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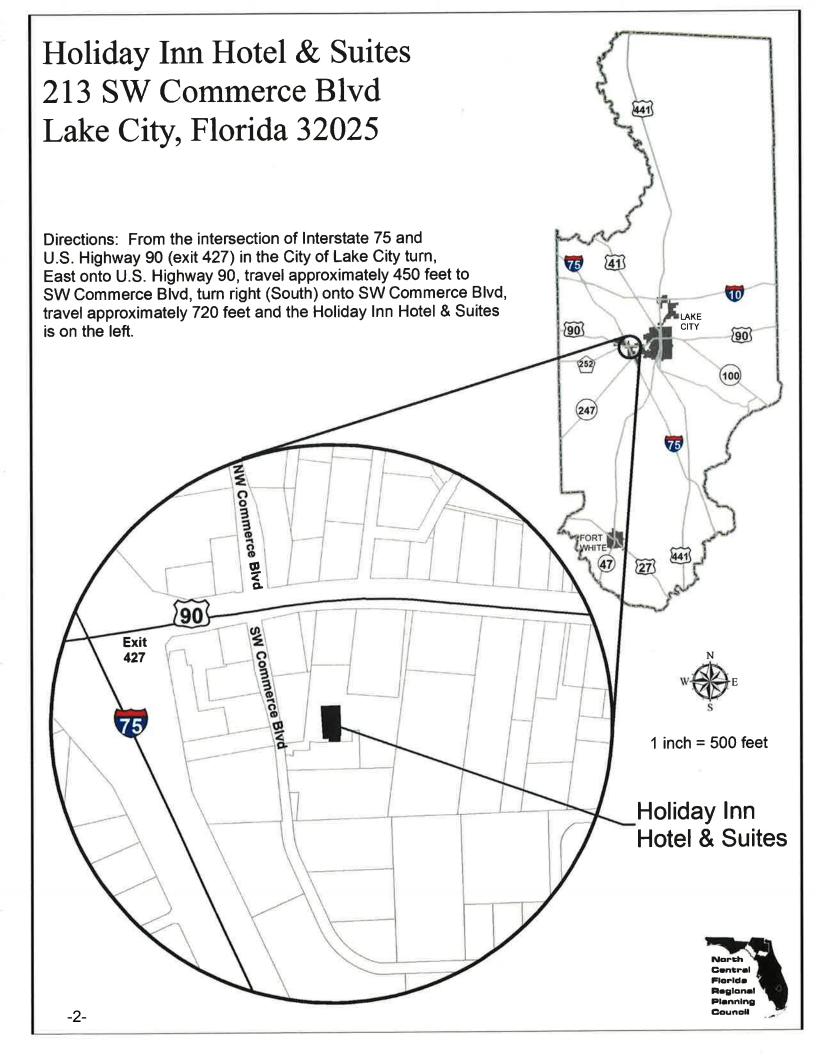
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MEETING NOTICE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on March 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.

(Location Map on Back)





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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Lake City, Florida February 26, 2015 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

MEMBERS ABSENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Scott R. Koons

Chair Carolyn Spooner called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 22, 2015

Chair Spooner asked that the minutes for the January 22, 2015 Executive Committee meeting be approved as written.

ACTION:

Mr. Williams made the motion, with a second by Mayor Nobles to approve the minutes for January 22, 2015 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

II. CONTRACTS AND APPLICATIONS - Transportation Disadvantaged
Planning Grant Resolution,
Fiscal Year 2015-16

ACTION:

Mayor Nobles made the motion, with a second by Mr. Williams to recommend that the Council adopt the resolution for 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, authorizing the Chair to sigh the grant assurances and agreements or contracts and authorizing the Executive Director to sign invoices, warranties and certifications for the program. The motion carried unanimously.

III. PROGRAM REPORT

A. Experience North Florida - Sponsorship

ACTION:

Mr. Williams made the motion, with a second by Mayor Nobles to recommend that the Council approve the Council being be a Titanium Level Sponsor for the North Florida Economic Development Partnership Experience North Florida event in the amount of \$1,000. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Local Coordinating Board Appointment

ACTION:

Mayor Nobles made the motion, with a second by Mr. Williams to appoint Lori Newman as the new alternate Public Education Representative on the Madison Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. 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.

