

Resolution R78-2015
November 12, 2015

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 North Capitol Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20002-4239**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GLOBAL
CITIES INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is comprised of the 22 jurisdictions of the National Capital Region's local governments and their governing officials, plus area members of the Maryland and Virginia legislatures and the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and COG provides a focus for action on issues of regional concern; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 the COG Board of Directors and Region Forward coalition have adopted a focus on Economic Competitiveness for policy makers, planners and business leaders to collectively address; and

WHEREAS, the Global Cities Initiative is a \$10 million, five-year project of Brookings and JPMorgan Chase aimed at helping the leaders of metropolitan America strengthen their regional economies by becoming more competitive in the global marketplace; and

WHEREAS, the Global Cities Initiative is built on the concept that the global economy is a network of metropolitan economies which are home to most of the world's population, production, finance, and sources of innovation. Combining Brookings' deep expertise in fact-based, metro-focused research and JPMorgan Chase's longstanding commitment to investing in cities; and

WHEREAS, the initiative will help COG leaders better leverage their global assets by unveiling the economic starting point of their communities on such key indicators as advanced manufacturing, exports, foreign direct investment, freight flow, and immigration.

WHEREAS, the initiative will provide COG leaders with proven, actionable ideas for how to expand the global reach of their economies, building on best practices and policy innovations from across the nation and around the world while creating an international network of leaders intent upon deepening trade relationships.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN
WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

The Executive Director is authorized to collaborate with partners in the private, academic, and civic sectors to submit an application to participate in the Global Cities Initiative.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the COG Board of
Directors on November 12, 2015.**

**Monica Beyrouti
Clerk to the Board of Directors**