

Great Lakes Region

GREAT LAKES ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL COUNCILS

Great Lakes Friends and Colleagues

Thank you for attending the organizational meeting of the **Great Lakes Association of Regional Councils** in Chicago and for your support. In order to move forward, we will proceed as follows:

- We will operate as the Great Lakes Association of Regional Councils to provide a sense of identify (bylaws, organizational structure, membership dues etc. will be developed upon completion of the Action Agenda).
- The first order of business will be to develop an **Action Agenda** of up to four (4) priority issues for the Great Lakes Region to address. The following individuals have volunteered to work on the Action Agenda:

Minnesota: Pat Henderson, Executive Director, Arrowhead RDC

Wisconsin: Larry Ward, Executive Director, Southwestern Wisconsin RPC

Illinois: Randy Blackenhorn, Executive Director, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Indiana: John Swanson, Executive Director, Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission

Ohio: Chester Jourdon, Executive Director, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Michigan: Matt McCauley, Deputy Director, Northwest Michigan Council of Government

I request each of you prepare a 3 to 5 page narrative of priority issues for the Great Lakes Region, incorporating both a metropolitan and rural perspective. I will then summarize the submissions into one brief five (5) page document. Please try to complete this in the next two weeks.

- Participants at the meeting will function as the **Organizing Committee** until we open up the association to members. If you do not wish to remain on the Committee, please let me know.
- I will contact the state associations of Pennsylvania and New York to see if they have an interest in joining.
- In the interim, I would request that your respective state associations adopt the Sample Resolution.

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