



# Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

## Portfolio of Services of the Economic and Community Development Unit (ECD)

### **Local Impact Analysis**

The unit is in the process of purchasing Applied Economic software. The ECD unit will have the capacity to run programs that will assess the impacts of any major development within a community and also provide technical assistance to developing local planning and economic strategies.

### **Economic and Community Development Resources**

The ECD unit provides resources for municipalities, ED practitioners, developers, and organizations. Resources such as: Community and Economic development funding resource guide; a comprehensive list of development consultants. The unit can provide detailed maps that indicate business/industry parks throughout the region, specific maps that highlight links between transportation, planning and economic development, land and other pertinent indices to help professionals understand the region, to implement and attract sustainable developments.

### **Target Industry Analysis/Cluster Analysis**

The ECD unit is currently preparing a regional cluster report which will pinpoint the industry and business clusters in the region to detect existing clusters as well as emerging clusters. This will help municipalities, counties, and businesses to better understand the regional economy and assist in their efforts to develop local planning and economic strategies.

### **State of the Region Annual Report**

The ECD will produce an annual state of the region report highlighting the impacts of transportation, land-use and economic development in the region.

## **Quarterly Regional Reviews**

The ECD unit will produce quarterly economic development ED alerts. These reports will contain revised and up to date economic indicators within the region and will include news about recent developments and proposed developments.

## **Summits and Roundtables**

The ECD unit will facilitate and coordinate summits and roundtables with the private sectors throughout the region. Bringing together economic and community development practitioners, transportation and land use planners, private businessmen and public officials to discuss and coordinate efforts in economic and community development.

## **Resource and Information Sharing**

CMAAP is in the process of developing a program where practitioners may find current economic and development information and best practice models in the region.

## **Land use Inventory Services**

Encourage economic and community developers to integrate the data and mapping system in their organizations to strengthen collaboration by coordinating efforts of the Full Circle project to disseminate and improve the collection of business data including land-use, property value, building conditions, renovations, employment etc.

## **Intermodal and Freight Activities**

Coordinate and facilitate the meetings of the Intermodal Advisory Task Force to provide in-depth knowledge about the industry within the region, and useful data and practices for planning purposes.