V. Other Business - National Association of Development Organizations Policy Conference - Washington D.C. - March 22-25, 2015

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

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Carolyn B. Spooner, Chair	Date



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March 19, 2015

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

U. S. Economic Development Administration

Short-Term Planning and State Planning Grant Amendment

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Executive Director to submit a six-month extension amendment for the Federal Assistance for a Short-Term Planning and State Planning Investment Grant awarded by the U.S. Economic Development Administration in the amount of \$200,000 and authorize the Chair to execute the time extension.

BACKGROUND:

The Florida Regional Councils Association is undertaking a Leadership Training and Capacity Building for Statewide Economic Development initiative. Funding for this initiative has been provided by the U.S. Economic Development Administration in the form of a Short-Term Planning and State Planning Grant in the amount of \$200,000 being matched with an additional \$50,000 of Florida Regional Councils Association funds for a total project cost of \$250,000.

In order to qualify for a 20 percent match level, a regional planning council, serving as a U.S. Department of Commerce designated economic development district, with at least one county with a per capita income that is equal to or less than 50 percent of the average national per capita income, had to file the grant application. The only two counties in Florida that meet this criteria are Lafayette County at 48.7 percent and Union County at 49.7 percent. Thus, the Council was the grant applicant for this project with the understanding that the Florida Regional Councils Association is providing the \$50,000 in matching funds.

In order to complete all activities pursuant to the Leadership Training and Capacity Building for Statewide Economic Development initiative, including the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board Retreat, retreat report and action plan, it is recommended that a six-month time extension amendment be filed with the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

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

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March 19, 2015

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Florida Department of Transportation

Joint Participation Agreement and Resolution

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Executive Director to submit a 12-month extension amendment for the Joint Participation Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation to provide support for transportation planning and regional visioning for Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Marion, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties and adopt Resolution No. 2015-03 authorizing the Chair to execute an amendment to the Joint Participation Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

BACKGROUND:

As you know, the Council entered into a Joint Participation Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Department to provide the Council support for transportation planning and regional visioning for Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Marion, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. The Agreement also requires coordination with neighboring regional planning councils and adjoining counties. In order to coordinate the planning effort with the on-going Future Corridors studies of the Florida Department of Transportation, it is recommended that a 12-month time extension amendment be filed with the Florida Department of Transportation.

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

Attachment

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RESOLUTION NO. 2015-03 A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council entered into a Joint Participation Agreement, Financial Project Number 433775-1-18-01, on April 15, 2013 with the Florida Department of Transportation, as authorized under Section 339.12, Florida Statutes; and WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to receive support for transportation planning and regional visioning for Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Marion, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties for the period ending June 30, 2015; and WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council will coordinate with neighboring regional planning councils and adjoining counties in order to accomplish said transportation planning and regional visioning; and WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council will coordinate said transportation planning and regional visioning with the on-going Future Corridors studies of the Florida Department of Transportation; and WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute a 12-month extension to the Joint Participation Agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with the Florida Department of Transportation; and WHEREAS, this resolution shall be effective upon adoption. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute a 12-month extension amendment to the Joint Participation Agreement, Financial Project Number 433775-1-18-01, with the Florida Department of Transportation to accomplish transportation planning and regional visioning in a 13-county area. DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 26th day of March 2015. NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL Attest: Carolyn B. Spooner, Chair Scott R. Koons, Executive Director



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March 19, 2015

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Transportation Disadvantaged Program

Local Coordinating Board Membership Certifications

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chair to sign the Bradford, Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee, Dixie, Gilchrist, Lafayette, Madison and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Membership Certifications.

BACKGROUND:

The attached certifications are regarding Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes.

Please find attached the Bradford, Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee, Dixie, Gilchrist, Lafayette, Madison and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Membership Certifications. These forms certify that the membership of the boards is established pursuant to Rule 41-2.012(3) of the Florida Administrative Code. These forms also certify that the membership of the boards represent, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local communities.

