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HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant – Rhode Island Consortium

MEETING AGENDA

December 5, 2013

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management

Room 300

235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI

1. Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions
2. Public Comment on Agenda Items
3. November 20, 2013 Meeting Minutes – *for action*
4. Initial Economic Development Deliverables – *for discussion*
5. Initial Housing Deliverables – *for discussion*
6. Update on Opportunity Mapping – *for discussion*
7. Upcoming and Recent Outreach and Engagement Opportunities - *for discussion*
8. Other Business – *for discussion*
9. Adjourn

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Supplement to Agenda Items #4 and #5
December 5, 2013

Economic Development and Housing Deliverables

The Horsley Witten Group in collaboration with its sub-consultants 4ward Planning and Bonnie Heudorfer will present the initial RhodeMap RI economic development and housing deliverables at the December 5, 2013 Consortium meeting. A summary of the documents and the review process to-date follows.

Review Process

Horsley Witten submitted the draft deliverables to the Division of Planning in November; Planning staff reviewed the documents and returned them with comments. Horsley Witten revised the deliverables and distributed them to the Housing and Economic Development Committees, which met on November 19 and November 21, respectively. Based on the comments and discussions at the committee meetings as well as additional comments from Planning staff, the consultant has revised the documents again, focusing on the most important issues.

Economic Development Deliverables

Themes and Principles: The consultant has drafted a list of themes and principles that will guide the development of the state's economic development plan. It developed these based on information from stakeholder interviews and focus groups, discussions at the November 21 economic development committee meeting, and independent research.

Summary of Interview Findings: 4ward Planning has compiled and consolidated comments from eighteen stakeholder interviews it conducted in Fall 2013. The first two pages of the document provide lists of the interviewees and of the common themes that emerged.

Post Industrial Communities and Cities – Key Issues: 4ward Planning brought together demographic data and findings from interviews it conducted with municipal staff in Central Falls, Newport, Pawtucket, Providence, West Warwick, and Woonsocket to create a “snapshot” of economic development assets, challenges, and policies in each community.

Employment Center and Industry Cluster Mapping: 4ward Planning used data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics to map and analyze the employment centers in Rhode Island. It also identified and mapped, by census tract, industry clusters (identified by NAICS code) in the state.

Housing Deliverables

Housing Needs and Demand: Bonnie Heudorfer analyzed the existing and future housing needs of the state as well as future demand, using data from the US Census Bureau and the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

ACTION REQUESTED: None. Item is informational.