by the Six Pillars, it is in alignment with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's recently prepared Five-Year Strategic Economic Development Plan and the Florida Chamber Foundation's Six Pillars 20-Year Strategic Plan.

Susan Ramsey, Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee Chair, reported that the Committee has been working the past several months with staff to complete the required five-year update of the Strategy. The Committee has reviewed existing strategies and has recommended new strategies. She stated that the Committee completed a draft of the Strategy at its July 17, 2012 meeting and has provided the draft Executive Summary, Goals and Objectives and Priority Project Areas from the Strategy in the Council meeting packet. She further stated that the Committee recommended approval of the draft Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2013-2017 and to authorize that the draft Strategy be noticed for a 30-day public comment period.

**ACTION: Commissioner Marlowe made the motion, with a second by Councilman Bryant to approve the draft Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2013-2017 and authorize that it be noticed for a 30-day public comment period as recommended by the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. State Infrastructure Bank Loans

Mr. Koons introduced Jordan Green, Florida Department of Transportation Rural Area Transportation Development Engineer for District 2. Mr. Green presented a slideshow concerning the State Infrastructure Bank. He stated that the Bank is a revolving loan and credit enhancement program consisting of two separate accounts and is used to leverage funds to improve project feasibility administered by the Florida Department of Transportation. The Bank can provide loans and other assistance to public or private entities for projects eligible under federal and state law. He emphasized that the Bank cannot provide assistance in the form of a grant. He noted that the application deadline for Fiscal Year 2013-14 is August 31, 2012.

B. 2012 Proposed Constitutional Amendments

Mr. Koons reported that 11 proposed constitutional amendments have been placed on the ballot by the Legislature for the general election to be held November 6, 2012. Several of the amendments have implications for local governments. He reviewed a summary of the proposed constitutional amendments.

C. Planning in America Opinion Poll

Mr. Koons reported that the American Planning Association recently released the results of a nationwide poll on the attitudes of Americans toward planning. The poll indicates that Americans generally have a favorable opinion of community planning.

D. Statewide Regional Evacuation Study Award

Mr. Koons reported that working together in a coordinated manner, all 11 regional planning councils completed a multi-year Statewide Regional Evacuation Study. The award-winning Study represented an unprecedented undertaking to concurrently update the regional evacuation studies for each region.

He stated that the Study had been previously recognized for excellence both at the state and national level. He added that the Florida Planning and Zoning Association granted the Study their 2011 Outstanding Public Study Award and at the national level, both trade associations for regional planning councils and regional development organizations have also granted awards for the Study. He stated that the National Association of Regional Councils granted the Study a 2011 Achievement Award and the National Association of Development Organizations granted the Study a 2011 Innovation Award. In addition, Mr. Koons reported that the American Planning Association recently recognized the Study by granting it the 2012 Best Practices in Hazard Mitigation and Disaster Planning Award.

E. 2011-12 Member Certificates of Outstanding Attendance

Mr. Koons stated that an essential component of the ability of the Council to conduct its business is the regular attendance of members at Council meetings. A Council Member Attendance Recognition Program was established by the Council at the May 22, 2008 Council meeting to recognize the commitment of those Council members actively engaged in the organization by regularly attending every Council meeting in a program year. He awarded a Certificate of Outstanding Attendance to the following members in recognition of their attendance at every scheduled Council meeting during Program Year 2011-12: Alphonso Dowdell, Councilman, City of Perry, Garth Nobles, Jr., Mayor, City of Live Oak, Carolyn Spooner, Vice-Mayor, City of Starke and Daniel Riddick, County Commissioner, Bradford County.

F. Executive Director's Cup

Mr. Koons stated that in furtherance of the Council Member Attendance Recognition Program and to encourage attendance at Council meetings, an Executive Director's Cup is awarded each year to recognize the perfect attendance by either county, city or

gubernatorial members during a program year. For Program Year 2011-12, he awarded the Executive Director's Cup to the city members, Alphonso Dowdell, City of Perry, Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak and Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke, in recognition of their perfect attendance.

G. 2011-12 Florida Regional Councils Association Annual Report

Mr. Koons reported that the 2011-12 Annual Report for the Florida Regional Councils Association was included in the Council packet. The Report highlights the accomplishments of the Association and its member regional planning councils. He reported that the Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide association of all 11 regional councils in Florida. He added that it is governed by a Policy Board made up of three representatives (county, municipal, gubernatorial) from each Council who are in turn advised by the Executive Directors Advisory Committee comprised of all 11 executive directors.

Mr. Koons stated that the Chair Lorene Thomas, Vice-Chair Garth Nobles, Jr. and Immediate Past Chair Roy Ellis currently serve on the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board.

Mr. Koons reported that there will be an Energy in North Florida Policy and Resiliency Workshop on August 13, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Gainesville Regional Utilities Eastside Operations Center in Gainesville and on August 29, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Northeast Florida Regional Council office in Jacksonville.

Mr. Koons stated that the Plum Creek economic development site, which includes the Columbia County Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern Catalyst Site, has recently been named the North Florida Intermodal Park.

