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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 May 23, 2013. 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.

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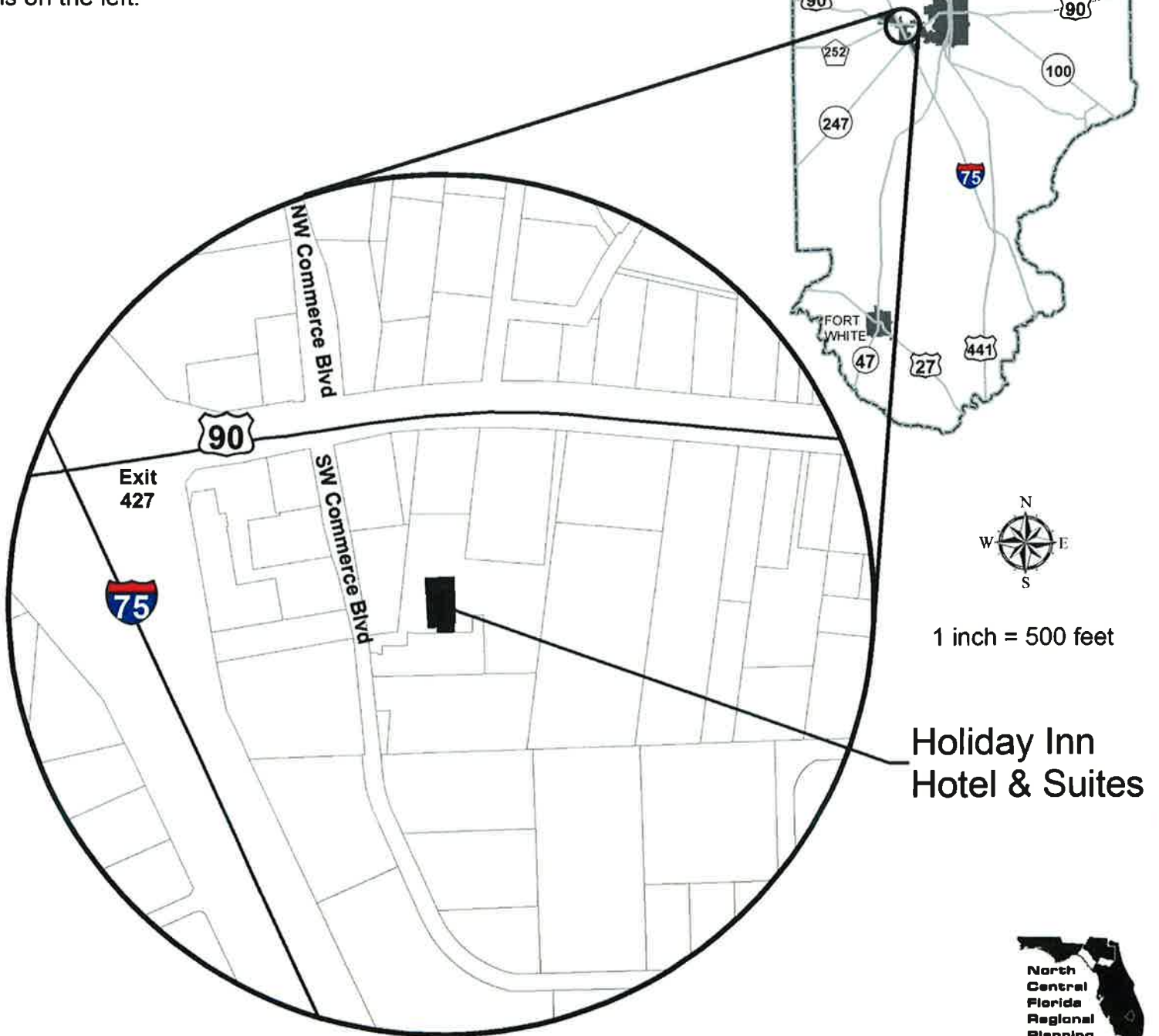
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AGENDA

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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

May 23, 2013
7:30 p.m.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

April 25, 2013
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephen Bailey, Columbia County
LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
Beth Burnam, Hamilton County
Jim Catron, City of Madison
Karen Cossey, Union County
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
Thomas Hawkins, City of Gainesville
Jason Holifield, Dixie County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Frank Ogborn, City of Archer
Patricia Patterson, Taylor County
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County
Eleanor Randall, City of Hawthorne
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke
Wesley Wainwright, Suwannee County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua
Charles Williams, Hamilton County
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Dopp
Scott Koons
Carol Laine
Dwayne Mundy
Jean Strong

COUNCIL ATTORNEY ABSENT

Jonathan Wershow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Susan Baird, Alachua County
Bob Barnas, City of High Springs
Todd Chase, City of Gainesville
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Thomas Collett, Alachua County
Don Cook, City of Perry
Rick Davis, Madison County
Rusty DePratter, Columbia County
Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County
Yvonne Hinson-Rawls, City of Gainesville
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
Jordan Marlowe, City of Newberry
Lauren Poe, City of Gainesville
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Randy Wells, City of Gainesville
Mike Williams, Madison County

OTHERS PRESENT

Tim Alexander, Dixie County
Mike Cassidy, Dixie County
Dave Cobb, Florida Power & Light
Diana Davis
Teresa Fortner, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority
Jordan Green, Florida Dept. of Transportation
Al Grieshaber Jr., City of Archer
Carlos Herd, Suwannee River
Water Management District
Gwen Pra, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority
Joe Riddick
Bill Steele, Suwannee Valley Transit 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 7:32 p.m. with an invocation given by Commissioner Catron and a pledge of allegiance to the flag. She asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the victims of the Boston Marathon bombings and the victims of the fertilizer plant explosion in West, Texas. Chair Thomas stated that there was a quorum of the Council.

Chair Thomas welcomed and introduced Tim Alexander, Public Safety Director for Dixie County, Mike Cassidy, County Manager for Dixie County, Al Grieshaber Jr., City Manager for the City of Archer, and David Cobb from Florida Power and Light. She then introduced Joe Riddick, past member and former Council Chair from Bradford County and Diana Davis, wife of Council member Louie Davis. Chair Thomas also introduced Gwen Pra, Bill Steele and Teresa Fortner from the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority.

Chair Thomas asked that Item VI.B.3. - #54, Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment and Item VI.B.4. - #55, City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment, which were received by staff after the meeting packets were distributed, be added to the agenda.

ACTION: Commissioner Catron made the motion, with a second by Councilman Bryant to add VI.B.3. - #54, Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment and Item VI.B.4. - #55, City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 28, 2013

Chair Thomas asked that the minutes of the March 28, 2013 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Commissioner Patterson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Cossey to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2013 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Monthly Financial Report - March 2013
- B. Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement with Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Concerning Regional Economic Modeling, Inc.
- C. Amendment No. 1 to Hazardous Waste Monitoring Agreement with Hamilton County - Fiscal Year 2012-2013
- D. Selection of Bradford County Community Transportation Coordinator
- E. Selection of Lafayette County Community Transportation Coordinator
- F. Selection of Union County Community Transportation Coordinator

Chair Thomas asked if there were any questions regarding the items on the Consent Agenda and requested that these items be approved.

ACTION: Commissioner Wilford made the motion, with a second by Councilman Bryant, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT

B. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation - Michelle Giannosa

Chair Thomas asked that a Resolution of Appreciation for past services be approved for Michelle Giannosa, who served as the Workforce Board Representative on the Columbia County and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Boards since January 2010.

ACTION: Commissioner Catron made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Patterson to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Michelle Giannosa. The motion carried unanimously.

V. PRESENTATION ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE IN NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Dwayne Mundy, Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance Program Director for the Council. Mr. Mundy gave a presentation concerning the activities of the Council relating to Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance Programs. His presentation included an overview of Local Emergency Planning Committee, Hazardous Materials Response Team, Emergency Management, First Responder Training, Hazardous Waste, Interoperable Communications and Energy Resiliency. Chair Thomas thanked Mr. Mundy for his presentation.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee - Proclamation Declaring May 4-12, 2013 as Travel and Tourism Week

Chair Thomas stated that the Original Florida Tourism Task Force was created as a part of the Council 21 years ago. She reported that the mission of the Task Force is to "promote the natural, historic, and cultural attractions of the north central Florida region to increase the number of visitors and extend their stay." Chair Thomas added that the week of May 4-12, 2013 is National Travel and Tourism Week as declared by the Travel Industry Association. She further stated that to support and celebrate the tourism industry, the Executive Committee recommended that the Council adopt a proclamation, which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes, declaring the week of May 4-12, 2013 as Travel and Tourism Week in north central Florida.

ACTION: Commissioner Spooner made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Cossey to adopt a proclamation, which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes, declaring May 4-12, 2013 as Travel and Tourism Week in the north central Florida region. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

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

#51 - City of Waldo Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment

#53 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment

Ms. Haas further reported that subsequent to the distribution of the Council meeting packets, Council staff received the following late-arriving items which require action prior to the next Council meeting.

#54 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (added to agenda)

#55 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (added to agenda)

Ms. Haas stated that the Clearinghouse Committee found that the local government comprehensive plans, as amended, do not create significant adverse impacts to Natural Resources of Regional Significance, regional facilities or adjacent local governments. However, she stated that for the City of Alachua amendment, the Committee recommended that the City consider adding additional transportation best practices found in the regional plan to their comprehensive plan. Ms. Haas stated that the Clearinghouse Committee recommended forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity as regional comment.

ACTION: Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Catron, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendation concerning Item #51, City of Waldo Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment, Item #53, City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment, Item #54, Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (added to agenda) and Item #55, City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (added to agenda). The motion carried unanimously.

VII. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Jordan Green, Rural Area Transportation Development Engineer, Florida Department of Transportation District 2, reported that District staff would be attending Board of County Commission meetings in the next several weeks to discuss transportation priority projects.

Carlos Herd, Water Supply Division Director, Suwannee River Water Management District reported on the activities of the North Florida Water Supply Partnership.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Report

Mr. Koons reported that 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. He stated that the accomplishments of the Association's Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Sheri Coven, are reported each month to the Council. He also highlighted several of the accomplishments listed in the report that was included in the Council meeting packet.

B. Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

Mr. Koons stated that 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 develop 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. He further stated that 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. He reviewed the April 2013 Scorecard™ that was included in the Council meeting packet.

C. Florida Chamber Foundation Six Pillars Press Release

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Chamber Foundation, founded in 1968, is a business-led, problem-solver and research organization, working in partnership with state business leaders to promote a vibrant Florida economy. He stated that a major initiative of the Foundation is to develop a statewide, 20-year strategic plan to promote prosperity and high paying jobs, vibrant communities and global competitiveness.

Mr. Koons reported that the framework to accomplish such a task is known as the Six Pillars for Florida's Future Economy. He added that the Six Pillars is a product of years of collaboration and research by the Florida Chamber Foundation, along with business, civic and government partners, which identifies the critical factors determining Florida's future: 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. Mr. Koons further reported that on April 8, 2013, the Foundation issued a press release which announced that all 11 regional planning councils have completed their Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies using the Six Pillars framework.

D. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity budget request for Fiscal Year 2013-14 submitted to Governor Scott did not include any appropriation request for all 11 regional planning councils. In addition, the budget for Fiscal Year 2013-14 submitted by the Governor to the Legislature did not include any appropriation request for all 11 regional planning councils. He stated that, however, budgets recently adopted by the Senate and House both include \$2.5 million for all 11 regional planning councils for Fiscal Year 2013-14. Mr. Koons reported that the two budgets will now be reconciled by a budget conference committee and presented to the Senate and House for final action. He also reported that the Legislature appropriated \$2.5 million for all 11 regional planning councils for Fiscal Year 2012-13. However, Governor Scott vetoed the appropriation for regional planning councils. The Council's share of this appropriation would have been

approximately \$179,000. Mr. Koons stated the 2013 regular Legislative Session convened on March 5, 2013 and is scheduled to adjourn on May 3, 2013.

Mr. Koons then reviewed the following bills being considered by the 2013 Legislature.

House Bill 4035 removes a section of Chapter 380, Florida Statutes, which allows local governments, regional planning councils or the state land planning agency to petition the Governor and Cabinet to increase or decrease the thresholds by 50 percent which determine a development of regional impact.

House Bill 319 revises provisions of Community Planning Act and provisions relating to transportation development authorities and community development districts; defines "mobility plan;" provides that certain development projects may not be delayed or denied if applicant has provided payment for transportation impacts, local government must calculate proportionate share contributions based only on certain capital improvements, projects to relieve transportation deficiencies may include projects outside designated deficiency area and mass transit improvements may extend beyond designated deficiency area; revises requirements for replacement by election of community development district board members for certain transit-oriented developments.

House Bill 357 by Representative Boyd relates to Manufacturing Development. Creates "Manufacturing Competitiveness Act;" authorizes local governments to establish local manufacturing development program that provides for master development approval for certain sites; requires the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to develop model ordinance containing specified information and provisions; requires local manufacturing development program ordinance to include certain information; provides certain restrictions on termination of such program; requires the Department, in cooperation with participating agencies, to establish a manufacturing development coordinated approval process for certain manufacturers; requires participating agencies to coordinate and review applications for certain state development approvals; requires manufacturer to file certain documents; requires the Department to convene meeting when requested by certain manufacturer; provides for requests for additional information and specifies periods; requires participating agencies to take final action on applications within certain period; requires the Department to facilitate resolution of certain applications; provides for approval by default; requires the Department to develop materials that identify local manufacturing development programs.

Senate Bill 786 relates to comprehensive plan amendments and establishes a pilot program in specified areas of the state to test and review an alternative plan amendment process.

House Bill 7/Senate Bill 244 relates to water management districts and requires districts to include certain reservations and water bodies in priority lists and schedules.

House Bill 789/Senate Bill 978 relates to springs and requires water management districts to identify certain springs, develop certain plans, submit certain reports; authorizes districts to adopt rules and issue orders.

E. Check Fraud Incident

Mr. Koons reported that on March 20, 2013, a fraudulent check that did not bear his signature or any resemblance of his signature in the amount of \$49,523.00, was written on the Council's bank account, was processed and paid by Wells Fargo. He stated that on March 20, 2013, Council staff filed an affidavit of check fraud concerning this matter with Wells Fargo. He further stated that on March 25, 2013, Council staff filed a crime report concerning this matter with the Gainesville Police Department. Mr. Koons reported that on March 28, 2013, he and Council Attorney Jonathan Wershow briefed the Executive Committee concerning this matter. He further reported that on April 18, 2013, the Council Attorney sent a letter to Wells Fargo, which was included in the Council packet, requesting that Wells Fargo remit to the Council within 30 days the unauthorized \$49,523.00 released from the Council's account by Wells Fargo.

Mr. Koons reported that April 22-26, 2013 was administrative professionals week. He thanked the administrative staff of the Council for their dedicated work in supporting the advancement of the mission of the Council.

Chair Thomas commended the staff for doing an outstanding job in the preparation of the Council's 2012 Annual Report.

Chair Thomas informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on May 23, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

5/23/13

Date

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL RECOMMENDING
SUWANNEE RIVER ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC. AS THE
COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR FOR
LAFAYETTE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to recommend the Community Transportation Coordinator for Lafayette County;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council issued a request for proposals for the Lafayette County Community Transportation Coordinator designation on January 3, 2013;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council received one proposal in response to the request for proposals;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council appointed a Technical Review Committee to score and rank the proposals;

WHEREAS, the Technical Review Committee found Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s proposal to be responsive to the request for proposals;

WHEREAS, the Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board recommended that the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recommend to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged the designation of Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Lafayette County;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

In accordance with Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recommends to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged that Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. be designated the Community Transportation Coordinator for Lafayette County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2013.

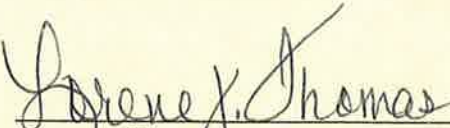
APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 25th day of April 2013.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

ATTEST:



Scott R. Koons, Executive Director



Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL
PLANNING COUNCIL RECOMMENDING SUWANNEE RIVER
ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC. AS THE COMMUNITY
TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR FOR BRADFORD COUNTY

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to recommend the Community Transportation Coordinator for Bradford County;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council issued a request for proposals for the Bradford County Community Transportation Coordinator designation on January 3, 2013;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council received one proposal in response to the request for proposals;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council appointed a Technical Review Committee to score and rank the proposals;

WHEREAS, the Technical Review Committee found Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s proposal to be responsive to the request for proposals;

WHEREAS, the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board recommended that the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recommend to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged the designation of Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Bradford County;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

In accordance with Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recommends to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged that Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. be designated the Community Transportation Coordinator for Bradford County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2013.

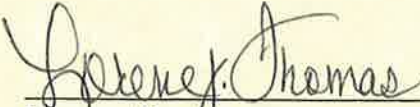
APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 25th day of April 2013.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

ATTEST:



Scott R. Koons, Executive Director



Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL
PLANNING COUNCIL RECOMMENDING A & A TRANSPORT, INC. AS
THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR FOR UNION
COUNTY

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to recommend the Community Transportation Coordinator for Union County;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council issued a request for proposals for the Union County Community Transportation Coordinator designation on January 3, 2013;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council received two proposals in response to the request for proposals;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council appointed a Technical Review Committee to score and rank the proposals;

WHEREAS, the Technical Review Committee ranked the proposals in the following order:

1. Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.;
2. A & A Transport, Inc.

WHEREAS, the Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board recommended that A & A Transport, Inc. be designated as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Union County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

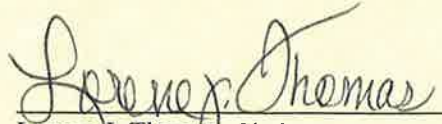
In accordance with Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recommends to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged that A & A Transport, Inc. be designated the Community Transportation Coordinator for Union County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2013.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 25th day of April 2013.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

ATTEST:


Scott R. Koons, Executive Director


Lorene J. Thomas, Chair



PROCLAMATION

DECLARING MAY 4-12, 2013 AS TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK

WHEREAS, tourism brings over 89 million visitors annually to the State of Florida, generates over \$4.0 billion in annual sales tax revenues and employs over one million persons;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recognizes the importance of tourism to the north central Florida regional economy and quality of life;

WHEREAS, local governments, tourist development councils and the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council support tourism opportunities in north central Florida; and

WHEREAS, local governments, businesses, chambers of commerce, visitors bureaus, tourist development councils and the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council are working together to support this vital part of north central Florida's economy and all who play a role in tourism to ensure that north central Florida continues to be a place where traditions will be created and continued for years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby declares the week of May 4-12, 2013 as Travel and Tourism Week throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 25th day of April 2013.

ATTEST:

/s/ Kenrick D. Thomas
Kenrick D. Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer

/s/ Lorene J. Thomas
Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

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May 16, 2013

TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report - April 2013

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council's activities for March 2013. The following paragraphs discuss revenues and expenditures to the budget for the month and year to date. Status of the adjusted general fund balance of the Council at the end of the month is also provided on the attached Monthly Financial Report.

Revenue

The total revenue for the Council for year to date is within budgeted figures. Revenue at the end of seven months was 47 percent of budget

Expenditures

The total expenditures for the Council for year to date are within budgeted figures. Total expenditures at the end of seven months are 52 percent of budget. It is anticipated that the year should end with revenues exceeding expenditures.

Fund Balance

The adjusted general fund balance of the Council was \$1,526,916 at the end of the last fiscal year. At April 30, 2013, it was \$1,579,965.

Conclusion

In conclusion, staff is pleased with the financial condition of the Council. The adjusted general fund balance should remain at an acceptable level at the end of the fiscal year.

Overall, as is regularly reported, the financial condition of the Council is sound. Staff is not aware of anything in the current fiscal year that will change this situation. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachment

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
April 30, 2013

	Adopted Budget FY 2012 - 13	April 2013	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Revenue	1,967,300	8,651	919,598	47%
Expenses	1,967,300	147,390	1,019,730	52%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Financial Statement (Unaudited)
April 30, 2013

	Adopted Budget FY 2012 - 13	April 2013	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Revenue				
Program Development	33,900	651	28,988	86%
Regional Planning				
State Planning & Review	30,000	0	30,000	100%
Developments of Regional Impact Review	15,000	0	0	0%
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance				
Homeland Security Activities	57,000	0	26,300	46%
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	39,500	0	0	0%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	93,300	0	40,468	43%
Hazards Analyses	10,100	0	0	0%
Energy Resiliency & Assurance Studies	30,000	0	30,315	101%
Transportation				
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	614,400	0	222,717	36%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	170,000	0	86,851	51%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	22,200	0	5,166	23%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	157,900	0	83,384	53%
Economic Development				
Comp Econ Development Strategy & Tech Assistance	108,000	0	76,500	71%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	35,000	0	14,111	40%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	42,000	0	39,000	93%
Vision North Central Florida			2,500	
Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	20,000	0	20,000	100%
City & County Planning Services	313,000	0	122,626	39%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	176,000	8,000	90,672	52%
Total Revenue	1,967,300	8,651	919,598	47%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Financial Statement (Unaudited)
April 30, 2013

