

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 2016 STATE OF THE REGION ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS REPORT

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, economic competitiveness was adopted as a priority in the 2015 Board of Directors Work Plan and the Board received regular briefings from experts on economic competitiveness, federal labs, advanced industries, the exports industry, economic development, and public-private partnerships; and

WHEREAS, as a culmination to the year economic study staff prepared a report detailing the state of economic competitiveness in the region; and

WHEREAS, the COG Board received and reviewed the draft 2016 State of the Region Economic Competitiveness report.

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

The Board accepts the 2016 State of the Region Economic Competitiveness report and directs its Executive Director, or his designee, to distribute the report to member jurisdictions and regional stakeholders.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the COG Board of Directors on January 13, 2016.

**Laura Ambrosio
Clerk to the Board of Directors**