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Economic Development CommitteeDRAFT Minutes

Tuesday, May 22, 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), Patrick Carey (Cook County), Peter Creticos (Institute for Work and the Economy), JoAnne Eckmann (World Business Chicago), Joanna Greene (Chicago Workforce Investment Council), Emily Harris (Metropolis Strategies), Mary Beth Marshall (DuPage Workforce Board), Sean McCarthy (Office of the Hon. Randall Hultgren, Member of Congress), Ed Sitar (ComEd), Carrie Thomas (Chicago Jobs Council)

Staff Present:

Garett Ballard-Rosa, Ayman Bari, Bob Dean, Jessica Simoncelli, Simone Weil, and Annie Byrne

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Chair, Lance Pressl.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes-April 24, 2012

The minutes of the April 24, 2012 meeting were approved, as presented.

4.0 Local Technical Assistance Call for Projects

CMAP staff Hala Ahmed provided an overview of the recent Local Technical Assistance (LTS) call for projects. Municipalities, counties, multijurisdictional groups, or nongovernmental organizations in partnership with a local government are eligible. LTA gives communities the opportunity to request CMAP's assistance on important local planning projects of many types. The program is made possible through a three-year

\$4.25 million award to CMAP from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Most assistance will be in the form of staff time. Applications are due August 1.

5.0 National Network for Manufacturing Innovation

Committee Chair Lance Pressl gave a brief update on the meeting the sub-committee had with the lead on the application for the National Network for Manufacturing Innovation pilot, the University of Illinois. The effort is still in development and partnerships are being formed. Organizations interested in providing a letter of support are encouraged to do so.

6.0 World Business Chicago's Plan for Economic Growth and Jobs

Rita Athas, President of World Business Chicago, presented an overview of the World Business Chicago's Plan for Economic Growth and Jobs. She explained several of the transformational strategies and the next steps regarding implementation phase, scheduled to begin June 1. The Steering Committee will continue to meet and oversee implementation, which will be carried out in part through a fellows program. Committee members shared input and expressed interest in receiving regular updates and finding ways to contribute to and support implementation, as well as expand the strategies into other communities.

7.0 CMAP Local Technical Assistance Update: Lake County Sustainable Food Systems

CMAP staff Jessica Simoncelli presented on the Lake County Sustainable Food Systems LTA project. Jessica gave an overview on the economic case for developing the local food system in Lake County and asked for committee feedback. Committee members asked questions and made suggestions, including the importance of highlighting the connection to health, the impact on the workforce, and partnering with local schools.

8.0 Other Business

Carrie Thomas announced a recently completed analysis of the public funding for workforce development in the 10-county region.

9.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

10.0 Next Meeting

The committee meets next on June 26, 2012.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Byrne

Committee Liaison

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