	Adopted Budget FY 2012 - 13	April 2013	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Expenses				
Audit	15,000	0	14,295	95%
Building Debt Service	44,600	3,714	25,998	58%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	40,000	1,960	18,397	46%
Contractual Services	77,000	1,375	22,688	29%
Dues, Publications & Subscriptions	40,000	961	33,713	84%
Furniture & Equipment	30,000	0	14,648	49%
Insurance and Bonding	17,000	0	13,014	77%
Legal Costs	12,000	1,957	5,497	46%
Machine Rental/Maintenance	6,000	0	3,594	60%
Meeting Expenses	19,000	0	8,745	46%
Moving Expense	2,000	0	0	0%
Office Supplies	41,000	778	10,837	26%
Personnel Costs	1,397,200	115,259	743,903	53%
Postage	13,000	644	4,244	33%
Printing	3,000	1,450	1,450	48%
Recruiting	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	12,000	0	5,352	45%
Telephone	6,000	758	3,829	64%
Travel	86,000	6,703	54,653	64%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	42,000	11,832	34,873	83%
Contingency	62,500	0	0	0%
Total Expenses	1,967,300	147,390	1,019,730	52%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Financial Statement (Unaudited)
April 30, 2013

Nonspendable General Fund Balance, 10/01/12	45,566
Assigned General Fund Balance, 10/01/12	
Unemployment Claim Fund	30,000
Legal Defense Fund	100,000
Capital Reserve Fund	470,000
Unassigned General Fund Balance, 10/01/12	<u>926,916</u>
Total General Fund Balance, 10/01/12	1,572,482
Less Nonspendable General Fund Balance, 10/01/12	<u>(45,566)</u>
Adjusted General Fund Balance, 10/01/12	1,526,916
Member Dues, Year to Date	118,962
Misc. Income, Year to Date	
Sales	500
Interest Income	996
Proceeds from Loan Portfolio Sale	1,908
Other	1,622
Expended Regional Support	(26,191)
Expended Local Technical Service	(1,261)
Expended Member Support to Economic Development	(21,014)
Expended Program Development	<u>(22,473)</u>
Adjusted General Fund Balance, 04/30/13	1,579,965



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May 16, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Council Meeting Schedule

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached Council Meeting Schedule for 2013-14.

BACKGROUND:

Please find attached the Council meeting schedule for 2013-14. Generally, Council meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month. Please note that there is no meeting in November and the December meeting will be held on the second Thursday, December 12, 2013.

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

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MEETING SCHEDULE

2013-14

June 20, 2013	Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Lake City, FL
July 25, 2013	Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Lake City, FL
August 22, 2013	Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Lake City, FL
September 26, 2013	Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Lake City, FL
October 24, 2013	Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Lake City, FL
December 12, 2013	Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Lake City, FL
January 23, 2014	Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Lake City, FL
February 27, 2014	Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Lake City, FL
March 27, 2014	Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Lake City, FL
April 24, 2014	Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Lake City, FL
May 22, 2014	Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Lake City, FL

All Council meetings start at 7:30 p.m., with dinner being served at 7:00 p.m.

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May 16, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management for
Local Emergency Planning Committee, Fiscal Year 2013-14

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management for Fiscal Year 2013-14 to provide the services to the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee as described below for an anticipated amount not to exceed \$40,909.

BACKGROUND:

This item concerns an annual contract which the Council enters into with the Division of Emergency Management to cover the costs of the Council's emergency planning activities.

These funds are used to provide Council staff support to the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, including providing assistance with meetings, plan updates and training exercises.

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May 16, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management for
Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness - Fiscal Year 2013-14

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management for an anticipated amount of \$52,604 in training and planning funds, on behalf of the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, for Fiscal Year 2013-14.

BACKGROUND:

The Florida Division of Emergency Management passes through funds from the United States Department of Transportation for hazardous materials planning and training. The Council, on behalf of the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, offers free hazardous materials response training to local government employees.

This training includes basic awareness level through more advanced technician level training. The Council will receive an anticipated \$20,000 to conduct a planning project and an anticipated \$32,604 to offer free training classes.

The Local Emergency Planning Committee selects the planning project for the year. The project last year consisted of a transportation response exercise to a chemical release.

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May 16, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Agreement with the City of High Springs for Comprehensive Planning Assistance Services - Fiscal Year 2012-13

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chair to execute a technical assistance services agreement to assist the City of High Springs with processing comprehensive plan amendments and land development regulation amendments, and reviewing site and development plans and subdivision plats for Fiscal Year 2012-13 for a fixed fee amount of \$5,000.

BACKGROUND:

The City of High Springs is requesting technical assistance services to implement their comprehensive plan and land development regulations. The scope of work will include assisting the City to process comprehensive plan amendments and land development regulation amendments and to review site and development plans and subdivision plats. The amount of the fixed fee agreement will be \$5,000.

If you have any questions concerning these agreements, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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May 16, 2013

TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Purchase Order with the Northeast Florida Regional Council to Assist with Updating the Statewide Hurricane Evacuation Study

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Council to provide services pursuant to a purchase order with the Northeast Florida Regional Council to assist with updating the Statewide Hurricane Evacuation Study for a fixed fee amount of \$13,000.

BACKGROUND:

The Florida Division of Emergency Management contracted with the Northeast Florida Regional Council to coordinate the state-wide update of Regional Evacuation Studies. The scope of work will consist of updating socio-economic data to determine hurricane evacuation needs. Each of the 11 regional planning councils will be responsible for update of the Regional Evacuation Study for their respective region.

The Council will be paid a fixed fee amount of \$13,000 by the Northeast Florida Regional Council to assist with the update of the Study.

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

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May 16, 2013

TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Purchase Order with Northeast Florida Regional Council
 to Assist with Interoperable Workshop

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Council to assist the Northeast Florida Regional Council with additional Interoperable Communications implementation, planning and documentation pursuant to a purchase order for a fixed fee of \$4,000.

BACKGROUND:

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has provided funding to the State of Florida for regional planning councils to assist with improving regional Tactical Interoperable Communications capabilities. The goal includes training, planning and conducting exercises. The objective is to ensure that during an emergency that state and local government responders are able to communicate with each other.

The Council has been asked to provide staff assistance for an Interoperability workshop in northeast Florida. Staff has previously assisted with previous interoperable communications exercise implementation, planning and development of documents with both the Northeast and Central Florida Regional Planning Councils.

The Council will be paid a fixed fee amount of \$4,000 by the Northeast Florida Regional Council for these services.

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

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May 16, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Resolution Recommending Designation of a Combined Designated Service Area and Supporting Establishment of a Multi-County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the attached resolution recommending the designation of Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged as a combined designated service area under Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program and supporting the establishment of a multi-county Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties.

BACKGROUND

The Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards adopted resolutions supporting the designation of Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties as a combined designated service area under Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program. The adopted resolutions also support the establishment of a multi-county Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties.

In addition, the Boards of County Commissions of Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties adopted resolutions supporting the establishment of a multi-county Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties.

As the Designated Official Planning Agency for Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties, it is the responsibility of the Council to make a recommendation to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged concerning the designation of Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged as a combined designated service area.

Please find attached a resolution recommending the designation of Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties as a combined designated service area under Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program and supporting the establishment of a multi-county Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties.

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

Attachment

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RESOLUTION NO. 2013-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL RECOMMENDING THE DESIGNATION OF COLUMBIA, HAMILTON AND SUWANNEE COUNTIES BY THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED AS A COMBINED DESIGNATED SERVICE AREA UNDER FLORIDA'S TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PROGRAM AND SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MULTI-COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD FOR COLUMBIA, HAMILTON AND SUWANNEE COUNTIES

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is the designated Official Planning Agency for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties as defined by Rule 41-2.009 of the Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, Rule 41-2.002(4) of the Florida Administrative Code defines a designated service area as a geographical area recommended by a designated official planning agency, subject to approval by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;

WHEREAS, the designated service area defines the community where coordinated transportation services will be provided to the transportation disadvantaged;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recommends the designation of Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged as a combined designated service area under Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council supports the establishment of a multi-county Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

1. In accordance with Chapter 427, Florida Statutes and Rule 41-2 of the Florida Administrative Code, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recommends the designation of Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties as a combined designated service area by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged under Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program; and
2. In accordance with Chapter 427, Florida Statutes and Rule 41-2 of the Florida Administrative Code, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council supports the establishment of a multi-county Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties.

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 23rd day of May 2013.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
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ATTEST:

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

SUBJECT: Resolution of Appreciation - Thomas Collett

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution of appreciation for Thomas Collett.

BACKGROUND:

As a token of appreciation for his service on the Council since April 2010 and in recognition of his commitment and concern for the growth and development of the north central Florida area, the attached resolution of appreciation is recommended for approval by the Council.

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Resolution

OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Thomas Collett has been representing Alachua County on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council since April 2010;

WHEREAS, Thomas Collett has ably discharged his duties throughout his association with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the membership and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation to Thomas Collett for the dedicated service he has rendered to the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, and for his concern for the future growth and development of this area and the State of Florida; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this expression of appreciation be spread upon the minutes of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for all citizens of the region to view and recognize the accomplishments and service of Thomas Collett.

Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

ATTEST:

Kenrick D. Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AT THEIR MEETING
OF MAY 23, 2013.





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Mr. Thomas Collett
TDC Entertainment
276 Southwest 128th Terrace
Gainesville, FL 32669

Dear Tom:

On behalf of the entire Planning Council, I want to express our regret that you will no longer be representing Alachua County as a gubernatorial representative on the Council. Certainly your interest in the organization and your concern for growth and development in the north central Florida area has made you a valuable asset to the Council.

As a token of our appreciation for your service, the Council, at its regular meeting on May 23, 2013, unanimously approved the enclosed resolution. I hope this adequately expresses the feeling we have for the loss of your leadership as a Council member.

Sincerely,

Lorene J. Thomas
Chair

Enclosure

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May 16, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Authorization to Begin Auditor Selection Process

RECOMMENDATION:

Designate the Executive Committee, along with a representative from the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, to serve as the Audit Committee, and authorize the Audit Committee to establish selection criteria, solicit Statements of Qualifications, negotiate a contract for audit services and present a recommendation for auditing services to the Council for approval.

BACKGROUND:

The Council goes through an auditor selection process every three years with the intent of selecting a firm to perform audits on the Council's financial activity for each of the succeeding three years. A new contract for the auditor services is executed each year, but it is expected that the same firm will be used unless some specific reason is found that causes the Council to terminate its services. The current firm, Powell and Jones Certified Public Accountants, has just completed its third year as auditor. Consequently, it is time to begin the process to select a firm for the next three years.

The process used for the Council has included sending a Request for Qualifications to qualified firms. The Executive Committee, serving as the Audit Committee, then reviews the applications received and ranks them in order of preference. The Audit Committee then begins an interview and negotiation process with the top firm, and continues the interviews until a firm is found that the Audit Committee agrees to recommend to the Council. The Council then considers the recommendation of the Audit Committee and engages an auditor for the next three years.

Council Members
May 16, 2013
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In past years, the same auditor has been retained by the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area to audit its financial activities as well. This has been an efficient arrangement, because the Council performs the financial work for both organizations. As a result of this process, the Council has invited the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area to select one of its members to meet with the Executive Committee, serving as the Audit Committee, during the ranking process and the interviews and negotiations procedure.

Please note that the Council will also require the auditor selected to complete an audit of the defined contribution retirement plan each year. The cost of doing the work for the defined contribution retirement plan is to be included in the primary contract the Council will have with the auditor.

