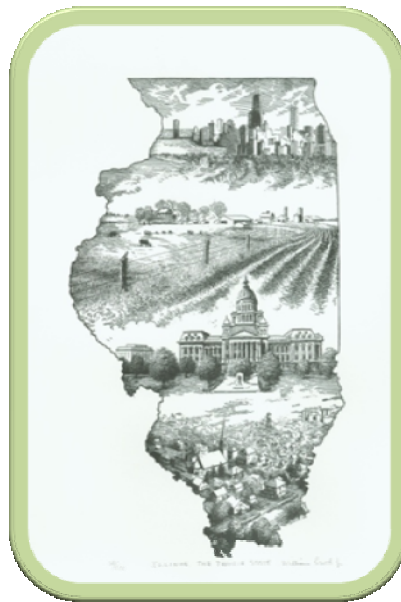


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Debarment and Suspension Certification

As required by USDOT regulations on Government wide Debarment and Suspension in 49 CFR 29.510

The Illinois Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council hereby certifies to the best of its knowledge and believe that it is and its principals;

Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntary excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency.

Have not, within a three-year period preceding this proposal, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state or local) transaction or contract under a public transportation, violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements or receiving stolen property.

Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of the offenses listed in paragraph (b) of this certification; and

Have not, within a three-year period preceding this certification, had one or more public transportation (federal, state or local) grants terminated for cause of default.

The Illinois Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council hereby certifies that if, later, it becomes aware of any information contradicting the statement of paragraphs (a) through (d) above, it will promptly provide that information to USDOT.

Cameron Moore
Chairman
Illinois Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council
July 1, 2008

Lobbying Certification
Certification of Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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July 1, 2008

**Assurance of Compliances with Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Older
Americans Act and Americans with Disabilities**

The Illinois Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council hereby agrees that as a condition to receiving any Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21; Executive Order 13166(Limited English Proficiency) and Executive Order 12898(Environmental Justice); and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to: 49 U.S.C. 5332, Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C. and the Older Americans Act (as amended 42 U.S.C. 6101) prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity; and Section 1101(b) of the SAFETEA-LU (Pub. L. 109-59) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT funded projects; and the provision of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and Section 504 of the rehabilitation Act of 1973(29 U.S.C. 794), in accordance with the origin, age or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program of activity for which the recipient receives Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, including the Federal Transit Administration, and hereby gives assurance that it will promptly take any measures necessary to effectuate this agreement. The assurance is required by Subsection 21.7(a) of the Regulations.

Cameron Moore
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INTRODUCTION

The Unified Work Program (UPWP) has been prepared to define the tasks to be undertaken and the anticipated funding requirements of the Illinois Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council for fiscal years FY 2008 – 2009. This work program is the ILMPOAC first twelve months and covers the period from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

The UWP provides for the basis for funding of the transportation planning activities to be undertaken with State Planning and Research funds to support the activities of the Illinois Metropolitan Planning Advisory Council.

The specific transportation planning and research activities to be undertaken this fiscal year by the ILMPOAC are organized into four major sections, each of which comprises a number of individual tasks.

1. Forum for information sharing and best practices. This section includes those functions required to develop topics and distribute ILMPOAC information that can both educate and assist policy makers at the MPO's. Develop linkages and networks with other related statewide and regional organizations.
2. Provide a mechanism for policy development regarding metropolitan transportation issues. This section includes those functions necessary to develop policy and programming recommendations regarding transportation issues.
3. Develop research projects that impact transportation planning and programming. This section includes those functions necessary and required to develop research to improve transportation planning and programming in Illinois.
4. Assist the Advisory Council in pursuing comprehensive policy discussions. Organize and facilitate Advisory Council and other discussions that help the Advisory Council reach collective solutions that are beneficial to membership.

ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

The Illinois Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council was recently formed as an advisory council of the Illinois Association of Regional Councils. The MPO Advisory Council includes all fourteen Metropolitan Planning Organizations in the State. These MPO's collectively plan and program transportation improvements that directly serve nearly 12.5 million people, indirectly impact millions more and have a significant role in the state and national economies. The transportation network within our planning areas includes 7,343 miles of railroad networks, 34,911 miles of highways, and more than 5,900 bridges. The MPO Advisory Council provides a forum for the sharing of information and best practices, policy and programming recommendations regarding transportation issues, and research intended to improve transportation planning and programming in Illinois.

The fourteen members of the ILMPO Advisory Council include:

- Bi-State Regional Commission
- Champaign Urbana Urbanized Area Transportation Study
- Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
- Danville Area Transportation Study
- Decatur Urbanized Area Transportation Study
- DeKalb-Sycamore Area Transportation Study
- Dubuque Metro Area Transportation Study
- East-West Gateway Council of Governments
- Kankakee Area Transportation Study
- McLean County Regional Planning Commission
- Peoria / Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study
- Rockford Area Transportation Study
- Springfield Area Transportation Study
- Stateline Area Transportation Study

The Illinois Association of Regional Councils is the fiscal agent for the Illinois Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council.

