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MEETING NOTICE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on February 26, 2015. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard, Lake City, Florida at 6:00 p.m.

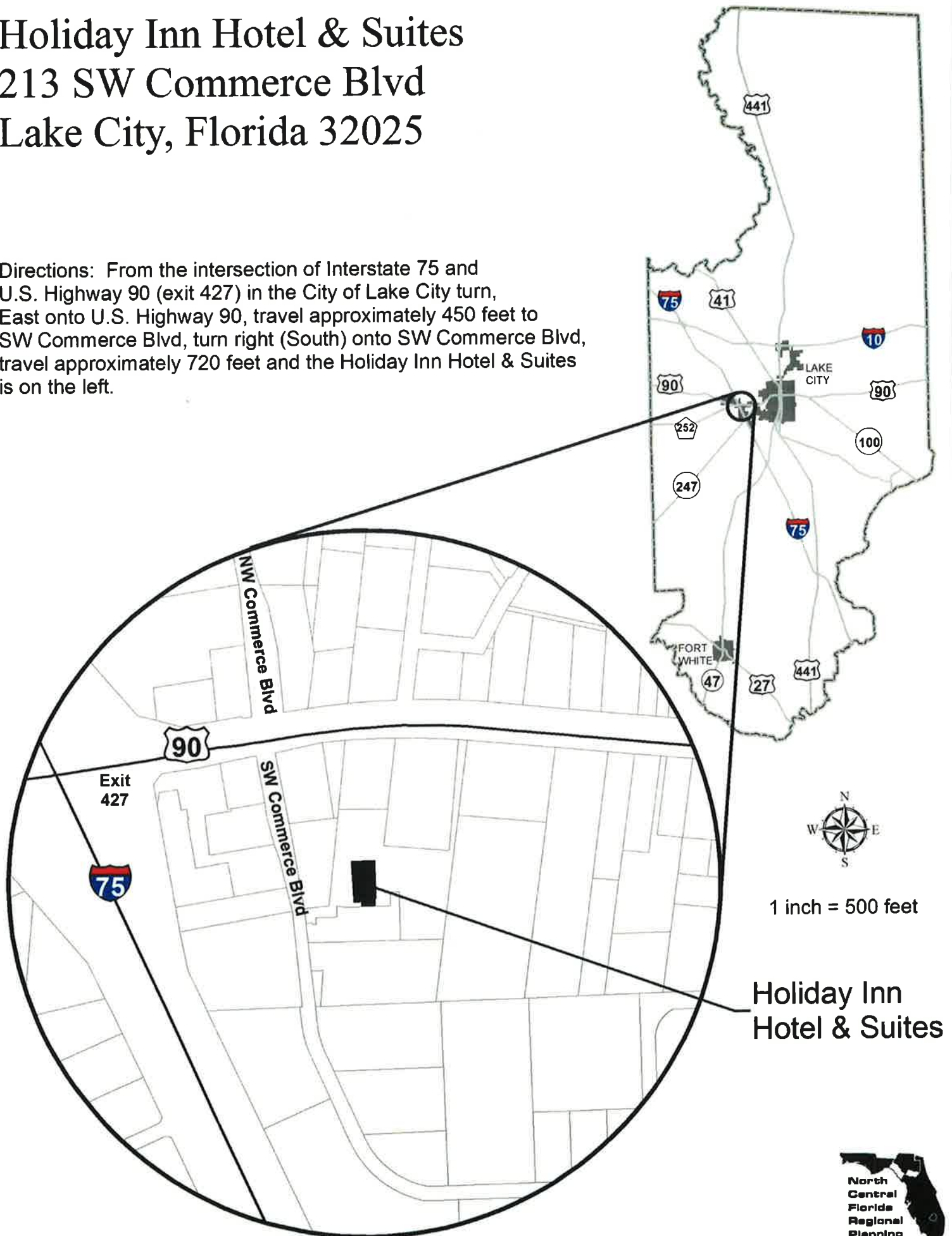
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Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites

213 SW Commerce Blvd

Lake City, Florida 32025

Directions: From the intersection of Interstate 75 and U.S. Highway 90 (exit 427) in the City of Lake City turn, East onto U.S. Highway 90, travel approximately 450 feet to SW Commerce Blvd, turn right (South) onto SW Commerce Blvd, travel approximately 720 feet and the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites is on the left.



