

September 6, 2011

The Honorable Chris Craft Chairman, St. Lucie County BOCC 2300 Virginia Avenue Fort Pierce, Florida 34982

Subject: Southeast Florida Regional Partnership - Executive Committee Membership

Dear Chairman Craft:

The South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC), working in partnership with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC), created the "Southeast Florida Regional Partnership" (Partnership). The Partnership is a voluntary affiliation of over 200 public, private, and nonprofit/civic organizations within a seven-county area (Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River) committed to working together to ensure the Southeast Florida region enjoys a prosperous economy, livable communities, and a sustainable environment.

Last year, the Partnership submitted an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and was selected as one of 45 recipients of the first round of Federal Sustainable Communities grants in the amount of 4.25 million dollars.

The Partnership created a Work Plan (approved by HUD on May 11, 2011) to develop a "Regional Vision and Blueprint for Economic Prosperity". The Work Plan's milestones, deliverables and schedule need to be more fully developed and monitored throughout the duration of the project by the Partnership's Executive Committee — the chief governing board for the Partnership. The role of the 13-member Executive Committee (list of names attached), is critical to the success of this landmark project.

In an effort to ensure authentic and direct local and regional representation, the Partnership is seeking to expand the Executive Committee's membership

Since St. Lucie County is currently a Consortium Member of the Partnership, but has no representation on the Executive Committee, I would like to respectfully request at this time that the St. Lucie County BOCC appoint a Commissioner to the Executive Committee.

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This appointment represents a three-year commitment (the duration of the project). Meetings are regional in nature, so they generally occur in the mid-region area (West Palm Beach to Broward County), in locations always accessible by train. The Partnership anticipates four (4) meetings annually that may be attended via webinar. Appointments need to be decided on by September 30, 2011.

I look forward to the County's further participation and engagement in the Partnership. Please let me know of your decision, and do not hesitate to contact me or Marcela Camblor-Cutsaimanis, Program Manager, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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