



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #V.D.1

DATE: DECEMBER 2, 2013
TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: STAFF
SUBJECT: FRCA MONTHLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

See attached.



MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: October 2013

OUTREACH

Met with Chad Poppell, Chief of Staff of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, to help the Department begin the process of identifying and nominating non-voting, ex-officio representatives to each regional planning council, pursuant to s. 186.504, F.S.

- Attended a Competitive Florida Workshop hosted by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, which was designed to explain the program to local communities and seek input on its further development.
- Attended the Clean Energy Congress 2.0, the outcome of which will be development of key policy priorities and talking points to be shared with Florida's lawmakers. Attended a Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission meeting, which focused on developing the strategic direction of the agency in conjunction with the priorities of its Commissioners.
- Attended the Florida Chamber Foundation's Future of Florida Forum, which provided an opportunity to interact with representatives of the business and economic development community; during the Forum, the regional planning councils were again recognized as Six Pillars Communities and presented with an award.
- Along with Brian Teeple (NEFRC), Chair, Scott Koons (NCFRPC), and Pat Steed (CFRPC), met with Barbara Foster, Chief of the Bureau of Planning and Partnerships in the Division of Strategic Business Development at the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, to discuss future partnership opportunities with the regional planning councils and implementation of the State Strategic Plan for Economic Development. Along with Brian Teeple (NEFRC), Chair, Scott Koons (NCFRPC), and Pat Steed (CFRPC), met with Bill Killingsworth, Director of the Division of Community Development at the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, to discuss the relationship between regional planning councils and the Department, with a focus on how the councils are uniquely positioned to provide statewide coverage to help carry out the Department's policies and programs.

Met with Mark Reichert, Assistant Executive Director of the Florida Transportation Commission, to discuss the Commission's developing priorities related to regionalism and identify any potential impacts on regional planning councils.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING

- Worked with staff at the SouthEast Regional Directors Institute on tasks leading up to the Florida Regional Councils Association's Strategic Assessment Retreat, including

Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee, as requested by its Staff Director.

- Reviewed newly filed bills for the 2014 Legislative Session and attended legislative committee meetings the week of September 7th.

ADMINISTRATIVE

- Organized and participated in a conference call to brief the FRCA President, Commissioner Patty Asseff, on the activities and organizational plans associated with the Florida Regional Councils Association's Strategic Assessment Retreat.
- Participated in the October FRCA meetings.
- Executed contracts with the Doubletree Hotel for the January, February, March, and April Florida Regional Councils Association meetings.