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

Attachments

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BRADFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

Name:	North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Address:	2009 N.W. 67th Place
	Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603
The Designated	Official Planning Agency named above hereby certifies to the following:
1.	The membership of the Local Coordinating Board, established pursuant to Rule 41-2.012(3), Florida Administrative Code, does in fact represent the appropriate parties as
2.	identified in the following list; and The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local community.
Signature:	Date:
J	Carolyn B. Spooner, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Chairperson	Daniel Riddick	Tommy Chastain	No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2017
Disabled	Sherry Ruszkowski	Vacant	6/30/2015
Citizen Advocate	Patricia Bonesteel	Vacant	6/30/2015
Citizen Advocate/User	Patricia Fountain	Vacant	6/30/2015
Children at Risk	Alberta Hampton	Vacant	6/30/2016
Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2017
Public Education	Richard Sapp	Vacant	No Term
Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	Janell Damato	No Term
Department of Children and Families	Amanda Bryant	Vacant	No Term
Department of Elder Affairs	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Department of Education	Jeffrey Aboumrad	Vacant	No Term
Agency for Health Care Administration	Alana McKay	Andrew Singer	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Linďa Tatum	Vacant	No Term
Veteran Services	Barbara Fischer	Vacant	6/30/2017
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Transportation Industry	Steve Futch	Vacant	6/30/2016
Local Medical Community	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2016

COLUMBIA, HAMILTON AND SUWANNEE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

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The Designate	d Official Planning Agency named above hereby certifies to the following:
1.	The membership of the Local Coordinating Board, established pursuant to Rule 41-2.012(3), Florida Administrative Code, does in fact represent the appropriate parties as
2.	identified in the following list; and The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local community.
Signature:	Date:
	Carolyn B. Spooner, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Chairperson	Bucky Nash	Not Applicable	No Term
Local Elected Official	Beth Burnam	Not Applicable	No Term
Local Elected Official	Larry Sessions	Not Applicable	No Term
Elderly	Reverend Charles Burke	Vacant	6/30/2017
Disabled	Ralph Kitchens	Vacant	6/30/2015
Citizen Advocate	Jeanne d'Eauede	Louie Goodin	6/30/2015
Citizen Advocate/User	LJ Johnson	Vacant	6/30/2015
Children at Risk	Colleen Cody	Audre J. Washington	6/30/2016
Community Action	Matthew Pearson	Vacant	6/30/2017
Public Education	Keith Hatcher	Vacant	No Term
Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	Janell Damato	No Term
Department of Transportation Department of Children and Families	Kay Tice	Jaime Sanchez-Bianchi	No Term
Department of Elder Affairs	Bruce Evans	Dwight Law	No Term
Department of Education	Jeff Aboumrad	Allison Gill	No Term
Agency for Health Care Administration	Alana McKay	Andrew Singer	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Sheryl Rehberg	Jeannie Carr	No Term
Veteran Services	Clay Lambert	Ellis A. Gray, III	6/30/2017
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2016
Local Medical Community	Sandra Buck Camp	Vacant	6/30/2016

DIXIE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

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The Designated	Official Planning Agency named above hereby certifies to the following:			
1.	The membership of the Local Coordinating Board, established pursuant to Rule 41-2.012(3), Florida Administrative Code, does in fact represent the appropriate parties as identified in the following list; and			
2.	The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local community.			
Signature:	Date:			
	Carolyn B. Spooner, Chair			

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING	
Chairperson	Jason Holifield	Vacant	No Term	
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2017	
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2015	
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2015	
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2015	
Children at Risk	Tonya Hiers	Brooke Ward	6/30/2016	
Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2017	
Public Education	Tim Alexander	Vacant	No Term	
Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	Janell Damato	No Term	
Department of Children and Families	Vacant	Vacant	No Term	
Department of Elder Affairs	Vacant	Vacant	No Term	
Department of Education	Jeff Aboumrad	Vacant	No Term	
Agency for Health Care Administration	Alana McKay	Andrew Singer	No Term	
Regional Workforce Development Board	Vacant	Vacant	No Term	
Veteran Services	Jerry Prater	Vacant	6/30/2017	
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term	
Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2016	
Local Medical Community	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2016	

GILCHRIST COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

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The Designated	Official Planning Agency named above hereby certifies to the following:	
1. 2.	The membership of the Local Coordinating Board, established pursuant to Rule 41-2.012(3), Florida Administrative Code, does in fact represent the appropriate parties as identified in the following list; and The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local community.	
Signature:	Carolyn B. Spooner, Chair	