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AGENDA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

February 26, 2015
6:00 p.m.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

January 22, 2015
6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rick Davis, Secretary-Treasurer
Garth Nobles, Jr., Immediate Past Chair
Daniel Riddick, Vice-Chair
Carolyn Spooner, Chair
Charles Williams, Executive Committee Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Scott R. Koons

Chair Carolyn Spooner called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 11, 2014

Chair Spooner asked that the minutes for the December 11, 2014 Executive Committee meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Mr. Williams made the motion, with a second by Mayor Nobles to approve the minutes for December 11, 2014 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

II. CONTRACTS AND APPLICATIONS - Purchase Order with the Northeast Florida Regional Council to Assist with Updating the Statewide Hurricane Evacuation Study

ACTION: Mayor Nobles made the motion, with a second by Mr. Williams to recommend that the Council update the Statewide Hurricane Evacuation Study pursuant to a purchase order issued by the Northeast Florida Regional Council. The motion carried unanimously.

III. PROGRAM REPORT - Transportation Disadvantaged Program Local Coordinating Board Appointment

ACTION: Commissioner Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Riddick to recommend that the Council appoint Marion Poitevint to the Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board as Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION - A. Check Fraud Status

Mr. Koons updated the Committee concerning the status of the \$49,523.00 check fraud issue with Wells Fargo. He recommended that the Council staff issue a press release to state and regional news media concerning the Wells Fargo check fraud issue.

ACTION: Mayor Nobles made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Davis to authorize Council staff to issue a press release to state and regional news media concerning the Wells Fargo check fraud issue. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Other Business - Resolution Recognizing 50th Anniversary of the City of Fanning Springs

Chair Spooner asked for a Resolution Recognizing 50th Anniversary of the City of Fanning Springs.

ACTION: Commissioner Riddick made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Davis to approve a resolution Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the City of Fanning Springs. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Carolyn B. Spooner, Chair

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February 19, 2015

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program
Planning Grant Resolution, Fiscal Year 2015-16

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution authorizing the Chair to enter into the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged for Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee and Union Counties, authorize the Chair to sign the grant assurances and agreements or contracts, and authorize the Executive Director to sign invoices, warranties and certifications for the program.

BACKGROUND:

As you know, the Council is the designated official planning agency, pursuant to the Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, for Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee and Union Counties. The designated official planning agency's responsibilities include Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards with staff support and resources to enable them to fulfill their responsibilities.

The Council receives approximately \$19,000 per County on a cost reimbursement basis to provide these services.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED TRUST FUND GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

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

1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced grant agreement;
2. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
4. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Program;
5. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes its Executive Director to sign any and all reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement; and
6. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 26th day of February 2015.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Carolyn B. Spooner, Chair




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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: North Florida Economic Development Partnership
Experience North Florida Sponsorship

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Council being a Titanium Level Sponsor for the North Florida Economic Development Partnership *Experience North Florida* event in the amount of \$1,000.

BACKGROUND:

As you know, the North Florida Economic Development Partnership is the public-private partnership that promotes economic development in the 14-county North Central Florida Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern. This area includes Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties in the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council region as well as Baker, Jefferson, Levy and Putnam Counties.

The Partnership is conducting an event entitled *Experience North Florida* at Steinhatchee Landing in Steinhatchee, FL on April 19-21, 2015. The purpose of the event is to connect site location consultants representing north Florida targeted industries with economic development professionals, state and regional project managers, state and local elected officials, corporate business leaders and other key decision-makers committed to attracting investment to the region.

The Partnership is soliciting sponsorships to underwrite the cost of the event. It is recommended that the Council be a sponsor at the Titanium Level for \$1,000. This level of sponsorship entitles the Council to have one attendee participate in all group functions and have the Council logo featured on all event printed materials, website and on-site signage.

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

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TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Appointment

RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint Lori Newman as the alternate Public Education Representative on the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

BACKGROUND:

According to Rule 41-2.012 of the Florida Administrative Code, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency, is responsible for appointing members to the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards. It is recommended Lori Newman be appointed as the alternate Public Education Representative on the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

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

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February 19, 2015

TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Check Fraud Status Report

On March 20, 2013, a fraudulent check in the amount of \$49,523.00 that was written on the Council's bank account was processed and paid by Wells Fargo. Also on March 20, 2013, Council staff filed an affidavit of check fraud concerning this matter with Wells Fargo. On March 25, 2013, Council staff filed a crime report concerning this matter with the Gainesville Police Department.