Chair Thomas informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on August 30, 2012 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

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Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

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Date





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August 23, 2012

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director *SRK*

SUBJECT: Local Government Comprehensive Planning Assistance Services Agreements -  
Fiscal Year 2012-13

RECOMMENDATION:

**Authorize the Chair to execute technical assistance services agreements on a fixed fee basis to assist counties and cities with implementing their comprehensive plans and land development regulations for Fiscal Year 2012-13.**

BACKGROUND:

Each year the Council enters into technical assistance services agreements to assist local governments with implementing their comprehensive plans and land development regulations. The scope of services are, as follows.

- I. General Technical Assistance - conducting research, answering questions and assisting with comprehensive plan and land development regulations interpretations.
- II. Amendment Assistance - all Level I services, plus preparing public notices, draft ordinance, data and analysis and concurrency review for comprehensive plan text and map and land development regulations text and zoning map amendments.
- III. Development Review Assistance - all Level I and II services, plus reviewing site and development plans, subdivision plats and other development proposals for comprehensive plan and land development regulations compliance.

The names of the counties and cities and the fixed fee amount of each associated agreement are as listed on the attached list. If you have any questions concerning these agreements, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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## FISCAL YEAR 2013

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING ASSISTANCE SERVICES

#### AGREEMENTS

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council proposes to enter into technical assistance services agreements on a fixed fee basis to assist counties and cities with implementing comprehensive plans and land development regulations. The scope of services and amount of each agreement are as listed below.

- I. General Technical Assistance - conducting research, answering questions and assisting with comprehensive plan and land development regulations interpretations.

| <u>Local Government</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| N/A                     | N/A           |

- II. Amendment Assistance - all Level I services, plus preparing public notices, draft ordinances, data and analysis and concurrency review for comprehensive plan text and map and land development regulations text and zoning map amendments.

| <u>Local Government</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Bradford County      | \$ 23,500     |
| 2. Dixie County         | \$ 13,000     |
| 3. Gilchrist County     | \$ 15,000     |
| 4. Lafayette County     | \$ 13,000     |
| 5. Suwannee County      | \$ 23,500     |
| 6. Taylor County        | \$ 12,500     |
| 7. Union County         | \$ 7,000      |
| 8. Archer               | \$ 7,000      |
| 9. Fanning Springs      | \$ 7,000      |
| 10. Lake Butler         | \$ 7,000      |
| 11. Lake City           | \$ 35,000     |
| 12. Madison, City       | \$ 17,000     |
| 13. Perry               | \$ 9,000      |
| 14. Starke              | \$ 10,000     |

- III. Development Review Assistance - all Level I and II services, plus reviewing site and development plans, subdivision plats and other development proposals for comprehensive plan and land development regulations compliance.

| <u>Local Government</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Columbia County      | \$ 85,000     |
| 2. Bell                 | \$ 5,500      |





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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Hazardous Waste Monitoring Verification and Notification Services Agreements -  
 Fiscal Year 2012-13

RECOMMENDATION:

**Authorize the Chair to execute agreements with Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee and Union Counties for hazardous waste monitoring for Fiscal Year 2012-13.**

BACKGROUND:

Florida Statutes require each county to annually monitor the waste management practices of 20 percent of the government organizations and businesses that may potentially generate small quantities of hazardous waste. The majority of these operations involve motor vehicle maintenance. On-site visits are required to collect information that is entered into an on-line database.

During these site visits, Council staff will provide recommendations on correcting problems with management techniques. A one-page summary of how to avoid the most common mistakes will also be provided to the facility operators.

These services will be provided on a fixed fee basis to the counties in the amounts as listed below.

|           |         |           |         |
|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| Bradford  | \$7,882 | Lafayette | \$1,409 |
| Columbia  | \$9,731 | Madison   | \$4,880 |
| Dixie     | \$2,717 | Suwannee  | \$7,421 |
| Gilchrist | \$2,697 | Union     | \$2,778 |
| Hamilton  | \$2,899 |           |         |

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management  
to Update Hazards Analyses - Fiscal Year 2012-13

RECOMMENDATION:

**Authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management to update hazards analyses for Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette and Taylor Counties for an estimated fixed fee amount of \$9,778.**

BACKGROUND:

Each year, the Florida Division of Emergency Management provides funding to the Council to update hazards analyses for locations that contain extremely hazardous substances that if released could cause off-site injuries.

Sites located in the following counties will be included in the hazard analyses update: Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette and Taylor Counties.

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Agreement with Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council  
for Energy Assurance Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

**Authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council to develop an energy assurance plan for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.**

BACKGROUND:

The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is acting as the lead regional planning council for a statewide energy assurance plan to be prepared in conjunction with all 11 regional planning councils in Florida. The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council has been granted funds by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Energy Office. The plan is being funded by the U.S. Department of Energy.

The plan will focus on analyzing the direct, indirect and induced impacts of an interruption of current energy supplies. The Regional Economic Modeling, Inc. econometric software will be used to determine the impacts. The analysis will be conducted on a regional basis and then aggregated into a state analysis.

