U.S. HUD’s Sustainable Communities Initiative Regional Planning Grant to the Southeast Florida Region

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

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One of It’s Main Missions is to Position Local Governments to be as Competitive as Possible In This Changing Economy.
And That’s Where HUD’s Regional Planning Grant for Southeast Florida Comes In
One of only four top awards in the U.S.

$4.25 Million Over Three Years

Cleveland/Akron
Knoxville
Houston/Galveston
Southeast Florida

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Wanted

“Four persons competent to lay out new towns in a region that will be most beneficial for us and the merchants….willing to go for that purpose wherever we may send them”

King Edward I and his Royal Court - 1298
One of the Thirty New Towns Or Bastides To Colonize The Region
The United States: An Early and Rich History of Regionalism

1781 – Articles of Confederation (firm League of Friendship and Cooperation)
1785 – The Ordinance of 1785 (settlement of Western Territories)
1787 – The Constitution of the United States (replaced the Articles)
Western lands north of the Ohio River were divided into townships six miles to a side. Each township contained 36 square miles, or “sections.”

The Ordinance of 1785
These Kinds of Federal Programs for Competitive Regional Planning Are Nothing New…

1960s 70s HUD’s 701 Planning Grant for Water and Wastewater

1980s 90s EDA’s Comprehensive Regional Economic Development Strategy Planning Grants
What is New...

3 Federal Departments Aligning Their Funding and Field Operations

Housing
US HUD

Roads
US DOT

Environment
US EPA
Why Regional Planning?

Because Its Where the Action Is...
While the Top Metro Areas Cover Only About 12 Percent of the National Land Mass… They Account For:

- 65% of the population and jobs
- 78% of patents
- 75% of graduate degrees
- 79% of air cargo
- 94% of venture capital funding
- 75% of US GDP

More Bang for the Federal Buck
Why the Southeast Florida Region?

By 2010, we were the 5th largest metropolitan area in the U.S.

- by 2010, Southeast Florida’s population was 6.2 million – more than 35 states
- 7 Counties – Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River
- 121 Municipalities
- 295 miles of Atlantic Coastline
- 2,807,817 Jobs
- 2,771,378 Housing Units
- more than 25% of new residents to Florida move to the region
- between 1995 & 2010, Southeast Florida absorbed 2,000,000 new residents – while population growth has slowed, it won’t slow forever
- by 2035 the Southeast Florida Region’s population is expected to be 8.4 million

Diverse…but shared history, environment and watershed, economic interdependence, media, and transportation system.
The Other Reason…

OrlandoSentinel.com: South Florida’s Economy Isn’t So Hot Anymore

• “Forget South Florida. Central Florida is poised to become the state’s economic center.”

• “The empire is crumbling. South Florida is becoming our Rust Belt. Growth is its factory. And the factory is closing down for a long time.”

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HUD’s Regional Planning Project for the Southeast Florida Region

1. Regional Vision and Plan

- Transportation
- Housing
- Economic Development
- Water and Wastewater
- Public Health and Safety
- Cultural and Historic Assets
- Sea Level Rise
- Implementation/Leadership
How Shall We Grow?
2. Build the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership – Engage them in Regional Plan Development

3. Identify Critical Infrastructure Projects


*Number 4 is the New Number 1*
Southeast Florida 2060 SCI Planning Project – Next Steps

- Negotiate the HUD Grant Agreement: Early 2011
- Adjust the Project Scope: Early 2011
- Adjust the Budget: Early/Mid 2011
- Hire a Project Director: Early/Mid 2011
- Hire a Program Manager: Early/Mid 2011
- Develop Project Web Site: Early 2011
- Fill out the Project Executive Committee: Early 2011 (ongoing)
- Organize the Regional Partnership Members: Early 2011
- Develop Detailed Work Program: Early/Mid 2011
- Develop the Scenario Modeling Tool: 2011/2012 (ongoing)
How Will We Respond?

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