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Chairperson	Marion Poitevint	Vacant	No Term
Elderly	Richard Esseck	Vacant	6/30/2017
Disabled	Leslie Esseck	Vacant	6/30/2015
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2015
Citizen Advocate/User	Jim McCrone	Vacant	6/30/2015
Children at Risk	Tonya Hiers	Brooke Ward	6/30/2016
	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2017
Community Action Public Education	Michelle Walker- Crawford	Julie C. Thomas	No Term
Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	Janell Damato	No Term
Department of Transportation Department of Children and Families	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Department of Elder Affairs	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Department of Education	Jeff Aboumrad	Vacant	No Term
Agency for Health Care Administration	Alana McKay	Andrew Singer	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Jeannie Carr	Vacant	No Term
	Jim Mash	Vacant	6/30/2017
Veteran Services	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Local Mass Transit	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2016
Transportation Industry Local Medical Community	Brittny Keeling	Krishna Stemple	6/30/2016

LAFAYETTE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

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Address:	2009 N.W. 67th Place			
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The Designated	Official Planning Agency named above hereby certifies to the following:			
1.	The membership of the Local Coordinating Board, established pursuant to Rule 41-2.012(3), Florida Administrative Code, does in fact represent the appropriate parties as identified in the following list; and			
2. The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the community.				
Signature:	Date:			
~ 18	Carolyn B. Spooner, Chair			

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Chairperson	Curtis Hamlin	Vacant	No Term
Elderly	Martha Humphries	Vacant	6/30/2017
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2015
Citizen Advocate	Cindy Morgan	Vacant	6/30/2015
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2015
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2016
Community Action	Ricky Lyons	Vacant	6/30/2017
Public Education	Ritchie Page	Vacant	No Term
Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	Janell Damato	No Term
Department of Transportation Department of Children and Families	Kay Tice	Vacant	No Term
Department of Elder Affairs	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Department of Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Agency for Health Care Administration	Alana McKay	Andrew Singer	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Sheryl Rehberg	Anthony Jennings	No Term
Veteran Services	Carlton Black	Vacant	6/30/2017
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2016
Transportation Industry Local Medical Community	Ginger Calhoun	Vacant	6/30/2016

MADISON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

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2.	The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local community.
Signature:	Carolyn B. Spooner, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Chairperson	Ronnie Moore	Vacant	No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2017
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2015
Citizen Advocate	Shanetha Mitchell	Vacant	6/30/2015
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2015
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2016
Community Action	Matthew Pearson	Vacant	6/30/2017
Public Education	Gladney Cherry	Vacant	No Term
Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	Janell Damato	No Term
Department of Transportation Department of Children and Families	Karen Page	Vacant	No Term
Department of Elder Affairs	Rosa Richardson	Vacant	No Term
Department of Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Agency for Health Care Administration	Alana McKay	Andrew Singer	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Sheryl Rehberg	Anthony Jennings	No Term
Veteran Services	Oliver Bradley	Vacant	6/30/2017
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2016
Local Medical Community	Leila Rykard	Kimberly Allbritton	6/30/2016

UNION COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

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The Designated	Official Planning Agency named above hereby certifies to the following:
1.	The membership of the Local Coordinating Board, established pursuant to Rule 41-2.012(3), Florida Administrative Code, does in fact represent the appropriate parties as identified in the following list; and
2.	The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local community.
Signature:	Carolyn B. Spooner, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Chairperson	Woody Kitler	Vacant	No Term
Elderly	Donald Petit	Vacant	6/30/2017
Disabled	Bill McGill	Vacant	6/30/2015
Citizen Advocate	Doyle Archer	Vacant	6/30/2015
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2015
Children at Risk	Alberta Hampton	Vacant	6/30/2016
Community Action	Matthew Pearson	Vacant	6/30/2017
Public Education	Mike Pittman	Vacant	No Term
Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	Janell Damato	No Term
Department of Transportation Department of Children and Families	Jaime Sanchez-Bianchi	Vacant	No Term
Department of Elder Affairs	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Department of Education	Jeff Aboumrad	Vacant	No Term
Agency for Health Care Administration	Alana McKay	Andrew Singer	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Veteran Services	Barbara Fischer	Vacant	6/30/2017
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2016
Transportation Industry Local Medical Community	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2016



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March 19, 2015

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint Kimberly Allbritton as the alternate Medical Community Representative on the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and appoint Sandra Buck-Camp as the voting Medical Community Representative on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee 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 Kimberly Allbritton and Sandra Buck-Camp be appointed to the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards.

