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Economic Development Committee

DRAFT Minutes

Tuesday, February 28, 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), Dennis Marino (City of Evanston), Ed Sitar (ComEd), Emily Harris (Metropolis Strategies), Gretchen Kosarko (RW Ventures), Joanna Greene (Chicago Workforce Investment Council), Judith Kossy (Policy Planning Partners), Mark Hattas (Geneca), Mary Beth Marshall (DuPage Workforce Board), Patrick Carey (Cook County), Peter Creticos (Institute for Work and the Economy), Reggie Greenwood (South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association).

Staff Present:

Matt Maloney, Garrett 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 or announcements.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes-January 24, 2012

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

4.0 Cook County Workforce Investment Board Merger, Karin Norington-Reaves

Karin Norington-Reaves, Executive Director of the Chicago-Cook County Workforce Partnership, provided an overview of the recent reconfiguration of the three workforce boards in Cook County. The goals, organization structure, and timeline of the reconfiguration were provided. The reconfiguration will provide greater efficiencies and improve coordination, and the new non-profit structure will allow for greater flexibility.

In response to committee members' questions, Ms. Norington-Reaves explained that approximately 80 percent of training dollars will be focused on sectors with the greatest employment demand. Employer engagement will also be emphasized, as will improved pre-screening and placement services. The committee can help support this new approach by helping with business engagement and outreach, as well as identifying and supporting funding opportunities.

5.0 Northern Illinois Workforce Coalition, Maria Coons

Maria Coons, Senior Executive to the President of Harper College, presented an overview of the Northern Illinois Workforce Coalition (NWIC) and their plans to apply for a Department of Labor Trade Adjustment Assistant grant. The NWIC includes community colleges and workforce boards and is focused on increasing post-secondary credentials and addressing skills gaps. Led by Harper College, the NWIC is submitting an application for the Round Two Trade Adjustment Assistance grant focused on advanced manufacturing. The proposal includes 18 community college partners and will add capacity for training and build career pathways. A letter of support from CMAP will be provided.

6.0 CMAP Project Update

6.1 Regional Tax Policy Taskforce, Matt Maloney

Matt Maloney, Deputy Chief of Staff at CMAP, presented an overview of the recently completed Regional Tax Policy Taskforce report, a GO TO 2040 implementation activity (presentation available here). Mr. Maloney explained the genesis and purpose of the report and described the diverse perspectives represented on the taskforce. He highlighted several of the report's findings and recommendations, and explained the next step is to identify and present priorities to the CMAP Board. This will result in new activities in the CMAP work plan and influence CMAP's legislative work.

7.0 Other Business

The committee agreed to focus the March meeting on the implementation of the OECD Tri-State Territorial Review of the Chicago Tri-State Metro Region.

8.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

9.0 Next Meeting

The committee meets next on April 24, 2012.

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Annie Byrne

Committee Liaison

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