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



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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., May 23, 2013 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

#57 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 13-3ESR)

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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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2013-14 Overall Program Design

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Overall Program Design as recommended by the Program Committee.

BACKGROUND:

The Program Committee met on March 28, 2013 to develop and recommend for your consideration an Overall Program Design for Fiscal Year 2013-14. A copy of the document is attached for your information.

Except for editorial revisions, the document is essentially the same as the current year edition.

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

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Overall Program Design Fiscal Year 2013-14



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Introduction

The Overall Program Design is a planning and management tool which is used to assist the Council approach its work program in an orderly and comprehensive manner. It provides a detailed outline of the Council's work program for the fiscal year. Strategies, standards, objectives and long-range elements are re-evaluated, based upon previously identified problems and priorities. This is the 40th annual update of the work program.

The Program Committee is responsible for reviewing and evaluating the overall work program of the organization and making recommendations for alterations in it to the Council. Several indicators have been used to determine the future direction proposed by the Program Committee. However, primary guidance came from priorities established in past years with consideration being given to recent actions taken by the Council.

During the 2012-13 program year, Council activities and discussions at meetings have highlighted the need for continued emphasis on economic development programs and for the provision of technical assistance and support to local governments. Regional planning has also continued to be a topic of discussion.

These program areas are reflected in this Overall Program Design to the extent possible, as they have been in previous years. Except for minor editorial changes, the document is essentially the same as the current year edition.

Program Committee

Garth Nobles, Jr., Chair
Rusty DePratter, Vice-Chair
LaBarfield Bryant
Jim Catron
Thomas Collett
Daniel Riddick
Wesley Wainwright
Charles Williams
Mike Williams



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Mission Statement

To improve 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.



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Chapter I: Executive Management

In order to maintain and improve the effectiveness of the Council's operations, the proper administration of the several planning programs requires activities which are not directly attributable to any one program. Several tools are useful, including updating the Overall Program Design and periodic program evaluations. These and other activities ensure that the Council's goals and objectives are being implemented.

Goal: To implement the goals and objectives of the Council by:

- management of a well-qualified and organized staff;
- efficient and economical use of personnel and funds; and
- coordination of all phases of work to prevent overlap and duplication.

A. General Administration

1. Objective

To ensure the efficient and effective utilization of Council staff and resources.

2. Work Elements and End Products

a. Grants Management

Work Element: Bookkeeping, request for payments, billing and allocation of costs are some of the activities necessary for proper grants management. (Continuing Activity)

End Product is management of fiscal affairs.

b. Personnel

Work Element: Interviewing, hiring, ensuring a diversified workforce, orienting new employees and maintaining personnel files are some of the necessary personnel administration responsibilities. (Continuing Activity)

End Product is the management of personnel affairs.



B. Overall Program Design and Evaluation

1. Objective

To update the Overall Program Design and conduct periodic program evaluation.

2. Work Element and End Product

a. Overall Program Design

Work Element: Update of the Overall Program Design.

End Product is the 2013-14 Overall Program Design. (Continuing Activity)

C. Program Development

1. Objective

To investigate and develop new programs that have been identified by the Council as potentially beneficial.

2. Work Element and End Product

a. Program Development

Work Element: Examination of planning needs and services in the region and the preparation of Council responses. (Continuing Activity)

End Product is periodic staff reports to the Council and the preparation of applications for program assistance.



Chapter II: Public Information and Participation

Awareness of issues and participation in programs by the public is essential for effective government. The Council is committed to providing information about Council programs and opportunities for effective citizen participation.

Goal: To provide ample opportunities for citizens to be informed and involved.

A. Communications Program

1. Objective

To acquire and disseminate information about planning issues generally and Council programs specifically.

2. Work Elements and End Products

a. Special Reports

Work Element: Special reports, as appropriate, dealing with timely topics, to be posted on the Council's website. (Continuing Activity)

End Product consists of special reports.

b. Annual Report

Work Element: Annual report prepared at the end of each fiscal year summarizing the Council's accomplishments. The annual report is sent to interested persons, as well as posted on the Council's website. (Continuing Activity)

End Product consists of an Annual Report.

c. Council Library

Work Element: Library maintained by the Council containing material related to Council functions as well as reference documents. All library materials are available for use by the public.

End Product consists of library material.



d. Website

Work Element: Website maintained by the Council located at <http://ncfrpc.org>. General information about the Council can be viewed at the site. Links to other related websites such as The Original Florida Tourism Task Force at <http://naturalnorthflorida.org> and the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee at <http://ncflepc.org>, are also available on the Council website.

End Product consists of a website.



Chapter III: Regional Planning

The Florida Regional Planning Council Act, passed in 1980 and subsequently amended in 1982, 1992 and again in 1993, requires that each regional planning council prepare and adopt a Strategic Regional Policy Plan. The Strategic Regional Policy Plan must be based upon studies of the region's resources and be consistent with the State Comprehensive Plan. The Act requires that once the Strategic Regional Policy Plan is adopted, it must be utilized by regional planning councils as "the basis for regional review of developments of regional impact, regional review of federally assisted projects, and other regional comment functions."

The Act directs that the Strategic Regional Policy Plan contain goals and policies specifically to address growth management issues. The plan must identify key regional issues, document trends, forecast future conditions, and analyze the problems, needs, and opportunities associated with growth in the region. Further, the regional goals and policies shall be used to develop a coordinated program of regional actions directed at resolving the identified problems and needs.

The Strategic Regional Policy Plan must, at a minimum, address affordable housing, economic development, emergency preparedness, natural resources of regional significance, and regional transportation. It may also address other subjects which relate to the particular needs and circumstances of the regional planning district as determined by the regional planning council. Furthermore, consideration must be given to existing state, regional, and local plans in preparing the Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

In addition to the preparation of the Strategic Regional Policy Plan and its maintenance, the Council also undertakes specific regional programs as are necessary or deemed appropriate. Other on-going programs include economic development, public safety and transportation disadvantaged program.

Goal: To address regional issues in a comprehensive way by offering realistic solutions to problems and providing leadership to take advantage of identified opportunities.

A. Strategic Regional Policy Plan

1. Objective

To maintain a long-range guide for the physical, economic and social development of the region.

2. Work Element and End Product

a. Strategic Regional Policy Plan

Work Element: The Strategic Regional Policy Plan "shall be developed through a collaborative process that emphasizes consensus and coordination between local governments, regional entities, state and federal agencies, other appropriate organizations, and the public. Thus, the plan is a plan for the region, not merely for the regional planning council. Regional goals and policies shall be used to develop a coordinated program of regional actions directed at resolving identified problems and needs. At a minimum, the plan shall contain regional goals and policies that address affordable housing, economic development, emergency preparedness, natural resources of regional significance, and regional



transportation, and shall identify significant regional resources and facilities. The Strategic Regional Policy Plan shall be strategic rather than comprehensive in nature and need not address all goals and policies in the State Comprehensive Plan. However, goals and policies included in the Strategic Regional Policy Plan shall be consistent with and further the State Comprehensive Plan." (Rule 27E-4, Rules of Practice and Procedure Pertaining to Strategic Regional Policy Plans)

During the 1995-96 program year, the Council completed the development of the Strategic Regional Policy Plan, and it was amended during the 1996-97 program year, 2002-03 program year and 2011-12 program year. It is important to continually evaluate the plan to determine when further changes are necessary for it to remain as an appropriate document to guide the development of the region. The Council updates its Strategic Regional Policy Plan every five years.

End Product consists of the maintenance of the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan.



B. Economic Development

1. Objective

To study and plan for changes in the economy of the region including economic development and fiscal impacts of development and redevelopment.

2. Work Elements and End Products

a. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Work Element: The Council is an Economic Development District designated by the U.S. Economic Development Administration. To maintain this designation, the Council updates its Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy every five years. (Continuing Activity)

End Product consists of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update, maintenance of current data files, meetings, correspondence, grant and loan applications, conferences and reports.

b. Program for Tourism Development

Work Element: In 1992, the Council, with grants provided by the U.S. Economic Development Administration and in conjunction with facility owners, local governments, other agencies and environmental organizations, developed a comprehensive program to promote increased tourism in the region and established an implementation program. From 1993 through 1998, this program was pursued by The Original Florida Tourism Task Force, which was created as part of the Council.

In 1998, the Council, in cooperation with members of the Task Force, county tourist development councils, facility owners, and others, assisted the counties of north central Florida with creating The Original Florida Tourism Task Force, as a separate, stand-alone task force, through an interlocal agreement.

End Product consists of providing staff support to the Task Force by assisting with conducting travel writer familiarization tours of the region, printing brochures, regional maps and magazine articles, as well as maintaining a website and an inquiry response center.

c. Regional Economic Impact Modeling

Work Plan: The Council has a license to use an econometric model which provides the Council, its local governments, economic development agencies, and others with a dynamic tool for economic and demographic analysis and forecasting. The model can be used to review system-wide effects over both short- and long-range time horizons, including economic and fiscal impact analyses, policy impact analyses, and economic development/redevelopment analyses. The model can be configured to either address the entire region or any number of county-based subsets of the region, as well as including counties in adjacent regions.



End Products consists of providing economic and fiscal impact analyses for local governments, analyses of specific projects for economic development partners, and evaluation of the impact of Developments of Regional Impact.



C. Public Safety

1. Objective

To study and plan for the safety and security of the population of the region.

2. Work Elements and End Products

a. North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee

Work Element: Council staff provides staff services for the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, which was established by the State Emergency Response Commission. The North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee is responsible for data gathering and management, and establishing a structure to coordinate emergency response activities within the region by preparing a plan which compliments county emergency preparedness planning efforts.

End Product consists of a comprehensive emergency response plan for the region and the development of a regional emergency response capacity.

b. North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Emergency Response Team

Work Element: In 2000, three cities and five counties in the region, at the request of the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, adopted an interlocal agreement creating the North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team. The Team provides equipment and training to first responders within the jurisdictions of its members.

End Product consists of providing staff support to the North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team by assisting with the provision of hazardous materials training for each participating local government and maintaining fully equipped trailers to be used by participating county and city first responders.

c. Homeland Security Activities

Work Element: The State of Florida has created seven Regional Domestic Security Task Forces of which two serve parts of the region. A primary goal of these organizations is to help enable local governments to respond to terrorism threats effectively. The Council staff provides support to the Regional Domestic Security Task Forces in carrying out their mission.

End Product consists of providing staff support to the Regional Domestic Security Task Forces in implementing homeland security training exercises, and in evaluating site-specific facilities for the purpose of recommending solutions to terrorism vulnerability.



D. Transportation Disadvantaged Program

1. Objective

To assist in securing resources for counties in the region to provide increased services to citizens determined to be transportation disadvantaged.

2. Work Element and End Product

a. Designated Official Planning Agency

Work Element: The Council, as the Designated Official Planning Agency, is responsible for appointing a coordinating board for Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee and Union Counties. As the Designated Official Planning Agency, the Council provides staff services for those boards. The Designated Official Planning Agency is to ensure, through this structure, that there is a review and analysis of the transportation disadvantaged problems, and further, that the program is continuously monitored.

