



# Sustainable Rhode Island

## REGIONAL PLAN FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

RFP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DATA ANALYSIS & ASSESSMENT

Pre-Proposal Meeting - November 13, 2012

# HUD Sustainable Communities



## *Federal Partnership for Sustainable Communities*

- Federal effort at “silo-busting”
- Supports environmental and economic sustainability

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## SIX LIVABILITY PRINCIPLES

- Provide more transportation choices.
- Promote equitable, affordable housing.
- Enhance economic competitiveness.
- Support existing communities.
- Coordinate and leverage federal policies and investment.
- Value communities and neighborhoods.

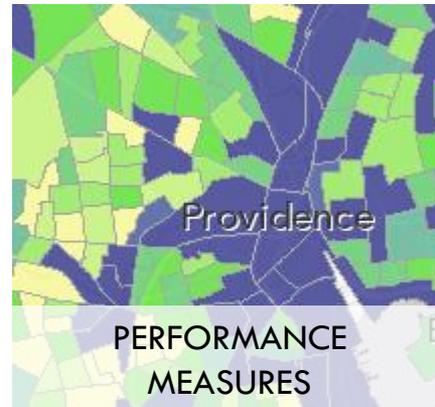
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## *Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant*

- Nationally competitive
- \$1.9 Million from HUD over three years
- *Regional Plan for Sustainable Development*
- Governed by a 19-member Consortium

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Create a single economic development plan for Rhode Island.
- Establish a vision and principles, as well as a framework for decisions on future investments.



# EXPEDITED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## WHY EXPEDITE THIS WORK?

- Before the planning process begins, the State wants a better understanding of where our economy stands, why it's in the shape it is, and how it compares to its neighbors
- Focus on data collection and inventory on 5 topics
- Will feed into long-term strategies of the state economic development plan – part of the Regional Plan for Sustainable Development



# EXPEDITED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## **Business Climate Analysis**

- Analyze existing business climate reviews from the past three years
- Establish basic data on the cost of doing business in RI compared to other states
- Determine the indicators used and lay out short- and long-term actions the state would need to take to improve

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## **Targeted Cluster Analysis and Validation**

- Identify RI's existing industry clusters
- Determine emerging indigenous candidate economic networks or clusters
- Analyze how these networks/clusters are either unique to RI, or complement/connect to successful or emerging networks and clusters elsewhere in the region

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## **State Regulatory Environment**

- Inventory and assess RI's existing economic development regulatory environment
- Identify existing strengths, and inefficiencies and inconsistencies within existing regulations
- If the budget allows, compare RI's regulatory environment with those in other states in the region

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## **Financial Resource Assessment**

- Inventory and evaluate existing financial resources and funding mechanisms from various federal, state and municipal sources
- Analyze how well existing programs work together and where they may be at odds
- Assess the capital environment in the state, including firms' access to private capital.

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## **Marketing Analysis**

- Identify and assess existing state, regional and municipal business marketing efforts
- Consider the various entities responsible for marketing, the messages conveyed, and the audiences targeted

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## **Economic Development Assessment Report**

- Assemble the deliverables into a single, written report that details RI's existing economic development assets and challenges
- Report will provide baseline data and basic analysis that will help RI create a data-driven, long term economic development plan through the Sustainable Communities process
- Data from Governor's Workforce Board and PolicyLink will likewise inform the long term plan

# EXPEDITED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Timing

- Questions accepted in writing through November 16
- All Q&A will be posted on RIEDC and State Purchasing websites (question originators will not be posted) no later than November 20
- Responses are due by 2:00 PM November 30
- Intention for work to begin by December 17
- Final deliverables due February 8

# EXPEDITED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Evaluation Criteria

- Project Approach & Understanding (35 pts)
- Relevant Experience & Expertise (35 pts)
- Capacity, Resources, & Level of Effort to Accomplish Tasks (20 pts)
- Cost of Proposal (10 pts)
  - Available budget is \$30,000 - \$60,000
  - Please break out proposed budget per task

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## **Other Expectations**

- Respondents will adhere to all requirements in the RFP to be considered responsive
- Due to short time period, selected consultant will have weekly check-in calls with Statewide Planning and EDC

*Questions?*

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**Questions regarding this Request for Proposals** will be accepted by e-mail at [jchong@riedc.com](mailto:jchong@riedc.com) or in writing at:

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