



Region 8 Prosperity Committee

November Meeting Agenda

MEETING DATE: December 3, 2015
MEETING TIME: 2:30 pm
MEETING LOCATION: Southwest Michigan Planning Commission
376 W Main St Suite 130, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Introduction of New Member(s)**
3. **Action:** Approval of the Agenda
4. **Action:** Approval of the Minutes
5. **Citizen Comments**
6. **Discussion: Financial Report**
7. **Discussion: Regional Initiatives**
Updates on state projects with RPI involvement
8. **Action/Discussion: Grant Application Submitted**
 - a. FY 2016 Grant Application Review
9. **Action/Discussion: FY 2016 Work Plan**
 - a. Budget and Timeline
 - b. Moving to Tier 2
 - i. Create a plan for the process
 - ii. Examine the implications
10. **Discussion: Role of Staff and Board Members**
 - a. High level discussion about roles, leading towards a policy document
11. **Committee Member Comments**
12. **Action: Adjournment**

Next Meeting: January 7, 2015 in Marshall

Moving from Tier 1 to Tier 2

Differences between Tier 1 and Tier 2:

Funding:

No changes

Eligible Applicants:

No changes

Regional Structure:

A tier 1 region is simply a committee consisting of the required partners.

A tier 2 region has an independent council and is defined by shared administrative services and an executive governing entity with decision making authority.

Required Participants:

No changes

Deliverables:

Differences include: the addition of a status report on the five-year plan and prioritized list of regional projects; the five-year plan is transformed into a ten-year plan.

Additional Structural Requirements:

Identification of additional opportunities for shared administrative services and decision-making among the private, public and non-profit entities within the region

The Process of Moving from Tier 1 to Tier 2:

1. Create a plan
 - a. The plan shall include:
 - i. An examination of the necessary local formal agreements to share administrative service and decision-making authority
 - ii. Recommendations that eliminate duplicative efforts and administrative functions
 - iii. Recommendations to leverage resources through cooperation, collaboration, and consolidations of organizations or programs throughout the region
2. Implement the plan
 - a. Share administrative services among private, public, and nonprofit entities within the region
 - b. Regionalize decision-making authority among the private, public, and nonprofit entities within the region