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Economic Development Committee

DRAFT Minutes

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

9:00 a.m.

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
DuPage County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Committee Members Present:

Lance Pressl (Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce), Jerry Weber (Lake County College), Jeremiah Boyle (Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago), Peter Creticos (Institute for Work and the Economy), (Emily Harris (Metropolis Strategies), Gretchen Kosarko (RW Ventures), Judith Kossy (Policy Planning Partners), Bret Johnson (Northwestern University Transportation Center), Mary Beth Marshall (DuPage Workforce Board), Dennis Marino (City of Evanston), Gary Skoog (Village of Hoffman Estates), Carrie Thomas (Chicago Jobs Council), Jason Tyszko (IL Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity)

Staff Present:

Garett Ballard-Rosa, Simone Weil, and Annie Byrne

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chair, Lance Pressl.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes-March 27, 2012

The minutes of the March 27, 2012 meeting were approved, as presented.

4.0 National Network for Manufacturing Innovation

Committee member Gary Skoog presented an overview of recently announced proposed the National Network for Manufacturing Innovation (NNMI), which includes a \$45 million pilot focused on additive manufacturing; responses are due June 14th. It is unclear how competitive the region will be for the initial pilot, but the committee agreed it is wise to get organized and develop a strategy that will be beneficial in the long-term. Several

organizations have expressed interest in collaborating and the committee there is a need to coordinate efforts and collect information from potential partners. Several committee members volunteered to serve on a sub-committee to continue the discussion, bring together potential partners and develop next steps.

5.0 State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's STEM Agenda

Jason Tyszko, committee member and Deputy Chief of Staff of DCEO, presented an overview of the Illinois Pathways initiative. Jason described the details of the local based P-20 STEM Programs of Study and the statewide network of Learning Exchanges. The Learning Exchanges are in development now as planning grants were just recently announced. Jason fielded questions and explained this is a relatively novel approach and requires a high level of coordination between numerous state agencies, educational institutions, and the workforce development system. Additional information on the Pathways program can be found online [here](#).

6.0 CMAP Freight Drill-Down Update

CMAP staff Garrett Ballard-Rosa and Simone Weil presented an update on the Freight Cluster Drill-Down study, including an overview of major national and international development that will affect the Chicago freight cluster, and the major challenges and opportunities within infrastructure, innovation, and workforce. The report also includes a section describing the major initiatives currently designed to support the freight cluster. The final section is in development and will include strategies to address the identified challenges and build upon existing efforts. Staff fielded questions from the committee and discussed opportunities for future presentations to external groups.

7.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

8.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

9.0 Next Meeting

The committee meets next on May 22, 2012.

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Annie Byrne
Committee Liaison

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