End Product consists of providing staff support to coordinating boards by assisting with preparation of transportation disadvantaged plans and development of recommendations regarding designation of community transportation coordinators.



Chapter IV: Plan Implementation

The Council performs several activities to implement regional plans.

Goal: To implement regional plans and programs.

A. Review Responsibilities

1. Objective

To review and comment on applications for Federal assistance, Developments of Regional Impact, local government comprehensive plans and other agency plans.

2. Work Elements and End Products

a. Federal Assistance

Work Element: The Council, through its Clearinghouse Committee and staff, reviews applications for Federal assistance, direct Federal projects and some State plans as provided for under Federal Office of Management and Budget guidelines in accordance with a program developed by the Governor's Office, to identify conflicts and duplications between programs and inconsistencies with local and regional plans. (Continuing Activity)

End Products consist of staff reports, committee recommendations and Council action.

b. Developments of Regional Impacts

Work Element: The Council reviews, analyzes and monitors large scale developments presumed to be Developments of Regional Impact as required by the Environmental Land and Water Management Act of 1972. (Continuing Activity)

End Product consists of staff reports and Council recommendations to local governments.

c. Local Government Plans

Work Element: The Council reviews and comments on local government plans and plan amendments for consistency with regional plans in accordance with the Community Planning Act of 2011. (Continuing Activity)

End Product consists of comments and recommendations submitted to local governments and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.



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Chapter V: Council Assistance

The Council responds to requests for assistance from local, State and Federal agencies.

Goal: To provide, on a continuing basis, a variety of technical assistance.

A. Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning

1. Objective

To foster the establishment of a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation system development program that is in accordance with the planned development of the Gainesville Urbanized Area.

2. Work Element and End Products

a. Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning

Work Element: Provide professional staff services to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area to plan and program transportation projects in the Gainesville Urbanized Area. Council staff performs tasks as identified in the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area Unified Planning Work Program and maintains the planning certification for the urbanized area. (Continuing Activity)

End Products consist of the following.

- Bicycle Usage Trends Report
- Continuity of Operations Plan
- List of Priority Projects
- Long Range Transportation Plan
- Multi-Modal Level of Service Report
- Public Participation Plan
- Regional Transportation Plan
- Transit Monitoring Ridership Report
- Unified Planning Work Program



B. Local Government Comprehensive Plans

1. Objective

To assist local governments in the preparation and maintenance of local comprehensive plans, ordinances and regulations.

2. Work Element and End Products

a. Local Government Comprehensive Plans

Work Element: Local governments contract with the Council for assistance to meet their long-range and day-to-day planning needs. (Continuing Activity)

End Products consist of local government comprehensive plans, ordinances and regulations.



C. General Technical Services

1. Objective

To provide local governments with information about and assistance in the preparation of State and Federal grant and loan applications.

2. Work Elements and End Products

a. Grant Application Assistance

Work Element: Local governments are provided with information and assistance on State and Federal programs and applications. (Continuing Activity)

End Products consist of application assistance responses and grant and loan applications.

b. County Hazardous Waste Monitoring Program

Work Element: The Council assists counties in carrying out their legal responsibilities for monitoring small quantity generators of hazardous waste.

End Product consists of completion of surveying and reporting of activities associated with small quantity generation of hazardous waste.

c. Homeland Security and Terrorism Response Assistance

Work Element: Counties have had to assume greater responsibility for defending regional citizens from terrorism-related activities. Of particular concern are prevention of attacks, and being prepared to provide services and maintain order in the event of attacks. Council staff is available upon request to assist in meeting these responsibilities.

End Products consist of preparing and maintaining county terrorism annex plans, county continuity of operations plans and related documents.



D. Community Development Block Grant Administration

1. Objective

To assist local governments in the effective management and administration of their Community Development Block Grant Programs.

2. Work Element and End Products

a. Community Development Full Service Project Grant Administration

Work Element: The services of the Council to local governments include full service project administration requirements, including grant applications, bid specifications, legal notices, progress reports and compliance with Federal and State rules and regulations. Projects address housing rehabilitation, neighborhood revitalization, commercial revitalization and economic development needs.

End Products consist of the preparation of Community Development Block Grant applications and administration of Community Development Block Grant projects.

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Overall Program Design Team

- * Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director
- ** Carol Laine, Executive Assistant to the Executive Director

- * Primary Responsibility
- ** Secondary Responsibility



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May 16, 2013

TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2013-14 Budget

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Fiscal Year 2013-14 budget as recommended by the Finance Committee.

BACKGROUND:

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held on May 9, 2013, at the Council offices. The purpose of the meeting was to consider a recommendation to the Council for the Fiscal Year 2013-14 budget. For your information, please find attached a proposed budget as recommended by the Finance Committee.

As you can see, the anticipated expenditures for next year will be \$1,969,300 which is \$2,000 more than the current year budget.

As usual, almost all funds to be expended by the Council are received through contracts for services and grants. There is one exception: Member local governments pay dues, which are proposed to remain at \$0.30 per capita for the 32nd year, and will produce approximately \$118,900, or approximately the same amount as last year.

The most significant policy decision that must be made with respect to the budget is related to personnel. There is provision for a total of 16 full-time staff positions, plus funds for part-time positions, which is the same number of positions budgeted for the current year. The budget includes a recurring cost of living pay plan increase of two percent for all employees, including the Executive Director.

Overall, this budget provides for significant services to be rendered to member cities and counties. This is to be done by effectively using resources, and at the same time, ensuring that the Council remains in a sound financial condition.

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

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

PROPOSED BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2013 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

Expenses by Line Item
May 23, 2013

AUDIT

This item includes fees for audit performed by a certified public accounting firm for the Council.

Indirect: \$15,000

BUILDING DEBT SERVICE

This item includes the debt service payment on the promissory note for financing the purchase of the 7,550 square foot Council office building located at 2009 N.W. 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida.

Indirect: \$11,200

BUILDING OCCUPANCY AND GROUNDS

This item includes costs associated with maintaining the Council office building such as electricity, heat/air, water, sanitary sewer, custodial services, pest control services, lawn services, maintenance and repairs.

Indirect: \$40,000

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

This item includes costs to be incurred through charges related to the transportation program and hazardous materials preparedness training program.

Indirect: \$2,000

Direct: \$70,000

DUES, PUBLICATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

This item includes membership dues in organizations such as National Association of Development Organizations, National Regional Councils Association, Florida Regional Councils Association, subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals, and books. The Florida Regional Councils Association costs pay for a cooperative program with other regional planning councils to maintain an intergovernmental affairs director in Tallahassee to work with state agencies and the Governor's Office, and a legislative liaison to work with the Legislature and the Governor's Office.

Indirect: \$39,000

Direct: \$8,000

FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

This item includes computer upgrades and replacement office furniture costing more than \$1,000.

Direct: \$15,000

INSURANCE AND BONDING

This item includes general liability/fire and casualty, workman's compensation and fidelity, and officers and directors liability insurance.

Indirect: \$17,000

LEGAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC NOTICES

This item includes expenses for required publication of legal notices. Also included are funds for legal services from the Council Attorney.

Indirect: \$9,000

Direct: \$3,000

MACHINE RENTAL/MAINTENANCE

This item includes lease of a postage meter and maintenance contract for a check writing machine.

Indirect: \$5,000

MEETING EXPENSES

This item includes expenses for Council and committee meetings.

Indirect: \$18,000

Direct: \$2,000

MOVING EXPENSES

This item includes costs for moving expenses of new employees and office furniture.

Indirect: \$2,000

OFFICE SUPPLIES

This item includes supplies for office use. Also included in this item is furniture, equipment and computer programs costing \$1,000 or less, computer program licenses, not purchased, such as Regional Economic Models, Inc., as well as maintenance and support costs for such programs.

Indirect: \$29,000

Direct: \$1,000

PERSONNEL

Total Payroll	\$983,900
Fringe Benefits	<u>\$413,300</u>
Total Personnel Costs	\$1,397,200

This item includes payroll costs. Total payroll includes a proposal for a nonrecurring payment across the board for all employees, including the Executive Director, equal to 2.0 percent of the salary for each employee. Fringe Benefits include employer social security, health insurance and retirement plan contributions.

(Note: The total proposed full-time staff level is 16 positions, plus part-time labor.)

Indirect: \$567,100

Direct: \$830,100

POSTAGE

This item includes costs for administrative mail and program mail.

Indirect: \$2,000

Direct: \$6,000

PRINTING

This item includes cost of printing of the Annual Report, letterhead and business cards.

Indirect: \$3,000

RECRUITING

This item includes advertising job positions and interview expenses.

Indirect: \$2,000

REPRODUCTION

This item includes cost of photocopiers and related supplies.

Indirect: \$12,000

TELEPHONE

This item includes charges for local and long distance calls.

Indirect: \$7,000

TRAVEL

This item includes automobile travel at the U. S. Internal Revenue Service rate, currently \$0.555 per mile, and per diem of \$80 per day (or \$36 a day for meals, plus lodging and air travel). These expenses are staff travel for program related meetings and attending training conferences and workshops, and Council members travel for attending Council meetings and conferences such as the Florida Regional Councils Association and the National Association of Development Organizations.

Indirect: \$68,000

Direct: \$29,000

ORIGINAL FLORIDA TOURISM TASK FORCE

This item includes all expenditures approved by and paid for by The Original Florida Tourism Task Force including travel writer familiarization tours and printing promotional material.

Direct: \$43,000

CONTINGENCY

This item includes funds for unanticipated expenditures.

Direct: \$113,900

INDIRECT COSTS

Indirect costs are defined by the U. S. Office of Budget and Management Circular A-87: Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments as costs which are: (1) incurred for a common or joint purpose benefitting more than one cost objective, and (2) not readily assignable to the cost objective specifically benefitted, without effort disproportionate to the results achieved. All indirect costs are accumulated in a pool and distributed as charges to each program by use of an indirect cost rate. The indirect cost rate is the total indirect cost divided by total direct personnel dollars. Thus, indirect costs are distributed based upon the number of salary dollars used by each program. This method provides an equitable distribution of costs. The Indirect Rate for the 2013-14 Fiscal Year is estimated to be approximately 102 percent.

