

Meeting Summary
RI Economic Monitoring Collaborative
September 28, 2006
3-5pm
RI Economic Policy Council

Attendees: Kip Bergstrom, Geoff Grout, Michael McGiveney, Richard Nadolink, Mike Doherty, Austin Becker, Elizabeth Kordowski, Marisa Paul, Tom Rich, Kevin Park

1. RFP Review

Mr. Bergstrom opened discussion on the RFP response and explained the process of approving the proposal should Collaborative members decide to approve it. Since the Collaborative received less than three proposals, the members of the RI Economic Policy Council would need to approve the final decision. Collaborative members discussed potential options and the merit of the proposal received.

Mr. Bergstrom noted the possibility of using REMI to develop multipliers based on the consultant's research, in response to Collaborative members' questions as to whether they would be included in the analysis. He also emphasized the Collaborative's desire to be able to replicate the collection and analysis methodology in future years. Another key concern related to how and what real estate data would be collected and whether GIS could be used for the analysis. Mr. Bergstrom noted that Collaborative members would have the opportunity to discuss these questions with the consultant chosen at the October 10, 2006 meeting.

Mr. McGiveney motioned to accept the proposal, Mr. Grout seconded, and the Collaborative approved the proposal unanimously.

2. Survey Planning

Mr. Bergstrom reminded the Collaborative to think of public investments made by localities and said the Collaborative would be contacted by the Policy Council. This component of the Collaborative's analysis will be completed primarily through in-kind services.

3. Membership Update

Mr. Bergstrom provided an update on official resignations from the Collaborative as well as potential new members. Mr. McGiveney asked if any member of CRMC or DEM was supposed to be at the Collaborative, to which Mr. Bergstrom replied that they are not required.

Collaborative members also discussed funding for monitoring work (both economic and environmental), including the possibility of a \$75 million environmental bond proposal. Collaborative members who attended the recent Bay Summit indicated that the Governor seemed committed to including economic and environmental monitoring in the budget. Mr. Nadolink asked if other U.S. agencies could see the Collaborative as a prototype or model for bigger places.

4. Other Business

Mr. Grout motioned to approve the minutes from the August 3rd meeting, Mr. Becker seconded, all approved.

Mr. Becker moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.