The plan will also include implementation strategies to encourage energy resiliency. Each region will develop regionally based strategies to be combined with other regional strategies to produce a statewide set of implementation strategies.

The Council will be paid an amount not to exceed \$25,000 by the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council for this plan.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Financial Transactions Authorization Resolutions

RECOMMENDATION:

**Adopt the attached resolutions authorizing Executive Director Scott Koons to sign Treasury Management Documents for Capital City Bank, designate Executive Director Scott Koons as system administrator and authorize Executive Director Scott Koons to take all action and execute all documents as necessary and desirable in connection with the Treasury Management Documents for Capital City Bank.**

BACKGROUND:

As you know, on July 26, 2012, the Council approved changing banking services from Wells Fargo to Capital City Bank. Currently the executive director is the authorized signatory for bank accounts and is authorized to use his signature on a plate that is used in a check-writing machine and to take any other necessary actions with respect to bank accounts.

This approach has made transacting the business of the Council much more efficient, and there are adequate generally accepted accounting practice internal controls in place providing for the separation of duties by accounting personnel and the executive director to safeguard and protect Council funds. It is recommended that the Council adopt the attached resolutions authorizing Executive Director Scott Koons to sign Treasury Management Documents for Capital City Bank, designate Executive Director Scott Koons as system administrator and authorize Executive Director Scott Koons to take all action and execute all documents as necessary and desirable in connection with the Treasury Management Documents for Capital City Bank.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachment

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**CERTIFICATE  
OF  
NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

Each of the undersigned representatives of the Company certifies:

1. The Company is organized, and its status is active, under the laws of the State of **FLORIDA** as a:

- ☐ corporation  
☐ professional service corporation  
☐ limited liability company  
☐ professional limited liability company  
☐ general partnership  
☐ limited partnership  
☒ other (specify the form of business entity) **POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF**

**THE STATE OF FLORIDA UNDER SECTION 163.01 FLORIDA STATUTES**

(Check one box above)

2. The Company's Federal Employer I.D. Number is 59-1264177
3. The Company's principal place of business is 2009 NW 67 PL, SUITE A, GAINESVILLE FL 32653
4. The Company's mailing address is SAME AS ABOVE
5. The resolutions set forth below have been adopted by the Company in accordance with applicable law and the Company's governing documents, and remain in full force and effect:

**RESOLVED**, that the Company is authorized to enter into the Capital City Bank Online Agreement and Disclosure for Treasury Management Clients ("**Agreement**"), together with all other agreements and instruments described in or contemplated (collectively "**Treasury Management Documents**"); and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the individual(s) listed below is/are authorized and directed, acting singly or together, to execute and deliver the Treasury Management Documents to Capital City Bank ("**Bank**"), to designate the system administrator(s) identified below, to subsequently change those person(s) who is/are designated as system administrator(s) without the need for any further Company resolution, and to take all action and execute all documents as necessary or desirable in connection with the Treasury Management Documents:

(a) SCOTT R KOONS

Title: EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR, NFRPC

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the individual(s) listed below is/are appointed as the Company's "**System Administrator**" and is/are further authorized and directed, acting singly or together, to do all acts required or permitted of a "System Administrator" by the Agreement:

(b) SCOTT R KOONS

Title: EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR, NFRPC

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Company ratifies, approves, and confirms all transactions, designations, and actions under any previous agreement with Bank (verbal or written) for treasury management services prior to the adoption of these resolutions.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, these resolutions shall continue in full force and effect, and Bank may rely upon these resolutions, until: (1) written notice of any revocation, modification, or replacement of a resolution is received by Bank and (2) Bank provides written acknowledgement that Bank has received such revocation, modification, or replacement. Any revocation, modification, or replacement of a resolution must be accompanied by documents, satisfactory to Bank, establishing the authority for the changes.

6. The actions taken, and the powers and authority conferred, by the above resolutions are consistent with applicable law and with the Company's governing documents and do not require any further action or approval by any individual(s).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I/we execute this Certificate of Company on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

(X) \_\_\_\_\_

Name: SCOTT R KOONS

Title: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NFRPC

(X) \_\_\_\_\_

Name: LORENE THOMAS

Title: CHAIR, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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August 23, 2012

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Certificate of Service for Council Employee

As you know, the Council amended its Personnel Regulations to establish an Employee Length of Service Program.

The strength and stability of an organization is based upon the experience and institutional knowledge of its senior, long-serving employees. Michael Escalante has been an employee of the Council for 25 years. As a token of appreciation for 25 years of service to the Council and in recognition of his dedicated service to the Council, the attached certificate of service is being presented to Mr. Escalante.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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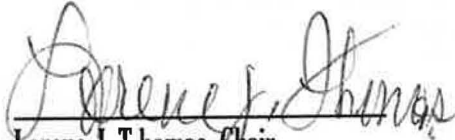
**Michael B. Escalante**

as an expression of appreciation for 25 years of dedicated service as an employee of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council  
from July 6, 1987 to July 6, 2012.