TABLE I
NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
BUDGET - Proposed May 23, 2013
FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2013 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

EXPENSES	INDIRECT EXPENSES	DIRECT EXPENSES	REVENUE	
Audit	\$15,000		Program Development	\$23,900
Building Debt Service	\$11,200			
Building Occupancy & Grounds	\$40,000		Regional Planning	
Contractual Services	\$2,000	\$70,000	Regional Planning & Review	\$50,000
Dues, Pubs., Subs. & Training	\$39,000	\$8,000	Developments of Regional Impact Review	\$15,000
Furniture & Equipment		\$15,000		
Insurance & Bonding	\$17,000		Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance	
Legal Services & Public Notices	\$9,000	\$3,000	Homeland Security Activities	\$57,000
Machine Rental & Maintenance	\$5,000		Hazardous Waste Monitoring	\$42,400
Meeting Expenses	\$18,000	\$2,000	Local Emergency Planning Committee	\$93,500
Moving Expenses	\$2,000		Hazards Analyses	\$9,700
Office Supplies	\$29,000	\$1,000	Regional Hurricane Evacuation Study	\$10,000
Personnel	\$567,100	\$830,100		
Postage	\$2,000	\$6,000	Transportation	
Printing	\$3,000		Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	\$621,000
Recruiting	\$2,000		Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	\$170,000
Reproduction	\$12,000		Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	\$24,200
Telephone	\$7,000		Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	\$173,600
Travel	\$68,000	\$29,000		
Original Florida Tourism Task Force		\$43,000	Economic Development	
Contingency		\$113,900	Comp Econ Development Strategy & Technical Assistance	\$108,000
			Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	\$35,000
			Original Florida Tourism Task Force	\$43,000
			Local Government Assistance	
			General Technical Services	\$10,000
			City & County Planning Services	\$307,000
			Community Development Block Grant Administration	\$176,000
Total Indirect Expenses	\$848,300			
Total Direct Expenses		\$1,121,000		
TOTAL EXPENSES (Direct & Indirect)		\$1,969,300	TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,969,300

TABLE II
NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
REVENUE BY PROGRAM - Proposed May 23, 2013
FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2013 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

REVENUE	FEDERAL FUNDS	STATE FUNDS	MEMBER DUES	MTPO* FUNDS	DEV OF REGIONAL IMPACT FEES	SERVICE CONTRACTS	TOURISM TASK FORCE FUNDS	OTHER INCOME	TOTAL	TOTAL BY PROGRAM	% TOTAL BY PROGRAM
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT			\$13,900					\$10,000	\$23,900	\$23,900	1%
REGIONAL PLANNING											
Regional Planning & Review			\$50,000						\$50,000		
Developments of Regional Impact Review					\$15,000				\$15,000		
										\$65,000	3%
PUBLIC SAFETY & REGULATORY COM											
Homeland Security Activities						\$57,000			\$57,000		
Hazardous Waste Monitoring						\$42,400			\$42,400		
Local Emergency Planning Committee	\$52,600	\$40,900							\$93,500		
Hazards Analyses		\$9,700							\$9,700		
Regional Hurricane Evacuation Study						\$10,000			\$10,000		
										\$212,600	11%
TRANSPORTATION											
Gainesville Urbanized Area Trans Planning				\$621,000					\$621,000		
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit				\$170,000					\$170,000		
Trans Disadvantaged - Alachua Co				\$24,200					\$24,200		
Trans Disadvantaged - Region		\$173,600							\$173,600		
										\$988,800	50%
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT											
Comp ED Strategy & Technical Assistance	\$63,000		\$45,000						\$108,000		
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing		\$35,000							\$35,000		
Original Florida Tourism Task Force		\$10,000					\$33,000		\$43,000		
										\$186,000	10%
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE											
General Technical Services			\$10,000						\$10,000		
City & County Planning Services						\$307,000			\$307,000		
Comm Dev Block Grant Administration						\$176,000			\$176,000		
										\$493,000	25%
TOTAL	\$115,600	\$269,200	\$118,900	\$815,200	\$15,000	\$592,400	\$33,000	\$10,000	\$1,969,300	\$1,969,300	100%

* Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area

TABLE III
NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
EXPENSES BY PROGRAM - Proposed May 23, 2013
FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2013 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

			REGIONAL PLANNING			PUBLIC SAFETY & REGULATORY COMPLIANCE				ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT			TRANSPORTATION			LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE				
			STATE PLANNING & REVIEW	DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT REVIEW	HOMELAND SECURITY	HAZARDOUS WASTE MONITORING	LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE	HAZARDS ANALYSES	REGIONAL HURRICANCE EVACUATION STUDY	COMP ED STRATEGY & TECHNICAL ASSIST	TOURISM TASK FORCE STAFFING	TOURISM TASK FORCE	TRANS DISADVANT	GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA TRANS PLANNING	GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA MASS TRANSIT	GENERAL TECHNICAL SERVICES	LOCAL PLANNING SERVICES	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ADMIN	TOTAL	
TOTAL	EXPENSES	PROGRAM DEVELOP																		
\$70,000	Contractual Services						\$31,000							\$39,000					\$70,000	
\$8,000	Dues, Pubs., Subs. & Training	\$6,000					\$2,000												\$8,000	
\$15,000	Furniture & Equipment	\$15,000																	\$15,000	
\$3,000	Legal Services & Public Notices						\$1,500						\$1,500						\$3,000	
\$2,000	Meeting Expenses	\$500					\$1,500												\$2,000	
\$1,000	Office Supplies	\$1,000																	\$1,000	
\$830,100	Personnel		\$19,400	\$6,800	\$24,600	\$19,500	\$24,600	\$4,100	\$3,100	\$50,300	\$16,800		\$92,400	\$254,300	\$80,800	\$4,400	\$146,500	\$82,700	\$830,100	
\$6,000	Postage		\$400		\$300	\$300	\$200			\$100	\$200		\$500	\$500		\$100	\$2,000	\$1,400	\$6,000	
\$29,000	Travel		\$2,500		\$5,500	\$2,000	\$6,000	\$500		\$3,000			\$2,000	\$2,500		\$1,000	\$500	\$3,500	\$29,000	
\$43,000	Original FL Tourism Task Force											\$43,000							\$43,000	
\$113,900	Contingency	\$1,400	\$7,875	\$1,251	\$1,461	\$672	\$1,561	\$910	\$3,732	\$3,197	\$832		\$6,974	\$64,824	\$7,033	\$3	\$8,288	\$3,887	\$113,900	
\$848,300	Indirect Costs*		\$19,825	\$6,949	\$25,139	\$19,928	\$25,139	\$4,190	\$3,168	\$51,403	\$17,168		\$94,426	\$259,876	\$82,367	\$4,497	\$149,712	\$84,513	\$848,300	
\$1,969,300	TOTAL	\$23,900	\$50,000	\$15,000	\$57,000	\$42,400	\$93,500	\$9,700	\$10,000	\$108,000	\$35,000	\$43,000	\$197,800	\$621,000	\$170,000	\$10,000	\$307,000	\$176,000	\$1,969,300	

* See Table I for line item expenses of Indirect Costs. Total indirect expenses are distributed among programs at the rate of 102.19% of Direct Personnel costs.

TABLE IV
NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MEMBER LOCAL GOVERNMENT DUES - Proposed May 23, 2013
FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2013 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

	POPULATION*		DUES @ .30** PER CAPITA
	JURISDICTION	TOTAL COUNTY	
Alachua County		245,480	
County Government	99,485	(22,425)	\$20,000
Alachua	9,134		\$2,740
Archer	1,130		\$750
Gainesville	123,061	(14,392)	\$22,526
Hawthorne	1,389		\$750
High Springs	5,355		\$1,607
Newberry	4,957		\$1,487
Waldo	969		\$750
Bradford County		24,316	
County Government	18,891		\$5,667
Starke	5,425		\$1,628
Columbia County		63,660	
County Government	51,963		\$15,589
Lake City	11,697		\$3,509
Dixie County		15,028	
County Government	15,028		\$4,508
Gilchrist County		16,045	
County Government	16,045		\$4,814
Hamilton County		12,014	
County Government	10,322		\$3,097
Jasper	1,692		\$750
Lafayette County		6,917	
County Government	6,917		\$2,075
Madison County		17,535	
County Government	14,673		\$4,402
Madison	2,862		\$859
Suwannee County		41,067	
County Government	34,241		\$10,272
Live Oak	6,826		\$2,048
Taylor County		19,528	
County Government	12,491		\$3,747
Perry	7,037		\$2,111
Union County		10,725	
County Government	10,725		\$3,218
TOTAL	472,315	472,315	\$118,904

*Official State estimates used for Revenue Sharing purposes: April 1, 2012.

**Minimum dues paid by any member local government is \$750.

Membership dues are reduced by one percent of the funds expended by a member local government for in-house planning activities provided such reduction shall not reduce the total dues to an amount less than \$20,000.




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May 16, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Election of Officers and Board of Directors

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Nominating Committee slate of nominees for Executive Committee and Board of Directors for Program Year 2013-14.

BACKGROUND:

The Nominating Committee met on May 2, 2013, to develop, for the Council's consideration, recommendations concerning the Executive Committee positions, including the additional Executive Committee member, and other members of the Board of Directors. A list of those recommendations is attached.

Also attached, for your information, are excerpts from the policies which govern the elections to these positions. Specifically, the Council is to elect individuals to the following positions.

Chair
Vice-Chair
Secretary-Treasurer
Executive Committee Member
Immediate Past Chair
Ten Non-Executive Committee Members for Board of Director Positions

NOTE:

1. No more than one officer may be from representatives appointed by the same governmental unit.
2. Of the total 15 members of the Board of Directors (including the Executive Committee), 10 shall be representatives appointed by city and county members, and 5 shall be selected from among gubernatorial appointees.
3. At least two-thirds (2/3) of the representatives on the Board must be elected officials.
4. There must be broad regional representation on the Board.

5. At least 8 counties must be represented on the Board.
6. At least 3 Board members must be from Alachua County.

In addition, if you want to make nominations from the floor, please find attached a list of current Council members. Only local government representatives and gubernatorial appointees are eligible for election as officers and to the Board of Directors.

If you have any questions concerning the election process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachments

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

2013-14
May 16, 2013

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Garth Nobles, Jr., Chair
Carolyn Spooner, Vice-Chair
Daniel Riddick, Secretary/Treasurer
Rick Davis, Member
Lorene Thomas, Immediate Past Chair

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPOINTEES

ALACHUA COUNTY

City of Gainesville

Thomas Hawkins

Waldo

Louie Davis

GILCHRIST COUNTY

Kenrick Thomas

HAMILTON COUNTY

Beth Burnam

City of Jasper

LaBarfield Bryant

LAFAYETTE COUNTY

Donnie Hamlin

GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTEES

ALACHUA COUNTY

Thomas Collett

COLUMBIA COUNTY

James Montgomery

HAMILTON COUNTY

Charles Williams

SUWANNEE COUNTY

Sandra Haas

- (3) The Council shall establish its meeting dates at its annual meeting each year, and the May meeting shall be the Annual Meeting.
- (4) At the Annual Meeting, the Council shall elect the Board of Directors, adopt the annual Budget and Work Program, and conduct other business which may be deemed appropriate.
- (5) Special meetings of the Council may be called for any appropriate purpose by the chairman or by written request of any nine (9) voting members of the Council.
- (6) Written notice of Council meetings shall be mailed to each member at the member's address, as it appears on the records of the Council, at least seven (7) days prior to that meeting. The notice shall state the time, place and object of the meeting and the business to be transacted.
- (7) A majority of the Council shall constitute a quorum at any Council meeting. When a quorum is present, the majority of the votes cast shall decide any question, other than amendments to the Strategic Regional Policy Plan, which shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the total representatives on the Council.
- (8) All regular and special meetings, workshops or hearings of the Council or of any Council Committee shall be open to the general public.

