



MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: December 2014

OUTREACH

- In conjunction with the South Florida Regional Planning Council, provided support to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to help complete its application for a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Special Merit Grant that, if awarded, would provide a small amount of funding to the regional planning councils to increase community resiliency capacity at the local level through a variety of training tools.
- Participated by phone in a meeting with staff from the Florida Division of Emergency Management and each of the regional planning councils to resolve Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness contract reporting issues and worked with Division staff to address periphery concerns.
- Continued to coordinate with staff from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity on its application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the National Disaster Resiliency Competition.
- Joined VISIT FLORIDA's Partnership Program.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING

- To enhance partnerships and strengthen the relationship between regional planning councils and their state and federal partners, participated in a meeting of the Sadowski Coalition and in Enterprise Florida's monthly teleconference for its economic development partners, which focused on preparing for the 2015 Legislative Session and included comments from Governor Scott pertaining to the state's economic status.
- Participated in the Florida Chamber Foundation's 2015 Future of Florida Forum Partners Meeting to begin planning for next year's Forum.
- Participated in a planning meeting for the Florida Civic Advance inaugural annual conference, which is an initiative of the Florida Consensus Center.
- Distributed funding announcements from the Kresgee and Robert Wood Johnson Foundations, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, National Endowment for the Arts, VISIT FLORIDA, and U.S. Department of Agriculture.

LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT

- Shared the FRCA Executive Directors Advisory Committee's position statement on Developments of Regional Impact and Sector Plan Programs with the Legislative Director for the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and asked that, should the Department run related legislation, it be considered for inclusion.
- Completed a final draft of FRCA's 2015 Legislative Agenda and Legislative Guiding Principles and Procedures for consideration and approval by the Policy Board at its January 9, 2015 meeting in Tallahassee.

- Reviewed pertinent bills and issued the first bill tracking report of the 2015 Legislative Session.

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Welcomed Commissioner Frank Meeker, Flagler County (NEFRC), to the FRCA Policy Board and emailed him a new member orientation packet.
- Finalized a draft of what will be FRCA's first Strategic Operating Plan for consideration by the Policy Board at its January 9, 2015 meeting in Tallahassee.
- Participated in the December 2-3, 2014 FRCA meetings that took place at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.
- Finalized preparations for the series of FRCA events scheduled to take place January 8-9, 2015, including finalizing meeting logistics, securing speakers, developing agendas, and drafting four sets of meeting summaries.