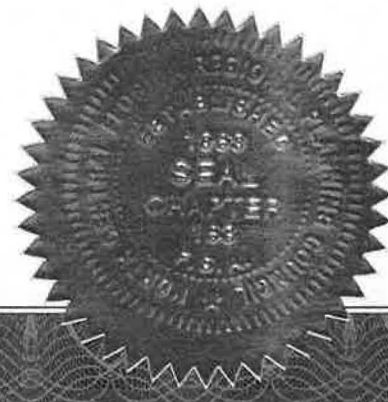
**25** Years

Witness the Seal of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council  
and the signatures of its duly authorized officers thereunto affixed.

Given this 30th day of August in the year Two Thousand Twelve.

  
Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

  
Kenrick Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer







# Florida Strategic Plan for Economic Development

## July 2012 – June 2017 (V16, [www.floridajobs.org/FL5yrPlan](http://www.floridajobs.org/FL5yrPlan))

### At-A-Glance

- Vision** ○ Florida will have the nation's top performing economy and be recognized as the world's best place to live, learn, work and do business.
- Goals** ○ Lead the nation in global competitiveness as a location for business, investment, talent, innovation and visitors.  
○ Lead the nation in economic growth and prosperity.  
○ Lead the nation in quality of life.
- Objectives** ○ Improve employment in Florida.      ○ Foster opportunities for prosperity.      ○ Grow businesses.  
○ Expand global commerce.      ○ Increase Florida's attractiveness to workers, residents and visitors.

| Cross-Cutting Strategies   |  |   |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| 1. Strengthen collaboration and alignment among state, regional and local entities toward the state's economic vision.<br>2. Develop and implement a statewide strategy to develop regional talent and innovation clusters using global best practices.<br>3. Connect economic development, talent, infrastructure, partnerships and other resources within and across regions to build Florida as a globally competitive megaregion.<br>4. Position Florida as a global hub for trade, visitors, talent, innovation and investment.             |  |   |  |  |   |
| Area-Specific Strategies   |  |   |  |  |   |
| Talent Supply & Education  | Innovation & Economic Development  | Infrastructure & Growth Leadership  | Business Climate & Competitiveness   | Civic & Governance Systems   | Quality of Life & Quality Places  |
| 5. Align education and workforce development programs to develop and retain talented workers with the skills to meet current and future employer needs.<br><br>6. Develop an integrated pre-K through career education system to prepare students for becoming successful workers or entrepreneurs.<br><br>7. Lead the nation in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) research, education and market-relevant technical skills.<br><br>8. Expand access to education and training programs for talent in distressed markets. | 9. Strengthen Florida's leadership in expanding and emerging talent and innovation clusters and help transition established clusters to serve new markets.<br><br>10. Grow, sustain, and integrate efforts related to research and development, technology transfer and commercialization, and capital to create, nurture and expand innovation businesses.<br><br>11. Expand the number of Florida businesses selling goods and services internationally and diversify the markets they serve.<br><br>12. Brand and consistently market Florida as the best state for business. | 13. Coordinate decision making and investments for economic development, land use, transportation, infrastructure, housing, water, energy, natural resources, workforce and community development at the statewide, regional and local levels.<br><br>14. Develop and maintain multimodal, interconnected trade and transportation systems to support a prosperous, globally competitive economy.<br><br>15. Develop and maintain a cutting-edge telecommunications infrastructure.<br><br>16. Ensure the future supply and quality of water to meet Florida's economic and quality of life goals.<br><br>17. Develop and maintain diverse, reliable, and cost effective energy sources and systems to meet Florida's economic and environmental goals. | 18. Renovate permitting, development, and other regulatory processes to meet changing business needs and provide a predictable legal and regulatory environment.<br><br>19. Ensure state, regional and local agencies provide collaborative, seamless, consistent and timely customer service to businesses.<br><br>20. Reduce barriers to small/minority business and entrepreneurial growth.<br><br>21. Expand opportunities for access to capital for businesses throughout their life cycle.<br><br>22. Work with industry to ensure property and health insurance rates are competitive with other large states.<br><br>23. Develop a government revenue structure that encourages business growth and development. | 24. Support and sustain statewide and regional partnerships to accomplish Florida's economic and quality of life goals.<br><br>25. Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of government agencies at all levels.<br><br>26. Invest in strategic statewide and regional economic development priorities. | 27. Create and sustain vibrant, safe and healthy communities that attract workers, businesses, residents and visitors.<br><br>28. Ensure Florida's environment and quality of life are sustained and enhanced by future growth plans and development decisions.<br><br>29. Promote, develop, protect and leverage Florida's natural, art and cultural assets in a sustainable manner. |

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Employee Dental Insurance

RECOMMENDATION:

**Approve offering UnitedHealthcare dental insurance Plan F5430 as a voluntary option for both employee and dependent coverage with the employees paying 100 percent of the premium effective September 1, 2012.**

BACKGROUND:

At the July 26, 2012 Council meeting, the Council voted to change dental insurance to a voluntary insurance premium for both employee and dependent coverage with the employees paying 100 percent of the premium effective September 1, 2012.

