

Excerpt from Statement of Organization

5.0 Work Groups

The Executive Committee will establish Work Groups to serve as regional subject matter experts for identified issue areas, and to develop technical and policy recommendations and draft products for review by Executive Committee, the Consortium, and the full Partnership. The Executive Committee members are encouraged to serve the Partnership Work Groups as liaisons.

Initial Work Groups will cover the following subject matters:

- Education, Workforce, and Economic Development;
- Development Patterns (Housing, Transportation, Healthy Communities);
- Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture;
- Climate Resiliency;
- Community Assets and Culture; and
- Inclusive Regional Leadership.

The Executive Committee may amend the list of Work Groups at any time.

The Executive Committee, or a Subcommittee established for this purpose, will develop a process to identify Chairs and Vice Chair(s) for each Work Group, to recruit and approve members of the Partnership to participate in one or more Work Groups related to their areas of expertise, and to determine methods for involving organizations who are not Partnership members. The Executive Committee shall appoint the Work Group Chairs and Vice Chair(s) to serve at the pleasure of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will ensure the membership of each Work Group reflects: a mix of perspectives among the public, private, and nonprofit/civic sectors; among subareas and types of communities in the region; and among socioeconomic/ethnic groups, including traditionally underrepresented groups.

The Work Groups will meet on a schedule determined by the Work Group Chair. These meetings may take place in conjunction with Partnership meetings or at other times identified by the Chair. The Work Group Chair, as assisted by Partnership staff, will establish the draft agenda for each Work Group meeting.

The Chair, working with Partnership staff, will provide at least 5 business days notice of each Work Group meeting through distribution to the Work Group contact list and a general posting on the Partnership web site. The Work Group members in attendance at the meeting will constitute quorum. Based on the purpose and agenda for the meeting, the Chair may determine that members may attend the Work Group meeting via electronic communication to maximize participation. The Chair may determine when sufficient consensus exists to advance Work Group recommendations to the Executive Committee and Partnership.