

RHODE ISLAND STATEWIDE PLANNING PROGRAM
STATE PLANNING COUNCIL

Thursday, March 10, 2005 @ 9 a.m.
WILLIAM E. POWERS BUILDING
Conference Center - Room "C" (second floor)
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

AMENDED
A G E N D A

1. Call to order
2. Approval of February 10th minutes--enclosed
3. Chief's Progress Report
4. State Guide Plan Element 161 Update: Forest Resources Management Plan

For Action: See enclosed agenda supplement

5. Strategic Plan for the Rhode Island Geographic Information System

Staff Presentation: See Executive Summary

6. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS): Scoring Criteria and Procedural Changes

For Action: See enclosed agenda supplement

7. Other Business
8. Adjourn

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Supplement to Agenda Item 6

March 10, 2005

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS): Scoring Criteria and Procedural Changes

The Rhode Island CEDS is designed to examine the state's economic development needs, problems and resources, evaluate progress toward attaining goals and objectives, and provide a yearly update on activities to the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). These activities include a solicitation of proposals for a Priority Project List that is submitted with the annual report to the EDA. These proposals are selected according to how well they satisfy criteria set forth in the solicitation for job generation, cluster and partnership building, and assistance to economically disadvantaged populations.

Periodically, the staff of the Economic Development Section of Statewide Planning reviews these criteria and other procedures for screening proposals for the CEDS Priority Project List. This may occur in response to recommendations from the CEDS Committee or from new policies from the EDA. In February, the CEDS Subcommittee met to develop a suitable response to the recommendations made in a staff Technical Paper, *EDA Public Works in Rhode Island, 1996-2000*. Specific changes to the scoring criteria were proposed, and procedural changes as well. These will be presented and explained at this meeting of the COUNCIL.

ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVE THE CHANGES TO THE CEDS SCORING CRITERIA AND PROJECT SELECTION PROCEDURES PROPOSED AND ENDORSED BY THE CEDS SUBCOMMITTEE.