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



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March 26, 2015

Ms. Kimberly Allbritton 218 SW Third Avenue Madison, FL 32340

RE: Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program

Dear Ms. Allbritton:

This letter is in regard to Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes. The purpose of this program is to assist individuals who are unable to transport themselves because of age, disability or income status.

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency, is responsible for appointing members to the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. The Council appointed you the alternate Medical Community Representative on the Board at its March 26, 2015 meeting. Your term of appointment will end June 30, 2016.

Enclosed is information about Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program. We look forward to working with you to successfully plan and coordinate transportation disadvantaged services. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Lynn Godfrey, Senior Planner, at extension 110.

Sincerely,

Carolyn B. Spooner Chair

Enclosure

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March 26, 2015

Ms. Sandra Buck-Camp P. O. Box 3667 Lake City, FL 32056-3667

RE: Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program

Dear Ms. Buck-Camp:

This letter is in regard to Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency, is responsible for appointing members to the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

The Council appointed you the voting Medical Community Representative to the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board at its March 26, 2015 meeting. Your term of appointment will end June 30, 2016.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to successfully plan and coordinate transportation disadvantaged services. The next Coordinating Board meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Lynn Godfrey, AICP, Senior Planner, at extension 110.

Sincerely,

Carolyn B. Spooner Chair

Enclosure

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March 19, 2015

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Legislative Report

The 2015 regular Legislature session convened on March 3, 2015 and is scheduled to adjourn on May 1, 2015. The legislative interim Committee schedule was, as follows:

- Week of January 5, 2015
- Week of January 20, 2015
- Week of February 2, 2015
- Week of February 9, 2015
- Week of February 16, 2015

The following paragraphs provide a summary of bills of interest to date.

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

Senate Bill 484 by Senator Simpson relates to regional planning councils. Requires the state land planning agency to identify parties that may enter into mediation relating to the compatibilities of developments with military installations: requires electric utilities to notify the county, rather than the regional planning council, of its current plans to site electric substations; authorizes local governments to enter into agreements to create regional planning entities; revises the requirements for the statewide emergency shelter plan to include general location and square footage of special needs shelters by county rather than by regional planning council region. Referred to Community Affairs Committee; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development; and Appropriations Committee. Passed Community Affairs Committee as an amended Committee Substitute. The bill is now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development.

This bill as amended removes regional planning councils from certain state statutes and transfers their duties and responsibilities to other entities.

House Bill 873 by Representative Mayfield relates to regional planning councils. Repeals provisions creating regional planning councils and regional planning agencies; repeals provisions specifying duties of such councils and agencies; transfers duties formerly performed by such councils and agencies to state land planning agency or local governments, as appropriate and; authorizes local governments to create regional planning entities. Referred to Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; and Economic Affairs Committee. The bill is now in the Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee.

DEVELOPMENTS OF REGIONAL IMPACT

Senate Bill 562 by Senator Simpson relates to developments of regional impact. Requires plan amendments proposing a development that qualifies as a development of regional impact to be subject to the state coordinated review process; provides that new proposed developments are subject to the state coordinated review process and not the development of regional impact review process. Referred to Community Affairs Committee; Transportation Committee; and Rules Committee. Passed by Community Affairs Committee. The bill is now in the Transportation Committee.

House Bill 579 by Representative Gaetz relates to developments of regional impact. Requires plan amendments for developments that are developments regional impact to follow the state coordinated review process; provides that certain proposed developments that are considered developments regional impact are subject to the state coordinated review process and not the developments regional impact review process. Referred to the Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; and Economic Affairs Committee. The bill is now in Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee.

SECTOR PLANS

Senate Bill 832 by Senator Simpson relates to sector plans. Requires that comprehensive plan amendments that propose an amendment to an adopted sector plan follow the specified state-coordinated review process; establishes that this section is intended to promote development of a long-term vision for conservation, development and agriculture on a landscape scale; provides that an applicant may request a preapplication conference with the local government that has jurisdiction before filing an application for a detailed specific area plan, subject to certain requirements; requires the applicant for a detailed specific area plan to transmit copies of the application to specified reviewing agencies for review and comment. Referred to Community Affairs Committee Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee and Fiscal Policy Committee.

