

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CREATION OF A
WORKFORCE COMPETITIVENESS TASKFORCE**

WHEREAS, annually the COG Board of Directors adopts its policy focus and priorities with the goal of balancing the region's long term goals with short term needs; and

WHEREAS, during its February 11, 2009 meeting, the COG Board approved its 2009 Policy Focus and Priorities which includes a focus on regional workforce preparation; and

WHEREAS, at a time of immense economic pressure, including growing unemployment in the private and public sectors, strengthening the capacity of the National Capital Region to meet current and future employment needs is paramount; and

WHEREAS, COG must play a role in ensuring that the region is well-positioned to emerge from the current economic crisis more resilient and competitive; and

WHEREAS, that will require a better understanding of how the workforce systems currently perform and the anticipation and preparation for the likely labor force needs in the next five to twenty years; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee directed staff to develop recommendations for the creation of a Regional Workforce Competitive Task Force to oversee this effort, including a work plan and schedule.

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

1. The Board approves the recommended Work program and schedule and the creation of a Work Competitiveness Task Force.
2. The Board Chairman is authorized to appoint a task force not to exceed 12 members, comprised of local and state government officials and regionally serving organizations involved in economic development, K-12 education, community college and higher education, and workforce investment and training.
3. The Board requests regular updates on the progress of the Task Force prior to its report and recommendation is November 2009.

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