Section 6: Officers---Duties---Term of Office.

- (1) The members of the Council shall elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer to serve as officers of both the Council and of the Board of Directors. The officers shall be elected from among the members of the Council and may be elected or non-elected officials, no more than one of who may be from representatives appointed by the same governmental unit. Should a vacancy occur among the officers, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner in which the preceding officers were originally elected.
- (2) The officers shall perform the duties enumerated below and other duties prescribed by the Council:
 - (a) The Chairman shall preside at meetings of the Council and of the Board; sign, with the counter-signature of the Secretary-Treasurer, or Executive Director, as authorized by the

Council, any contracts or other instruments which is deemed in the Council's best interest; and perform such other duties incident to the office as may be prescribed by the Council.

- (b) The Vice-Chairman shall assist the Chairman in the performance of the Chairman's duties, and either in the absence of the Chairman or in the event of the Chairman's inability or refusal to act, shall have the powers and shall perform the duties of the Chairman.
 - (c) The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep minutes of the meetings and the records of the Council and of the Board; attest the signatures of the Council officers; and see that notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Policies or as required by law.
 - (d) The Secretary-Treasurer shall, with the Finance Committee, periodically review the financial needs of the Council and at least quarterly, report to the Council regarding its fiscal condition. The Secretary-Treasurer shall also monitor and periodically report to the Council as to whether the Executive Committee and staff are complying with policies of the Council in matters relating to: 1) Receiving monies due the Council and depositing them in a depository designated by the Council; and 2) Expending the funds of the Council as authorized by the Council. Further, the Secretary-Treasurer shall, in general, perform all duties that may be assigned to him/her by the Chairman or the Council.
- (3) Each member elected to an office shall serve for one (1) year or until reelected or until a successor is elected, except that the Chairman's term of office shall be limited to two (2) consecutive one-year (1) terms and a past-chairman shall not be eligible again until two (2) additional years have elapsed nor shall a past-chairman be succeeded by a representative appointed by the same governmental unit.
 - (4) Newly elected officers shall be declared installed following the election, and shall assume the duties of office upon adjournment of the Annual Meeting at which they are elected.

Section 7: Board of Directors.

- (1) The membership of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the whole Council at its Annual Meeting as follows:
 - (a) The composition of the Board shall consist of the Executive Committee and ten (10) other Council representatives. Of these fifteen, ten (10) shall be representatives appointed by city and county members, and five (5) shall be selected from among the representatives appointed by the Governor of the State of Florida. At least two-thirds (2/3) of the representatives serving on the Board shall be officials elected to the governing body of local governments or other county elected officials chosen by said governing boards or the Governor.
 - (b) The ten (10) non-Executive Committee Members of the Board shall be selected in the following manner. A slate of nominees to fill each of the ten (10) positions shall be presented by the Nominating Committee. In selecting nominees, the Committee shall:
 1. Ensure broad and equitable representation throughout the membership, with consideration being given to proper representation: 1) From both counties and cities, 2) From rural as well as urban areas, and 3) According to population distribution; and further, consideration should be given to nominating minority representatives in number sufficient to provide minority representation on the Board in approximately the same proportion as minority population exists in the Region's total population.
 2. Select at least one (1) nominee from a sufficient number of counties to ensure that eight counties are represented on the Board, including members of the Executive Committee. Furthermore, there shall be a sufficient number of nominees selected from among the representatives from all counties with more than 75,000 population to ensure that at least three members of the Board represent said county, including members of the Executive Committee.

- (c) Nominations may also be made from the floor providing that such nominees shall challenge specific nominees designated by the Committee, and such nominees shall satisfy the requirements set forth in Paragraphs (b)1. and (b)2.
- (2) Should a vacancy(ies) occur among the directors, the successor(s) shall be filled in the same manner in which the preceding directors were originally filled. Otherwise, all board members shall serve one (1) year or until successor is elected.
- (3) A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the event a member of the Board resigns, or for other reasons is no longer a representative to the Council, then the position vacated by that member shall not be included in the total number of Board positions for the purpose of determining a quorum until such time as the position is filled. When a quorum is present at any meeting, a majority of the directors present shall decide any question under consideration.
- (4) The Board shall keep minutes of its proceedings and records of its official actions, all of which shall be filed in the office of the Council and shall be of public record.
- (5) The Board shall have the duties and responsibilities as may be delegated to it by the Council which will best effectuate and carry out the purposes and functions for which the Council is created and as outlined in these Policies.
- (6) In the event the Council fails to assemble a quorum for the purposes of transacting business at any regular or called meeting, the Board is authorized to act on behalf of the Council with respect to all items. In such instances, all members of the Council who are present may vote on items considered by the Board, and a majority of those voting shall decide any question under consideration. Actions of the Board shall be final.

Section 8: Executive Director.

The Executive Director shall be responsible for all personnel and administrative matters as prescribed by the Council through adopted policies and rules. The Executive Director shall function as agency clerk responsible for filing final Council decisions. The Executive Director is also authorized to attest the

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| 3. Beth Burnam | Hamilton County |
| 4. Charles Chestnut IV | Alachua County |
| 5. Karen Cossey | Union County |
| 6. Rick Davis | Madison County |
| 7. Rusty DePratter | Columbia County |
| 8. Donnie Hamlin | Lafayette County |
| 9. Jason Holifield | Dixie County |
| 10. Robert Hutchinson | Alachua County |
| 11. Patricia Patterson | Taylor County |
| 12. Lee Pinkoson | Alachua County |
| 13. Daniel Riddick | Bradford County |
| 14. Kenrick Thomas | Gilchrist County |
| 15. Wesley Wainwright | Suwannee County |

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| 16. Bob Barnas | High Springs |
| 17. LaBarfield Bryant | Jasper |
| 18. Jim Catron | Madison |
| 19. Todd Chase | Gainesville |
| 20. Don Cook | Perry |
| 21. Louie Davis | Waldo |
| 22. Thomas Hawkins | Gainesville |
| 23. Yvonne Hinson-Rawls | Gainesville |
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| 29. Carolyn Spooner | Starke |
| 30. Randy Wells | Gainesville |
| 31. Robert Wilford | Alachua |
| 32. Stephen Witt | Lake City |

GUBERNATORIAL REPRESENTATIVES

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| 33. Sandra Haas | Suwannee County |
| 34. James Montgomery | Columbia County |
| 35. Lorene Thomas | Dixie County |
| 36. Charles Williams | Hamilton County |
| 37. Mike Williams | Madison County |
| 38. Vacant | Alachua County |
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| 46. Vacant | Lafayette County |
| 47. Vacant | Taylor County |
| 48. Vacant | Union County |

EX-OFFICIO REPRESENTATIVES

1. Vacant, Enterprise Florida
2. Vacant, Florida Department of Transportation
3. Vacant, Suwannee River Water Management District
4. Kraig McLane, St. Johns River Water Management District
5. Vacant, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

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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 April 2013 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.

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

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MONTHLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS: April 2013

OUTREACH

- Met with the new Director of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Jesse Panuccio, along with Scott Koons (NCFRPC), Chair, Brian Teeple (NEFRC), Vice-Chair, and Pat Steed (CFRPC), to introduce him to purpose, role, and programs of regional planning councils.
- Reviewed and provided comments on the draft press release prepared by the Florida Chamber Foundation pertaining to the update of the regional planning councils' Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies using the Foundation's Six Pillars as an organizing framework, and once released to the press, distributed it to the Executive Directors and over 120 FRCA interested parties.
- Completed data collection pertaining to the Small Quantity Generators of Hazardous Waste program and provided that data to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.
- Upon invitation, met with Alex Regalado of the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability regarding a project on regulatory barriers to business and whether regional planning councils could be a source of information for the data he needs to collect.
- Reviewed Enterprise Florida, Inc.'s Florida Rural Economic Development Study and provided written feedback on where regional planning councils' programs and activities complemented or could help implement certain recommendations in the report.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING

- Attended a Florida Transportation Commission workshop that primarily focused on how to move forward with road user fees as an alternative to the gas tax.
- Participated in Enterprise Florida, Inc.'s (EFI) monthly conference call, during which Gray Swoope, Secretary of Commerce, discussed his concerns pertaining to legislative proposals that could effectively shut down certain programs, such as the Quick Action Closing Fund, and the importance of educating elected officials on EFI's importance to job creation and community investment.
- Attended a workshop hosted by Opportunity Florida where EFI's Florida Rural Economic Development Study was presented by the consultants who prepared the report (similar workshops were hosted by the Florida Heartland Rural Economic Development Initiative and the North Florida Economic Development Partnership).

- Attended a meeting of the Florida Defense Support Task Force, the members of which heard a presentation by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Department of Economic Opportunity on base buffering.
- Participated in a meeting of the Rural Economic Development Initiative where a presentation on a rural economic gardening pilot project was given and redesignation of the North Central Florida Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern was discussed.
- Attended a meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC), during which an MPOAC Freight Advisory Committee was created; the payment of dues to the National Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations was debated and approved; and Secretary Ananth Prasad spoke, discouraging the creation of new Metropolitan Planning Organizations and encouraging regional coordination.
- Attended a Gulf Consortium emergency meeting, which was called to seek support from its members to proposed amendments to Senate Bill 1024 that would remove language from the bill giving a quasi-governmental entity the authority to expend certain RESTORE Act funds that the federal law appropriates directly to the eight disproportionately affected counties, resulting in those counties losing control over a large amount of those funds or and likely forcing them to pursue litigation challenging the law creating the new entity.
- Although the Economic Development liaisons did not meet in April, completed an assignment to review the draft of the Appendix for the State Strategic Plan for Economic Development and submitted revisions by the established deadline.
- Along with Scott Koons (NCFRPC), Chair, Pat Steed (CFRPC), and Mario Taylor (NEFRC), held conference calls with Dr. Melanie Simmons, Florida Department of Management Services' Resource Development for the Broadband Initiative, to explore the potential funding sources.

LEGISLATIVE

- Briefed Ron Book on the threat to the Homeland Security Program Grants, which if eliminated by the Legislature, could result in the elimination of regional planning council grant funded positions (NOTE: The grant program was preserved).
- Drafted and distributed a resolution in support of funding for regional planning councils for local governments to adopt and send to the Governor.
- Made minor revisions to a letter written in support of funding for regional planning councils, which was issued by Gubernatorial appointees of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, for use by the Gubernatorial appointees from other councils.

Florida Regional Councils Association
Director of Intergovernmental Affairs
Monthly Accomplishments
April 2013

- Attended a Small County Coalition Legislative briefing and dinner.
- Attended/monitored legislative committee meetings and issued a legislative update and several bill tracking reports.