House Bill 933 by Representative LaRosa relates to sector plans. Revises provisions regarding adopted sector plans; long-term master plans, and specific area plans; revises dates for recording conservation easement for certain lands; authorizes certain water permit durations to be commensurate with certain development orders; provides permitting criteria in certain situations; clarifies public interest test; specifies rule of statutory construction. Referred to Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee and State Affairs Committee. The bill is now in the Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY WEB PAGE

House Bill 75 by Representative Combee relates to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity web page. Requires the Department to create a web page accessible through its internet website that provides certain information; provides purpose of web page; requires the Department to collect all local business information available to the Department; requires the Department to request relevant local government to provide any otherwise unavailable information; requires local governments to provide notice of changes in information collected by the Department; authorizes local government entities to provide summary that includes certain information for the Department's web page.

The new website is to be solely dedicated to the collection and publication of data and information that are relevant and of significance to the creation of new business within the state or the expansion of existing businesses within the state. The purpose for doing so is to (a) provide a comprehensive overview of conditions that exist within the various cities and counties of the state that are conducive or advantageous to the creation of new businesses or the expansion of existing businesses; (b) enable prospective employers both within and outside the state to effectively and accurately evaluate the business climate of cities and counties within the state; and (c) provide prospective business owners and operators and cities and counties within the state with immediate access to specific charges and costs related to the establishment, operation, and maintenance of a business in any city or county within the state. The Department is given until January 1, 2016 to collect the data then post it to its web page "as soon as practicable." The bill includes a lengthy list of the specific information that is to be collected. Referred to Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee; Local Government Affairs Subcommittee; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; and Economic Affairs Committee. The bill is now in Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee.

Senate Bill 232 by Senator Hays relates to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. Requires the Department to create a web page accessible through its internet website that provides certain information; provides the purpose of the web page. Referred to Commerce and Tourism Committee; Community Affairs Committee; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development Committee; and Fiscal Policy Committee.

FREIGHT LOGISTICS ZONES

House Bill 257 by Representative Ray relates to freight logistics zones. Defines freight logistics zone, authorizes county or two or more contiguous counties to designate geographic area or areas within its jurisdiction as freight logistics zone; requires adoption of strategic plan which must include certain information; provides that certain projects within freight logistics zones may be eligible for priority in state funding and certain incentive programs; provides evaluation criteria for freight logistics zones.

The bill defines a freight logistic zone as a grouping of activities and infrastructure associated with freight transportation and related services within a defined area around intermodal logistics center as defined in Section 311.101(2), Florida Statutes. It allows a county or two or more contagious counties to designate a geographic area or areas within its jurisdiction as a freight logistics zone. The designation must include a strategic plan adopted by the county(ies) that includes a map depicting the geographic area of the jurisdiction and identification of existing or planned freight facilities or logistics clusters; existing transportation infrastructure; existing workforce availability; existing planned local, state, or federal workforce training capabilities; any local, state, or federal plans concerning the movement of freight; and financial or other local government incentives to encourage new development, expansion of existing development, or redevelopment with the proposed zone. The plan must include documentation that it is consistent with applicable local government comprehensive plans and adopted metropolitan planning organizations long-rage transportation plans. Projects within these zones that are consistent with the state's Freight Mobility and Trade Plan may be eligible for priority state funding and incentives. Criteria for determining that eligibility are included in the bill. Referred to the Transportation and Ports Subcommittee; and Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee. Passed by Transportation and Ports Subcommittee; and Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee. Passed by House of Representatives.

Senate Bill 956 by Senator Simpson relates to freight and logistics. Authorizes a county or two or more contiguous counties to designate a geographic area or areas within its jurisdiction as a freight logistics zone; requires the adoption of a strategic plan which must include certain information; provides that certain projects within freight logistics zones may be eligible for priority in state funding and certain incentive programs; and provides evaluation criteria for freight logistics zones. Passed by Community Affairs Committee. The bill is now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development.

PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

House Bill 551 by Representative Perry relates to private property rights. Requires local governments to address protection of private property rights in their comprehensive plans; requires comprehensive plan to include property rights element that addresses certain objectives; requires counties and municipalities to adopt land development regulations consistent with property rights element. Referred to Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee; Local Government Affairs Subcommittee; and Economic Affairs Committee. The bill is now in Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee.

Senate Bill 1424 by Senator Evers relating to property rights. Requires local governments to address the protection of private property rights in their comprehensive plans; requires comprehensive plans to include a property rights element that addresses certain objectives; and requires counties and municipalities to development regulations consistent with this element within a specified timeframe. Referred to Community Affairs Committee; Judiciary Committee; and Fiscal Policy Committee.

WATER AND LAND CONSERVATION AMENDMENT

Senate Bill 586 by Senator Dean relates to water and land conservation constitutional amendment. Provides that specified distributions to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund are not subject to the service charge under Section 215.20 Florida Statutes repeals provisions relating to beach erosion control project staffing, funding for the state beach management plan, and the Florida Preservation 2000 Trust Fund; requires specified public recreation projects to have been selected through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's competitive selection process prior to the release of funds. Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations Committee. Passed by Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government as an amended Committee Substitute, and Appropriations. The bill is now in Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee.

House Bill 1291 by Representative Boyd relates to the water and land conservation constitutional amendment. Terminates obsolete trust funds and provides for disposition of balances; revises distributions of documentary stamp tax revenues into certain trust funds; revises distributions of revenues upon sale of certain lands; reenacts the Land Acquisition Trust Fund; deletes obsolete provisions relating to use of bond and trust funds proceeds; and conforms provisions. Passed by Agricultural and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee. The bill is now in the Appropriations Committee.

AGRITOURISM

Senate Bill 594 by Senator Stargel relates to agritourism. Prohibits a local government from enforcing an ordinance, regulation, rule or policy that prohibits restricts, regulates, or otherwise limits an agritourism activity on land classified as agricultural land. Referred to Agriculture Committee; Community Affairs Committee; and Rules Committee. Passed by the Agriculture Committee, Community Affairs Committee; and Rules Committee. This bill is now on Senate Calendar for Second Reading.

House Bill 569 by Representative Combee relates to agritourism. Prohibits local governments from enforcing local ordinances, regulations, rules, or policies that prohibit, restrict, regulate, or otherwise limit agritourism activities on land classified as agricultural land. Passed by Local Government Affairs Subcommittee as an amended Committee Substitute.

WATER CONSERVATION

House Bill 605 by Representative Porter relates to water conservation. Authorizes local governments to adopt certain residential and nonresidential landscape irrigation conservation measures; authorizes water management district governing boards and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to issue water shortage notice in public information release and post such notice on the district's or the Department's website; directs water management district governing boards in affected and adjacent counties to issue certain orders and provide certain notice when emergency conditions exist due to water shortage. Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee; Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; and State Affairs Committee. The bill is now in Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee.

There is no companion Senate bill.

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



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March 19, 2015

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

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.

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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-Council 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.

On March 3, 2015, the attached press release concerning the check fraud incident was issued to regional and state news media.

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.

Attachments



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NEWS RELEASE

ATTENTION: NEWS DIRECTOR

DATE:

March 3, 2015

CONTACT:

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Wells Fargo Bank Denies Responsibility for Releasing Funds Impacting Taxpayers

Gainesville, FL - It is a case of identity theft that could impact taxpayers in Alachua and surrounding counties. This fraudulent check writing scheme involves the most profitable bank in the country and a small taxpayer-funded government agency in Gainesville. Two years ago, Wells Fargo Bank accepted and cashed a fraudulent check written on the account of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, in the amount of \$49,523.00. Today, Wells Fargo Bank is still refusing to do anything about the thievery. Wells Fargo Bank released almost \$50,000 of taxpayers' money without a proper signature and failed to comply with their own written agreement requiring the Council to be contacted prior to negotiating the fraudulent check.

The Chair of the Council, Starke City Commissioner Carolyn Spooner, says, "The Council had no choice but to unanimously vote to file a lawsuit against Wells Fargo Bank in an attempt to recover the missing funds." The lawsuit was filed nearly two years ago and authorities with Wells Fargo Bank are still denying responsibility for the 2013 fraudulent transaction. Currently, the matter of the missing taxpayers' dollars is in binding arbitration. Chair Spooner says, "We feel that Wells Fargo Bank is ignoring our plea and costing us additional taxpayers' dollars in our attempt to recover funds released through an obvious banking error."

