

# Executive Director's Report

## December 2007

January 9, 2008

TO: COG Board of Directors

FROM: David J. Robertson, Executive Director

### OUTREACH

(Staff Contact: David J. Robertson, 202-962-3260)

- Met with COG Secretary-Treasurer J Davis on December 3 to discuss COG finances and the Secretary-Treasurer roles and responsibilities.
- Hosted a table for COG members and senior staff attending the Greater Washington Board of Trade annual luncheon on December 6.
- Attended the annual meeting of Workforce Organizations for Regional Collaboration on December 7.
- Attended the Northern Virginia Regional Commission 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary luncheon on December 7.
- Met with incoming COG Board Chairman Mike Knapp on December 10 to discuss COG's policy focus and work program for 2008.
- Attended the Greater Washington Board of Trade's board of directors meeting on December 10.
- Met with Fairfax County Chairman Gerry Connolly on December 10 to discuss COG's policy focus and priorities and the National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council.
- Met with incoming COG Board Vice Chairman Kwame Brown on December 12 to discuss COG's policy focus and work program for 2008.
- Taped a news interview program on News Channel 8 on December 12 concerning COG's green building report.



**COG Membership**



**Administration & Public Affairs**



**Transportation Planning**



**Environmental Planning**



**Personnel Services**



- Presented key findings of a regional study on investment in arts on December 12 to the Arlington Committee of 100.
- Attended the United Way of the National Capital Area board of directors meeting on December 13.
- Met with Arlington County Board Chairman Walter Tejada on December 27 to discuss COG's policy focus and work program for 2008.

### **HUMAN SERVICES, PLANNING AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

(Staff Contact: Calvin Smith, 202-962-3326)

- Staff participated in NCR Companion Animal Evacuation and Sheltering Tabletop Exercise held at Fairfax Alternate Emergency Operations Center.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS**

(Staff Contact: Stuart Freudberg, 202-962-3340)

- Director and staff toured the offices of the World Resources Institute to learn more about potential "greening" options for COG operations at 777 N. Capitol Street.
- Director and staff met with the City of Philadelphia and their consultant to discuss water security monitoring systems.
- Director participated in the Virginia Municipal League's (VML) "Go Green Virginia" Advisory Committee led by COG Board Member and VML President Jay Fiset. Part of this initiative includes development of a Green Government Challenge that is designed to encourage promotion of environmentally friendly policies and programs among VML's members.
- Director was appointed to the Commonwealth of Virginia's *Commission on Climate Change* by Governor Tim Kaine. The Commission has until December 15, 2008 to make recommendations on how Virginia will meet the Virginia Energy Plan's 30% reduction goal in greenhouse gas emissions by 2025.

### **TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS**

(Staff Contact: Ron Kirby, 202-962-3310)

- Commuter Connections participated in FDA Commuter Transportation Event in White Oak, MD.