For the period beginning September 1, 2011, UnitedHealthcare dental coverage was under Plan P3416, which required a minimum of 75 percent of employees to be enrolled in the Plan. Since less than 75 percent of employees opted to renew their dental coverage with Plan P3416, alternative plans with comparable coverage were reviewed for dental insurance that only require at least two employees to enroll. It is recommended that one of the two alternative plans, Plan F5430, be offered as the voluntary dental plan for the period beginning September 1, 2012.

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August 23, 2012

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Medicare Insurance

RECOMMENDATION:

**Offer employees 65 years of age or older the option of enrolling in the United Healthcare Insurance Plan 9FU with the Council paying 75 percent of the premium and the employee paying 25 percent of the premium for employee or employee and spouse coverage or enrolling in Medicare Part B and Medicare Part D and F offered by United Healthcare and having the Council pay 100 percent of the premium for employee coverage.**

BACKGROUND:

As you know, once individuals reach the age of 65, they are required to register for Medicare health insurance. There are three Council employees that will reach the age of 65 during the 12-month health insurance plan year that begins September 1, 2012.

Medicare Part A Hospitalization Coverage has no premium cost associated with it. Medicare Part B Physician Coverage has a cost of \$99.90 per month, Medicare Part D Medication Coverage offered by United Healthcare has a cost of \$40.80 per month cost and Medicare Part F Supplemental Coverage offered by United Healthcare has a cost of \$161.75 per month. Thus, the total cost for Parts B, D and F is \$302.45 per month.

The premium for the Council United Healthcare Insurance Plan 9FU for the health insurance plan year beginning September 1, 2012 for an employee is \$546.29 per month and for employee and spouse is \$1,169.06. Since 100 percent of Medicare premiums are less than 75 percent of United Healthcare Insurance Plan 9FU premiums, it is recommended that the Council offer employees 65 years of age or older the option of enrolling in the Council United Healthcare Insurance Plan 9FU with the Council paying 75 percent of the premium and the employee paying 25 percent of the premium for employee or employee and spouse coverage or enrolling in Medicare Part B and Medicare Part D and F offered by United Healthcare and having the Council pay 100 percent of the premium for employee coverage. The annual savings to the Council would be \$1,288 for employee coverage and \$6,892 for employee and spouse coverage.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
MEDICARE COSTS VS. HEALTH INSURANCE COMPARISON

August 23, 2012

|                                      | <u>Cost<br/>Per Year</u> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Medicare - Council Pays 100%         | \$3,629                  |
| <u>United Healthcare Plan 9FU</u>    |                          |
| Employee - Council Pays 75%          | \$4,917                  |
| <b>Net Council Savings</b>           | <b>\$1,288</b>           |
|                                      |                          |
| Employee & Spouse - Council Pays 75% | \$10,522                 |
| <b>Net Council Savings</b>           | <b>\$6,892</b>           |





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August 22, 2012

TO: Council Members

FROM: Sandra Haas, Chair  
Clearinghouse Committee

RE: Chair's Report

The next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Clearinghouse Committee is 6:00 p.m., August 30, 2012 at the Holiday Inn and Suites, 213 SW Commerce Boulevard, Lake City. At its meeting, the Committee will review the following Committee-level item which requires Council action. I will present an oral report on the Committee's actions and recommendations at the Council meeting held later that evening.

#### COMMITTEE-LEVEL REVIEW ITEMS

##### Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

#83 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 12-2 ESR)

***Please be advised that the Clearinghouse Committee meeting packet is posted on the Council website at <http://ncfrpc.org> (click on Upcoming Meetings and Meeting Packets, then click on Clearinghouse Committee Full Packet).***

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August 23, 2012

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director *SRK*

SUBJECT: Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Report

The Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the 11 regional planning councils. The Association strengthens Florida's regional planning councils, partners with government and the business community to enhance regional economic prosperity and improves the consistency and quality of regional planning councils programs to ensure they add value to state, regional and local initiatives.

The Association strives to accomplish these goals by carrying-out the following objectives.

- Ensure regional planning councils are effective service organizations to the State of Florida, its local governments, and the citizens they serve;
- Ensure regional planning councils are consensus builders and problem solvers, and serve as conveners of the region by helping to articulate those multijurisdictional issues that need resolution;
- Encourage and promote opportunities for regional planning councils to become partners in state programs and initiatives, while promoting the unique themes of each region within the state and legislative environments;
- Monitor substantive state and federal legislative issues for the benefit of its members, and promote mutually supportive policy positions among the regional planning councils;
- Represent regional planning councils in national organizations, such as the National Association of Regional Councils, National Association of Development Organizations, and SouthEast Regional Directors Institute; and
- Foster relationships and partnerships and coordinate with state, regional, and national associations and organizations; non-profit entities; public-private partnerships; the Governor's Office; state agencies; and others, on issues of mutual interest and concern, and with whom the Association shares mutual goals and programs.

