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## **Economic Development Committee**

### **DRAFT Minutes**

Tuesday, May 28, 2013

9:00 a.m.

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
DuPage County Conference Room  
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800  
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#### **Committee Members Present:**

Jerry Weber (College of Lake County), Oswaldo Alvarez (Fry Foundation), Peter Creticos (Institute for Work and the Economy), Joanna Greene (Chicago Cook Partnership), Reggie Greenwood (South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association), John Grueling (Will County Center for Economic Development), Mark Harris (ISTC), Emily Harris (Metropolis Strategies), Rand Haas (Medusa Consulting), Gretchen Kosarko (RW Ventures), Dennis Marino (City of Evanston), Mary Beth Marshall (DuPage Workforce Investment Board), Kelly O'Brien (Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce), Lance Pressl (Institute for Work and the Economy), Gary Skoog (Village of Hoffman Estates), Carrie Thomas (Chicago Jobs Council)

#### **Staff Present:**

Simone Weil, Annie Byrne

#### **1.0 Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Mary Beth Marshall

#### **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

#### **3.0 Chicagoland Workforce Funders Alliance Request for Qualifications**

CMAP staff Annie Byrne described the Chicagoland Workforce Funders Alliance (CWFA) Request for Qualifications for an industry workforce partnership intermediary. The CWFA prefers to support partnerships in manufacturing, healthcare, or information technology. Annie described the possibility of a submission for an inclusive regional manufacturing partnership, which would help coordinate existing and emerging efforts

and scale up successful initiatives. Through the Local Technical Assistance program, CMAP is working with the Golden Corridor Manufacturing Group (GCMG) and one of the goals is to identify resources and models of sustainability. The GCMG has been working with several other partners across the region to submit a single response to the RFQ. CWFA Director Matt Bruce was in the audience and answered several questions from the committee.

#### **4.0 Federal Funding Opportunities**

The committee discussed several recently announced federal funding opportunities to support manufacturing. Mark Harris described ISTC's involvement in a response to the latest grant announcement for two new Manufacturing Innovation Institutes. The University of Illinois is leading a response for an institute for digital manufacturing. Reggie Greenwood described a response to the Make it in America Grant, led by Cook County and with numerous partners across the Chicago south suburbs. The proposal is seeking \$2.5 million over three years to help build on recent successes in manufacturing and freight related workforce and economic development. Finally, the committee discussed the announcement of EDA's Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership. The committee was not aware of any proposals from the region.

#### **5.0 June Event at Argonne**

The committee discussed the event at Argonne, including the focus and audience. They agreed this should be targeted on specific initiatives rather than a general overview, in particular, the presentations and discussion should highlight how to facilitate stronger connections between the region's businesses, community organizations, and Argonne.

#### **6.0 Local Technical Assistance Updates**

Annie announced the call for projects for the next round of LTA has been issued; applications are due June 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### **7.0 Other Business**

Peter Creticos announced his involvement in the State of Working Illinois project—he is working on securing funding to re-launch this project, which would likely be regional. He also described the Illinois Budget Calculator he helped create.

#### **Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

#### **8.0 Next Meeting**

The committee will not have a meeting in June; the next committee meeting is July 23, 2013 at CMAP.

#### **9.0 Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Annie Byrne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Annie Byrne  
Committee Liaison

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