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SRPEDD Commission Meeting
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Report of the SRPEDD Board of Commissioners Meeting

Following an orientation, the regular monthly meeting of the SRPEDD Board of Commissioners was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chairman Jon Henry.

SRPEDD is seeking to promote and support economic development that does not degrade natural resources and that enhances the long term environmental and economic health of the region. The idea is to plan for energy efficient development and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified buildings and other structures. LEED is changing the way we think about how buildings and communities are planned, constructed, maintained and operated.

The Regional Economic Strategy Committee (RESC) has identified eight eligible Economic Development Administration (EDA) projects for 2016-2017. These projects are located in three of the region's cities, Fall River, New Bedford and Taunton as well as potential long-term project opportunities in Carver and Middleborough. The projects primarily focus on infrastructure: roadways, water, sewer, utilities and fiber optics that support new development and expansion of business and industrial parks as well as longer term planning efforts to support future economic development.

Eligibility criteria for EDA funding:

1. Low Per Capita Income: The area has a per capita income of 80 percent or less of the national average.
2. Unemployment Rate Above National Average: The area has an unemployment rate that is at least one percent greater than the national average unemployment rate for most of a 24-month period.
3. Unemployment or Economic Adjustment Problems: The area has experienced or is about to experience a special need arising from actual or threatened severe unemployment or economic adjustment problems resulting from changes in economic conditions.

EDA Projects for 2016-2017

- Fall River Industrial Park and the Fall River/Freetown Science and Technology Park
- New Bedford, Marine Commerce Terminal; Quest Center/Armory Planning Study; Land Use Planning and Strategic Development for New Bedford Waterfront
- Taunton, Myles Standish Industrial Park, Phase IV: Expansion and Phase V: Myles Standish Business Park Development
- Carver, North Carver Green Business and Technology Park
- Middleborough, Southpointe Business Park

Respectfully submitted,

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