Please find attached the July 2012 Monthly Accomplishments Report highlighting the accomplishments of the Association's Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Sheri Coven. The report addresses outreach, resource development/capacity building, legislative and administrative activities.

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## MONTHLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS: July, 2012

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### OUTREACH

- Completed the redesigned FRCA Annual Joint Report and Directory, pursuant to s. 186.513, F.S., and distributed it electronically to state agency partners and over 100 interested parties and colleagues.
- Worked with David Cruz at the Florida League of Cities to put together five concurrent sessions on economic development at its annual conference, which will take place in late August, beginning with pairing up regional planning councils to create five regions for the concurrent sessions and identifying five speakers from among the 11 councils.
- Attended a meeting of the Florida Transportation Commission and provided an email report on the Commission's intent to examine regional boundaries in Florida.
- Attended the Floridians for Better Transportation's Board Meeting (by invitation only) and annual Transportation Summit, attended by over 200 public and private sector transportation practitioners and policy-makers.
- Along with Scott Koons (NCFRC), Chair, Brian Teeple (NEFRC), Vice-Chair, and Pat Steed (CFRPC), met with the following individuals:
  - Kathy Neill, Bob Romig, and Huiwei Shen with the Florida Department of Transportation to discuss the department's corridors initiative and concept reports; MAP-21, and other issues of mutual interest;
  - Tom DiGiacomo and Mark Reichert with the Florida Transportation Commission to discuss the Commission's interest in examining regional boundaries and improving regional efficiency, and to prepare for the Commission's September 19 workshop; and,
  - Michelle Dennard and Barbara Foster with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to discuss the status of the Five-Year State Strategic Plan on Economic Development and prepare for the August economic development concurrent sessions at the Florida League of Cities annual conference.
- At their invitation and free of charge, joined the Florida Local Government Coalition, which is an organization for local government association staff that works to benefit its members through collaboration, resource sharing, and professional development.
- Took initial steps to determine why District Five of the Florida Department of Transportation would not pay the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council's indirect rate. The matter is still pending.
- Began building a relationship with the Florida City and County Management Staff following the June FRCA meetings, including outreach and an exchange of information.

- Designed and produced a quarter page and business card-sized advertisement for use in the American Planning Association, Florida Chapter's September annual conference brochure and issues of its quarterly magazine.

### **RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING**

- Reviewed and provided comments on the state's draft Five-Year Strategic Plan for Economic Development.
- Participated in the July meeting of the Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI), which included written direction to the participating agencies for providing information needed to populate the REDI annual report, an update on the Columbia County catalyst site, and presentations from the Florida Department of Transportation on its corridors initiative and North Florida Economic Development Partnership regarding its Pilot Economic Development Academy.
- Participated in the monthly Enterprise Florida, Inc., conference call, which focused on open records and confidentiality laws and provided year-to-date indicator reports.
- Participated in a teleconference of the Enterprise Florida, Inc., Stakeholders' Community Competitiveness Task Force, which is developing a voluntary, self-rating job readiness assessment as one of four major components to promoting community competitiveness (the other three are technical assistance; the creation of a building and site database; and best practices workshops).
- Along with the Small County Coalition, Florida Association of Counties, Florida Sheriffs Association, and Florida Emergency Preparedness Association, participated in meetings to develop an approach to mitigating the impacts of a county by county ranking/assessment of their emergency management offices being conducted by the Florida Division of Emergency Management under the direction of the Governor.

### **LEGISLATIVE**

- Monitored Lobbytools emails and distributed pertinent information as appropriate.
- Responded to a request for information from the Florida League of Cities regarding the potential impact of repealing s. 380.06(3), F.S.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

- Updated the FRCA website to post the FRCA Annual Report and Directory and Annual Events Calendar to the Publications web page and revised the Meeting web page to reflect the new name of the FRCA General Meeting (n/k/a the FRCA Partners Meeting).
- Negotiated and signed contracts with the DoubleTree Hotel for the December and January FRCA meetings.
- Submitted an update to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for the on-line Florida Resource Directory (<http://redi.state.fl.us/>), bringing current information pertaining to regional planning councils.
- Monitored email blasts from key federal agencies for grant opportunities.




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August 23, 2012

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

The Florida Chamber Foundation has developed the Florida Scorecard™ to provide Florida leaders the metrics needed to secure Florida's future. The Florida Chamber Foundation's objective to developing a 20-year, statewide strategic plan requires a commitment to measuring our current status and progress toward the stated goals of the Six Pillars 20-year Strategic Plan.

