



Recap of the TBRPC Council Meeting

Talking points to assist Board Members with their reports on Council activities.

Council Meeting Date: August 13, 2012

❖ **Florida Trade and Logistics Study**

Michael Williamson, Principal with Cambridge Systematics, provided a report on the findings of the initial Florida Trade and Logistic Study that was commissioned by the Florida Chamber Foundation and the Florida Department of Transportation. The presentation included the status of current statistics, potential impacts of trade and logistics strategies, and implementation status. The report also introduced concepts that will be explored during the next Phase II Study objectives of specifying specific opportunities for Florida to become a global hub for trade, logistics, and export oriented manufacturing.

❖ **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Plan**

Staff provided a report on the status of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) 2012 Update. The CEDS update is being guided by a 22 member CEDS Steering Committee, which is comprised of a majority of private sector individuals focused on improving economic development across the region. The Steering Committee has met and will continue to meet over the next two months to produce the 2012 CEDS for the Council to approve at the October 8, 2012 meeting.

The CEDS Update occurs once every 5 years and this update cycle will stress regional and statewide coordination. Over the past year, the Florida Regional Planning Councils worked with the Department of Economic Opportunity and the Florida Chamber as they conducted 12 regional meetings throughout the state. The information from these workshops and the six pillars will be incorporated within the 2012 CEDS.

❖ **Gulf of Mexico Oil and Gas Lease Sites**

Council Staff reported that they had reviewed the U.S. Department of the Interior Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Gulf of Mexico Proposed 2012-2017 oil and gas lease sales. The preferred alternative identified in the EIS did not include any proposed lease blocks closer than 100 miles from the Gulf Coast of Florida which is consistent with Adopted Council Policy.

All presentations, pertinent links and detailed minutes of the meeting can be found on the Council website at www.tbrpc.org. 727.570.5151