On March 28, 2013, Council Attorney Jonathan Wershow and Council staff briefed the Executive Committee concerning this matter. On April 18, 2013, the Council Attorney sent a letter to Wells Fargo requesting that Wells Fargo remit to the Council within 30 days the unauthorized \$49,523.00 released by Wells Fargo from the Council's account. On April 25, 2013, Council staff briefed the Council concerning this matter. On June 3, 2013, attorneys for Wells Fargo responded via letter to Mr. Wershow's letter stating that Wells Fargo will not reimburse the Council for the \$49,523.00 released from the Council's account by Wells Fargo.

On July 25, 2013, the Council authorized the Council Attorney to file a lawsuit against Wells Fargo to recover the unauthorized \$49,523.00 and designate Scott Koons, Executive Director, as the Council's representative concerning all matters related to such lawsuit. In addition, the Council authorized the Council Attorney and the Executive Director to contact federal and state law enforcement agencies to discuss the fraudulent check processed and paid out of the Council's bank account by Wells Fargo.

On August 5, 2013, Council Attorney Wershow and I met with Mr. William Cervone, State's Attorney for the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida to discuss the check fraud incident. Mr. Cervone offered the assistance of his staff to work with the Gainesville Police Department to secure the bank records relating to the check fraud incident.

On August 6, 2013, Council Attorney Wershow and Co-Council Stanley Cushman filed a five-count lawsuit in the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Alachua County, Florida, against Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to recover the unauthorized \$49,523.00 released by Wells Fargo from the Council's bank account.

On September 9, 2013, Wells Fargo responded to the complaint by filing a Motion to Compel Arbitration. Wells Fargo alleges that disputes related to the Council's checking account are to be resolved by an arbitrator. Council Attorney Wershow and Co-Counsel Stanley Cushman responded to the motion stating arbitration does not apply to the dispute.

A hearing was scheduled for October 30, 2013 in the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Alachua County, Florida on the Motion to Compel Arbitration filed by Wells Fargo to resolve the dispute between the Council and Wells Fargo. However, the hearing was rescheduled for January 24, 2014. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Circuit Court granted the Motion to Compel Arbitration.

A letter was sent to Wells Fargo on May 13, 2014 requesting additional information concerning the disputed check. On September 24, 2014 a Notice of Arbitration and Statement of Claim was filed with the American Arbitration Association by Co-Counsel Stanley Cushman on behalf of the Council. On October 14, 2014 attorneys from Wells Fargo filed a Respondent's Answering Statement to the Statement of Claim.

Council Attorney Wershow and Co-Counsel Stanley Cushman have coordinated with the attorney of Wells Fargo on the selection of an arbitrator and on January 8, 2015 mutually agreed to American Arbitration Association Arbitrator Robert Cowles of Jacksonville, FL. On February 2, 2015 a preliminary arbitration conference was held via teleconference. The arbitrator and parties have agreed to schedule the arbitration hearing for May 11, 2015 in Gainesville, FL.

Please find attached a summary of legal fees incurred to date concerning the lawsuit.

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

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Wells Fargo Lawsuit
Legal Fees

February 19, 2015

<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>
August 2013	\$1,383
September 2013	\$2,253
October 2013	\$3,445
November 2013	\$180
December 2013	\$0
January 2014	\$2,760
February 2014	\$1,410
March 2014	\$2,502
April 2014	\$2,669
May 2014	\$2,970
June 2014	\$6,515
July 2014	\$330
August 2014	\$420
September 2014	\$810
October 2014	\$3,429
November 2014	\$0
December 2014	<u>\$2,295</u>
Total	\$33,371



2015 NADO Washington Policy Conference Preliminary Schedule

Sunday, March 22

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	NADO Bylaws Committee Meeting (Invitation Only)
1:30 – 3:00 pm	DDAA/NADO pre-conference sessions:
	1) Workforce training in the automotive supplier industry
	2) USDA Rural Development regional initiatives
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.	NADO Executive Committee Meeting
3:30 – 5:30 p.m.	NADO Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, March 23

8:15 – 9:20 a.m.	Regional Caucus Meetings
9:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Opening Plenary Session
10:45 – 11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.	Lunch on Your Own
2:15 – 3:30 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Break
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Federal Agency Networking Event (Joint NADO/DDAA)
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Capitol Steps Performance (Joint NADO/DDAA)

Tuesday, March 24

8:45 – 9:45 a.m.	Plenary Session (Joint NADO/DDAA)
10:00 – 11:15 a.m.	Plenary Session (Joint NADO/DDAA)
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	NADO Luncheon
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.	NADO on the Hill
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.	NADO on the Hill Reception

Wednesday, March 25

8:00 – 9:15 a.m.

NADO Breakfast

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Closing Session