The Scorecard reports metrics for each of the Six Pillars benchmarked to the other 49 states. The Six Pillars are Talent Supply and Education, Innovation and Economic Development, Infrastructure and Growth Leadership, Business Climate and Competitiveness, Civic and Governance Systems and Quality of Life and Quality Places. Please find attached the August 2012 Scorecard.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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# THE FLORIDA SCORECARD

The Metrics that Help Florida Leaders Secure Florida's Future

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## Florida's Jobless Rate Ticks Up to 8.8% in July

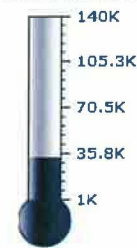
Florida's official unemployment rate, the percentage of the state's labor force considered unemployed, increased from 8.6% in June to 8.8% in July, snapping over a year-long trend of a declining or stable jobless rate. The state's nonagricultural employment level stood at 7,331,400 in July—an over-the-month decrease of 3,300 jobs. Not all of the decrease in employment is a result of layoffs—as some of this decrease includes voluntary separations and retirement. Looking at individual industry categories, the professional and business services industry added 41,600 jobs over-the-year—representing an increase of 4.0%. Construction and government employment changes are negative over-the-year as the recovery from the housing bubble continues. Although residential housing appears to be improving, construction labor demand is partially derived from government expenditures—which will likely remain depressed in the current fiscal environment.

Nationally, we observed a similar pattern, with the U.S. jobless rate increasing slightly to 8.3% in July—an increase of 0.1 percentage points from June. Although some of the increase in the number of unemployed individuals is a result of new labor market entrants, the most frequent reasons for unemployment were job losses or the completion of temporary work. According to a new survey of 500 small businesses by TD Bank, approximately a third of small firms are understaffed, but are reluctant to increase hiring. This finding is consistent with the latest small business index survey, which shows that economic uncertainty is the number one concern for small businesses. Economic (including fiscal) uncertainty remains a significant barrier to growth for many small businesses, and will likely continue through the U.S. election cycle.



Unemployment Rate

### Florida Net Job Creation in 2012



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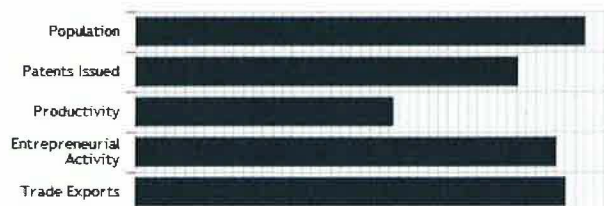


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## Ranking Florida



### Key Indicators



#### Home Foreclosures

Foreclosure activity is falling in Florida, but the state ranks second highest among all states in total foreclosure activity...



#### Consumer Confidence

Florida consumer confidence indices measure perceptions of personal finances now compared to a year ago and perceptions of U.S....



#### Population

Florida has the 4th largest population in the U.S., estimated at 18.8 million in 2010...



#### Unemployment Rate

Florida has a labor force of over 9 million, ready to meet the workforce needs of businesses...





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August 23, 2012

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Energy in North Florida Workshops

Having affordable and reliable energy is critical for Florida's economy. Regional planning councils in Florida, in association with the U.S. Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Energy and the Florida Office of Energy, are reviewing energy issues in their regions and identifying recommendations for goals, strategies and measures to be assembled into a statewide energy resiliency strategy. Two workshops are being hosted by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council and the Northeast Florida Regional Council on August 13, 2012 and August 29, 2012, respectively.

#### Workshop One

The Council hosted Workshop One at the Gainesville Regional Utilities Eastside Operations Center, 4747 North Main Street, Gainesville, Florida on August 13, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Participants learned about the current state of energy and vulnerabilities in north Florida. Breakout sessions discussed the following topics.

- power alternatives and resiliency;
- motor fuel alternatives and resiliency;
- conservation and efficiency: new and existing homes and businesses; and
- investments: electric grid, power plant siting, third party, finance and incentives.

#### Workshop Two

The Northeast Florida Regional Council will host Workshop Two on August 29, 2012 at 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, Florida from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. An overview will be given of the August 15-17, 2012 Florida Energy Summit. Breakout groups from Workshop One will reconvene and discuss the goals, strategies and measures recommended for north Florida. All participants will then prioritize the recommendations and discuss next steps.

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership

In September 2011, the St. Johns River Water Management District, the Suwannee River Water Management District and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection entered into an agreement that formalizes the coordination of water resource management in north Florida. Ensuring sustainable water supplies and protecting north Florida's waterways and natural systems is a collaborative effort among the water management districts, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, local elected officials and area stakeholders.

The Stakeholder Advisory Committee, which was formed in May 2012, serves as an advisory body to offer viewpoints from stakeholder groups to the St. Johns River and Suwannee River water management districts and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to help address the region's water supply issues. The Stakeholder Committee is structured such that a wide range of public interests are included, while keeping the Committee small enough to be effective and productive. Stakeholder Committee representatives closely coordinate with the constituencies they represent, as well as being responsive to the interested public. Committee meetings are open to the public so stakeholders beyond the Committee membership can attend and participate.

The next meeting of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee will be held in the City Commission Chambers, Alachua City Hall, 15100 Northwest 142nd Terrace, Alachua, Florida on August 28, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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August 23, 2012

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director *SRK*

SUBJECT: Our Water, Our Future Seminar

Florida Gateway College and the Lake City - Columbia County Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring an evening to discuss our water, our future where community leaders will share their vision for a water ethic that can be taken to heart. Featured speakers include nature photographer John Moran who will share his images and Dr. Robert Knight, Director of the Florida Springs Institute.