Tasks:

1.1 Provide technical assistance to Member Policy Committees and staff regarding cross-cutting issues.

- Develop a thorough understanding of MPO strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.
- Monitor national trends from organizations like NADO, NARC, APA, and AMPO and provide summary communications and ideas for addressing the opportunities for training partnerships, information sharing, and collaboration of policy issues through these organizations.
- Develop an understanding of each individual MPO challenges by visiting their offices and attending meetings.

Funding Source	Amount
SPR	\$7,200
Local Match	\$1,800
	\$9,000

- 1.2 Provide a mechanism for policy input regarding metropolitan transportation issues.
- Organize MPO Advisory Council meetings to develop collective solutions or pursue collective opportunities.
 - Perform facilitative and informational role at Advisory Council meetings to help direct and organize discussion.
 - Handle administrative tasks such as Advisory Council meetings and agenda,
 - Keep the Advisory Council well informed of staff activities.
 - Advise and assist the IL MPO Chairman in the development of meeting content and materials.
 - Recommend solutions to legislative and policy gaps.

Funding Source	Amount
SPR	\$8,000
Local Match	\$2,000
	\$10,000

1.3 Assist in the implementation of state and federal laws and regulations regarding transportation planning responsibilities of metropolitan planning organizations.

- Research statutes this past fiscal year which may impact MPO's throughout the state.
- Research regulations, policies, and programs of MPO's to ensure they are in conformity with legislative mandates.
- Develop a state and federal legislative mandate book to be distributed to all the MPO's.

Funding Source	Amount
SPR	\$4,800
Local Match	\$1,200
	\$6,000

- 1.4 Provide a forum for the sharing of information and best practices across regional lines.
- Develop and maintain a professional MPO Advisory Council website to assist in the sharing of information.
 - Review, analyze and develop transportation policy statements, letters and papers.
 - Coordinate with public and private speakers and presenters, IDOT, the FHWA, who are to appear before the organization with issues related to cooperative, comprehensive and continuing transportation planning processes.

Funding Source	Amount
SPR	\$3,200
Local Match	\$800
	\$4,000

2.0 Develop linkages and networks with other related statewide and regional organizations.

- Develop strategic relationships with key state agency personnel and associations.
- Develop a network of relationships with related planning organizations.
- Consult, build partnerships, and work collaboratively on MPO related issues and promote strategic policy initiatives with related planning organizations.

Funding Source	Amount
SPR	\$4,800
Local Match	\$1,200
	\$6,000

- 2.1 Provide training for MPO staff and member agencies.
- Develop a training assessment needs survey for the 14 MPO's and related planning organizations.
 - Analyze responses from the MPO's and member agencies.
 - Report to the IL MPO Advisory Council of pertinent training needs.
 - Conduct training session workshops either through Advisory Council member workshops or in collaboration with the Illinois Association of Regional Councils, IDOT, FHWA, or other organizations.

Funding Source	Amount
SPR	\$9,600
Local Match	\$2,400
	\$12,000

2.2 Develop research projects that impact transportation planning and programming.

- Develop research reports and studies on subjects of relevance to ongoing and future MPO activities.
- Develop a repository of research topics and studies related to transportation planning through the IL MPOAC website.

Funding Source	Amount
SPR	\$6,400
Local Match	\$1,600
	\$8,000

2.3 Identify and pursue grant opportunities.

- Develop strategic relationships with key state agency personnel, statewide and national associations along with other agencies that will assist in identifying grant opportunities for Advisory Council members.

Funding Source	Amount
SPR	\$5,600
Local Match	\$1,400
	\$7,000

2.4 Analyze state and federal legislative and regulatory proposals to determine their impacts on planning jurisdictions of IL MPO's.

- Monitor state and federal legislative proposals which may have an impact on MPO's.
- Attend and monitor transportation related meetings, workshops, public hearings, conferences conducted by state, federal and local agencies, the State Legislature, as well as statewide associations, authorities and commissions on behalf of the Illinois MPO Advisory Council.
- Conduct analysis and provide advice on proposed and existing legislation and other regulatory activities and initiatives related to transportation planning, growth management and other issues relevant to IL MPO's.

Funding Source	Amount
SPR	\$12,800
Local Match	\$3,200
	\$16,000

3.0 Administrative:

- Act as a central contact person for MPO Advisory Council activities and maintain an office and phone number which will be contracted through the Illinois Association of Regional Councils.
- Create a long term Work Program for FY2009, reflecting activities for July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.
- The Illinois Association of Regional Councils is acting as the fiscal agent for the MPO Advisory Council and is preparing the financial reports, accounts payable, and the MPO Advisory Council Budget.

SPLIT	Amount
ILMPOAC (SPR)	\$1,600
Local Match	\$400
	\$2,000
ILARC (SPR)	\$14,400
Local Match	\$3,600
	\$18,000