GO TO 2040 Implementation Report Outline

Recommendation: Improve Education and Workforce Development

Implementation Action Area #1: Improve Coordination Between Education, Workforce Development, and Economic Development

CMAP activities:

Freight cluster report in partnership with CWIC

Partner activities:

- DCEO P-20 STEM Programs of Study and Learning Exchanges
- Northern Illinois Workforce Council
- Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council
- Smart Grid Regional Innovation Cluster and the Smart Grid Education and Training Center

Implementation Action Area #2: Data and Information Systems

CMAP activities:

Work on Human Capital Information Portal initiated

Partner activities:

- CWICstats
- Illinois State Longitudinal Data System

Implementation Action Area #3: Improve Delivery of Workforce Development Services CMAP activities:

Maybe policy agenda

Partner activities:

- Regional Big Shoulders Big Challenges Report by CJC for the Workforce Boards of Metropolitan Chicago
- Several entities and partnerships, including the Northern Illinois Workforce Coalition, seek and have secured federal competitive grants for workforce development, including the new TAA grants, NEG grants, and the H1-B1 program

Recommendation: Support Economic Innovation

Implementation Action Area #1: Improve Data and Information Systems CMAP activities:

• Partner in Illinois Innovation Index

Partner activities:

- Illinois Innovation Index by World Business Chicago, Illinois Science and Technology Coalition, Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, and CMAP
- Cluster Drill-Down includes data on business starts

Implementation Action Area #2: Nurture the Region's Industry Clusters CMAP activities:

• "Drill down" cluster analyses for specific clusters in partnership with CWIC Partner activities:

• Several industry coalitions implement strategies to strengthen clusters, including Illinois Technology Association, Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council, and iBio.

Implementation Action Area #3: Increase the Commercialization of Research, Target Investment Decisions, and Pursue New Financing Opportunities

CMAP activities:

• The Cluster Drill-Down reports may reveal sector specific opportunities and strategies related to this area

Partner activities:

- Chicago Innovation Mentors launched through partnership between Northwestern, University of Chicago, and UIC.
- Illinois Innovation Council will be evaluating strategies and programs related to this area

Implementation Action Area #4: Create a Culture of Innovation CMAP activities:

Highlight work of partners through Policy Blog

Partner activities:

- The Illinois Innovation Network is a new platform to showcase examples of innovation and make connections.
- The State of Illinois is a partner is Startup America, which celebrates and accelerates entrepreneurs across the country