ADMINISTRATIVE

- Collected the most recent audits and budgets from each of the regional planning councils for sharing of best practices among the councils.
- Distributed notices of funding and grant opportunities pertaining to the U.S. Economic Development Administration; U.S. Department of Transportation, and U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- Shared the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant Opportunity announcement with the Florida League of Cities and Florida Association of Counties.
- Coordinated with the Florida Association of Counties and Florida Chamber Foundation on arrangements for a June event recognizing the 11 regional planning councils for having completed the updates to their Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies using the Foundation's Six Pillars as an organizing framework, which will be held in conjunction with the Florida Association of Counties Annual Conference at its closing breakfast.
- Updated the FRCA Website to post a revised annual event calendar, meeting materials, and legislative update.
- Participated in the April FRCA meetings, drafted the March FRCA meeting summaries, secured presenters and prepared the Partners Agenda for the April FRCA meeting, and began working on arrangements for the June Policy Board meeting.



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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 May 2013 Scorecard.

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

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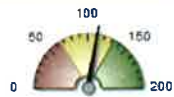
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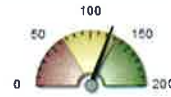
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Florida's Consumer Confidence – Continuing its Climb

Can Florida be illustrating to the rest of the country how economic recovery is done? Running counter to the potential effects of both the payroll tax holiday expiration as well as the unfolding federal budget sequestration, Florida's consumer confidence index (CCI) rose to 79 in April – a four percent increase from March and an over eight percent increase from a low of 73 in February, according to data supplied by the University of Florida's Bureau of Economic Research. While the national index fell two points (as measured by the University of Michigan's survey), Florida continues to display signs of tail winds and is positioning to be an economic leader moving into the second quarter of 2013.



Consumer Confidence

As a leading economic indicator of projected business activity in coming months, the CCI measures sentiments and opinions on a set of consumer perceptions and is widely used as a gauge of overall economic trends. While national trends suggest that short-term consumer spending may cool, Florida's outlook continues to show signs of light. Of the five indicators used in the index, four showed growth with one staying unchanged.

Most notably, the indicator for expected economic conditions one year from now rose over 11 percent this month – from 72 in March to 80 in April. Are Florida's policies and focus on strengthening job creation and improving the business climate effective? Apparently Florida consumers seem to think so.

Florida Net Job Creation in 2013



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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Legislative Report

BUDGET

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity budget request for Fiscal Year 2013-14 submitted to Governor Scott did not include any appropriation request for all 11 regional planning councils. In addition, the budget for Fiscal Year 2013-14 submitted by the Governor to the Legislature did not include any appropriation request for all 11 regional planning councils. However, the budget adopted by the Legislature includes \$2.5 million for all 11 regional planning councils for Fiscal Year 2013-14.

As you know, the Legislature appropriated \$2.5 million for all 11 regional planning councils for Fiscal Year 2012-13. However, Governor Scott vetoed the appropriation for regional planning councils. The Council's share of this appropriation would have been approximately \$179,000.

The 2013 regular legislative session convened on March 5, 2013 adjourned on May 3, 2013.

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

House Bill 4035 by Representative Spano relates to developments of regional impact. The bill deletes provisions authorizing the state land planning agency, regional planning agencies, or local governments to petition the Administration Commission to increase or decrease numerical thresholds of statewide guidelines and standards used in determining whether developments are subject to development of regional impact review. **Bill did not pass the Legislature.**

Senate Bill 1698 by Senator Latrala relates to developments of regional impact. The bill repeals provisions relating to the certification of local governments to conduct development of regional impact reviews. **Bill did not pass the Legislature.**

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

Urban Infill

House Bill 89 by Representative Pafford relates to the Urban Infill and Redevelopment Assistance Grant Program. The Program establishes Urban Infill and Redevelopment Assistance Grant Program; provides program for grants to counties and municipalities with urban infill and redevelopment areas; authorizes transfer of unused funds between grant categories under the program; requires Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to administer the program; requires Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to adopt rules establishing grant review criteria. **Bill did not pass the Legislature.**

Senate Bill 348 by Senator Soto relates to Urban Infill and Redevelopment Assistance Grant Program. Establishes the Urban Infill and Redevelopment Assistance Grant Program; providing a program for grants to counties and municipalities with urban infill and redevelopment areas; authorizing transfer of unused funds between grant categories under the program; requiring the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to administer the program. **Bill did not pass the Legislature.**

Internet Data for Business Development

House Bill 121 by Representative Combee relates to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. Requires Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to create web page accessible through the Department's internet website that provides comprehensive data and information relevant to creation of new businesses, or expansion of existing businesses, within state; provides purposes of web page; requires the Department to contact local governmental entities and collect specified data and information; requires cities and counties to provide notice of changes in data collected by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. **Bill did not pass the Legislature.**

Senate Bill 670 by Senator Brandes relates to Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. Requires the Department to create a web page accessible through its Internet website that provides comprehensive data and information that are relevant to the creation of new businesses, or the expansion of existing businesses, within the state; requires the Department to contact local governmental entities and collect specified data and information; requires cities and counties to provide notice of changes in data collected by the Department. **Bill did not pass the Legislature.**

Transportation Projects

House Bill 319 by Representative Ray relates to Community Transportation Projects. Revises provisions of Community Planning Act and provisions relating to transportation development authorities and community development districts; defines "mobility plan;" provides that certain development projects may not be delayed or denied if applicant has provided payment for transportation impacts, local government must calculate proportionate share contributions based only on certain capital improvements, projects to relieve transportation deficiencies may include projects outside designated deficiency area and mass transit improvements may extend beyond designated deficiency area; revises requirements for replacement by election of community development district board members for certain transit-oriented developments. **Bill passed by the Legislature.**

Impact Fee Moratorium

House Bill 321 by Representative La Rosa relates to Growth Management. Prohibits local government from applying transportation or school concurrency or requiring proportionate-share contribution or construction for new development for specified period; provides an exception; provides for an extension of prohibition under certain conditions; prohibits certain counties, municipalities and special districts from imposing certain new or existing impact fees for specified period; provides an exception; provides for an extension of prohibition under certain conditions; provides for future expiration. **Bill did not pass the Legislature.**

Manufacturing Development

House Bill 357 by Representative Boyd relates to Manufacturing Development. Creates “Manufacturing Competitiveness Act;” authorizes local governments to establish local manufacturing development program that provides for master development approval for certain sites; requires the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to develop model ordinance containing specified information and provisions; requires local manufacturing development program ordinance to include certain information; provides certain restrictions on termination of such program; requires the Department, in cooperation with participating agencies, to establish a manufacturing development coordinated approval process for certain manufacturers; requires participating agencies to coordinate and review applications for certain state development approvals; requires manufacturer to file certain documents; requires the Department to convene meeting when requested by certain manufacturer; provides for requests for additional information and specifies periods; requires participating agencies to take final action on applications within certain period; requires the Department to facilitate resolution of certain applications; provides for approval by default; requires the Department to develop materials that identify local manufacturing development programs. **Bill passed the Legislature.**

Senate Bill 582 by Senator Galvano relates to Manufacturing Development. Establishes the Manufacturing Competitiveness Act; authorizes local governments to establish a local manufacturing development program that provides for master development approval for certain sites; requires the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to develop a model ordinance containing specified information and provisions; requires the Department, in cooperation with participating agencies, to establish a manufacturing development coordinated approval process for certain manufacturers. **Companion House Bill 357 passed by the Legislature.**

Community Development Block Grants

Senate Bill 494 by Senator Simpson relates to Community Development Block Grants. Requires the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to adopt a rule pertaining to the distribution of funds under the block grant program; requires approved Section 108 loan applicants to enter into an agreement with the department; requires that a local government’s future community development block grant be reduced in the event of default; provides restrictions on the expenditure of block grant funds by local governments. **Bill did not pass the Legislature.**

Local Referendum on Comprehensive Plan Amendments

House Bill 537 by Representative Moraitis relates to Growth Management. Revises and provides for applicability of provisions that prohibit initiative or referendum process for development orders and local comprehensive plan amendments and map amendments; provides that such initiative or referendum process commenced or completed on or after specified date is void; provides exception for initiative or referendum process specifically authorized by local government charter provision in effect as of such date for certain local comprehensive plan amendments and map amendments. **Bill passed by the Legislature.**

Senate Bill 528 by Senator Simpson relates to Community Planning Act. Authorizes a local government to retain an existing initiative or referendum process relating to a local comprehensive plan amendment or map amendment in certain circumstances. **Companion House Bill 537 passed by the Legislature.**

Comprehensive Plan Amendment Pilot Program

Senate Bill 786 by Senator Simpson relates to Comprehensive Plan Amendments. Establishes a pilot program in specified areas of the state to test and review an alternative plan amendment; provides a process for the adoption of comprehensive plan amendments; provides an exception for certain local governments and other specified areas; provides that agencies may not adopt rules to implement the program. **Bill did not pass the Legislature.**

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

House Bill 7 by Representative Porter relates to Water Management Districts. Requires districts to include certain reservations and water bodies in priority lists and schedules; provides for adoption of certain reservations and minimum flows and levels by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection; requires districts to provide certain information and support to the Department; requires districts to apply, without adopting by rule, certain reservations, minimum flows and levels, and recovery and prevention strategies; authorizes water management districts to enter into interagency agreements for resource management activities under specified conditions; exempts cooperative funding programs from rulemaking requirements; requires regional water supply authority and applicable district to jointly develop component of regional water supply plan. **Companion Senate Bill 244 passed by the Legislature.**

Senate Bill 244 by Senator Dean relates to Water Management Districts. Provides for the adoption of certain reservations and minimum flows and levels by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection; requires water management districts to apply, without adopting by rule, the reservations, minimum flows and levels, and recovery and prevention strategies adopted by the Department; requires a regional water supply authority and the applicable water management district to jointly develop the water supply component of the regional water supply plan. **Bill passed by the Legislature.**

SPRINGS

House Bill 789 by Representative Stewart relating to Springs. Requires water management districts to identify certain springs, develop certain plans, submit certain reports; authorizes districts to adopt rules and issue orders. **Bill did not pass the Legislature.**

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Senate Bill 978 by Senator Soto relating to Springs. Requires water management districts to identify certain springs, develop certain plans and submit certain reports to the Governor and the Legislature, authorizes the districts to adopt rules and issue orders. **Bill did not pass the Legislature.**

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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 Committee met on April 22, 2013 in Lake City and accepted a modified committee work plan and schedule for the development of the regional water supply plan, heard presentations on water use and demand data and discussed water supply issues.

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Financial Disclosure Report Filing

All members of the Council are required to file a financial disclosure form by July 1st of each year.

The financial disclosure forms filed by county commissioners and city commissioners for their elected offices fulfill this requirement. Gubernatorial members must file a financial disclosure form with the Supervisor of Elections office in their respective counties to fulfill this requirement. Council members should have received a copy of the financial disclosure form in the mail within the past few weeks.

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