The event is being held at the Alfonso Levy Performing Arts Center at the Florida Gateway College, 149 Southeast College Place, Lake City, Florida (the College is located on U.S. 90, 4.5 miles east of U.S. 41/441). For more information, contact Jacqui Sulek at 386.497.4187 or visit [www.fourriversaudubon.org](http://www.fourriversaudubon.org).

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# Our Water, Our Future

## **WHAT IS ALL THE TALK ABOUT WATER? IS THERE SOMETHING WE CAN DO?**

Join Us for an Evening with John Moran, Dr. Robert Knight and  
Columbia County Community leaders to answer these questions.

**Friday, September 7th at 7:00 p.m.**

Alfonso Levy Performing Arts Center at the Florida Gateway College  
(the College is located on US 90, 4.5 miles East of 441/41)

Sponsored by the Florida Gateway College and the Lake City -  
Columbia County Chamber of Commerce

For more information call Jacqui Sulek (386) 497 4187  
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August 23, 2012

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director *SRK*

SUBJECT: Tropical Storm Debby - Post-Disaster Redevelopment

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and the Florida Division of Emergency Management are meeting with local officials and community representatives in Live Oak and Suwannee County to develop a post-disaster redevelopment to address the impacts of Tropical Storm Debby.

On July 24, 2012, Hunting Deutsch, Executive Director of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and several staff from the Department and the Florida Division of Emergency Management toured the flood damage in downtown Live Oak and surrounding residential neighborhoods, and met with local officials and community representatives. On August 20, 2012, Department staff held a second meeting in Live Oak to continue discussions to identify stakeholders and develop a year-long plan redevelopment process.

Council staff has participated in these meetings. At the August 20, 2012 meeting, the Council was identified as a stakeholder participant for the preparation of the post-disaster redevelopment plan.

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August 23, 2012

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Florida Transportation Commission Governance Workshop

The Florida Transportation Commission was created in 1987, under Section 20.23, Florida Statutes, to serve as an oversight board for the Florida Department of Transportation. The Commission is assigned to the Department for administrative and fiscal purposes; otherwise, it functions independently of the control and direction of the Department. Composed of nine commissioners appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Florida Senate for four-year terms, the Commission is required to meet at least four times per year. The Commission usually meets around seven times per year, in locations throughout the state in order to receive local input.

The mission of the Florida Transportation Commission is to provide leadership in meeting Florida's transportation needs through policy guidance on issues of statewide importance and by maintaining oversight and public accountability for the Department and other statutorily specified transportation authorities

The commissioners represent transportation needs of the state as a whole and may not subordinate state needs to those of any particular area. The Commission is prohibited from involvement in day-to-day operations of the Department. The Commission's primary functions are to:

- Review major transportation policy initiatives or revisions submitted by the Department pursuant to law;
- Recommend major transportation policy to the Governor and Legislature (Commission has recommended policies related to public transit, funding, road jurisdiction and distribution of funds to Department District offices);
- Serve as an oversight body for the Department (review performance, review work program, monitor highway safety, monitor financial status, and review budget requests and long-range plan);
- Serve as an oversight body for transportation authorities and monitor and report on the efficiency, productivity and management of those authorities created under Chapters 343 and 348, Florida Statutes; and
- Serve as nominating Commission in the selection of the Secretary of Transportation (Governor appoints Secretary from among three candidates nominated by the Commission).

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At its meeting held on July 12, 2012, the Commission decided to review transportation regional governance. In particular, they will examine the transportation planning roles and responsibilities of the Department, metropolitan transportation organizations and regional planning councils as well as regional geographic boundaries of each of these entities. The Commission has invited the Florida Regional Councils Association to make a presentation concerning the transportation planning roles and responsibilities of regional planning councils at its workshop to be held in Tallahassee on September 19, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the Florida Department of Transportation, Hayden Burns Building located at 605 Suwannee Street, Tallahassee, Florida.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.




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August 23, 2012

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged  
 Outstanding Coordinating Board of the Year Award - Alachua County

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area is the designated official planning agency, pursuant to the Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, for Alachua County. The designated official planning agency's responsibilities include Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards with staff support and resources to enable them to fulfill their responsibilities. As you know, the Council provides staff services to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area.

On August 1, 2012, the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged awarded the Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board the Outstanding Coordinating Board of the Year Award at the 20th Annual Transportation Disadvantaged Awards Dinner in Orlando, Florida.

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Regional Directory

Pursuant to Council authorization, staff prepared a regional directory of local governments in the region and state and federal agencies. The 2012 Regional Directory was mailed to local, regional, state and federal officials, and planning and related agencies earlier this week. Council staff would like to thank everyone who assisted in compiling this information.

A downloadable version of the 2012 Regional Directory in pdf format is also available on the Council website at [www.ncfrpc.org](http://www.ncfrpc.org).

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