Council Attorney Jonathan Wershow points out, "There were at least five things about the check that indicated it was not a valid check. The check did not bear the signature or even the forged signature of an authorized signatory on the account, the check number was significantly out of sequence, the agency name was misspelled and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Bank number was incorrect. The check was made payable to a limited liability corporation, but endorsed by an individual with no identified account to which the check was to be deposited."

Shortly after the fraudulent check was cashed, the Council filed an affidavit of check fraud with Wells Fargo Bank and a police report with the Gainesville Police Department as well as requesting an investigation by the State Attorney for the Eight Judicial Circuit and the U.S. Attorney's Office.

The Council works in partnership with local governments and economic development organizations to promote regional strategies, partnerships and solutions to strengthen the economic competitiveness and quality of life of the residents in 11 counties and 33 incorporated municipalities in the north central portion of the state. The counties include, Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton,

Lafayette, Madison Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties. The Council is made up of gubernatorial appointees and local elected officials.

An arbitration hearing on the matter is set for May 11, 2015.

For more information, please contact Scott Koons, Executive Director, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council at 352-995-2200, ext. 101 or koons@ncfrpc.org.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL Wells Fargo Lawsuit Legal Fees

March 19, 2015

Month March	19, 2015 Amount
	\$1,383
August 2013	
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	\$2,295
January 2015	<u>\$454</u>
Total	\$33,825



SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 22	
8:30 a.m 5:30 p.m.	RegistrationArlington Foyer
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Pre-Conference Concurrent Sessions
·	• The Changing Energy Economy: Federal Opportunities for
	Economic and Regional Develpment
	Development Partnerships Salon 5-6
	(All NADO and DDAA attendees are encouraged to participate)
3:30 – 5:30 p.m.	NADO Board of Directors MeetingSalon 3
	(All NADO members are encouraged to attend)
Monday, March 23	
7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	RegistrationArlington Foyer
8:15 - 9:20 a.m.	NADO Regional Membership Caucus Meetings (see full schedule for meeting rooms)
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Opening Plenary Session: 114th Congressional OutlookSalon 3
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Strengthening Regional and Rural TransportationSalon 3
	The Honorable Victor Mendez, Deputy Secretary, U.S.
	Department of Transporatation
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
	What's New in Federal Lending Programs?Salon 3
	How to Stop Worrying and Embrace the WIOASalon 2
12:15 - 2:00 p.m.	Lunch on Your Own
2:15 – 3:30 p.m.	Plenary Session: The Big Picture - Policy Implications of the
2.10 0.00 p	Federal Budget and SequestrationSalon 3
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Federal Agency Networking SessionGrand Ballroom
	(Co-sponsored with DDAA)
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Capitol Steps PerformanceGrand Ballroom
37	(Co-sponsored with DDAA)
Tuesday, March 24	
8:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.	RegistrationArlington Foyer
9:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Plenary Session: Federal Agency PartnershipsSalon 1-3
7.00 = 10.15 d.m.	(Co-sponsored with DDAA)
10:00 - 11:15 a.m.	Plenary Session: What Happened to the Off-Year?
	Getting Up to Speed on the 2016 ElectionsSalon 1-3
	(Co-sponsored with DDAA)
11:30 a.m — 1:00 p.m.	LuncheonSalon 4
	The Honorable Jay Williams, Assistant Secretary for Economic
	Development, U.S. Department of Commerce
1:15 – 5:00 p.m.	NADO on the HillHotel Lobby
	Join us as we build and strengthen relationships with members of
	Congress and their staff!
	(Transportation provided; see handout in your registration packet)
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.	NADO on the Hill Reception
	Hall of States Building
	400 N. Capitol St. NW
	Room 283/285
Wednesday, March 2	25
7:30 – 11:00 a.m.	RegistrationArlington Foyer
8:00 – 9:15 a.m.	BreakfastSalon 4
	The Honorable Penny Pritzker, U.S. Secretary of Commerce
9:30 - 11:00 a.m.	CEDS Content Guidelines WorkshopSalon 1-2