

One Region Moving Forward

COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: July 13, 2011
TIME: 12:00 Noon
PLACE: COG Board Room

PLEASE NOTE: Chairman Harrison will begin the meeting promptly at Noon. Lunch for members and alternates will be available at 11:30 a.m.

District of Columbia
Bladensburg*
Bowie
College Park
Frederick
Frederick County
Gaithersburg
Greenbelt
Montgomery County
Prince George's County
Rockville
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Arlington County
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Fairfax County
Falls Church
Loudoun County
Manassas
Manassas Park
Prince William County

*Adjunct Member

A G E N D A

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
(12:00 Noon)**

**Chairman Andrea Harrison
Councilmember, Prince George's County**

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS
(12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)**

Chairman Harrison

- a) COG Leadership Retreat
- b) NARC Conference Outcomes

**3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
(12:05 – 12:10 p.m.)**

- a) Outreach
- b) Legislative and Regulatory Update
- c) Information and Follow-up
- d) Letters Sent/Received
- e) General Counsel Report

**4. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA
(12:10 – 12:15 p.m.)**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2011
(12:15 – 12:20 p.m.)**

CONSENT AGENDA

6. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (12:20 – 12:25 p.m.)

A. APPROVAL OF COG – LINEA DIRECTA PARTNERSHIP AND FY 2012 CONTINGENCY RESERVE INVESTMENT

The COG Board will be requested to approve Resolution R32-2011, authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to execute a partnership agreement with Linea Directa, a not-for-profit corporation, to produce and broadcast regional public affairs programming targeted to Spanish-speaking residents in the National Capital Region in an amount not to exceed \$7,500. The COG Board approved this pilot program at its June 2011 meeting. The partnership agreement will be funded from COG's FY 2012 unallocated contingency reserve. The COG Board will be asked to approve \$7,500 from the FY 2012 unallocated contingency reserve of \$275,000, leaving an unallocated balance of \$267,500. COG staff will report to the COG Board concerning partnership outcomes and any recommendations for partnership continuation or modification by January 2012.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R32-2011.

B. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH NEW WORLD APPS, INC. FOR NETWORK OPERATIONS SUPPORT

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R33-2011 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into a new contract with New World Apps, Inc. In an effort to minimize costs, COG has been outsourcing some of its IT operations and issued RFQ 11-007 in order to continue operating in this manner. By having some IT services outsourced COG is able to utilize specialized skills and consultants for short term project engagements. In addition to on-site technical support and specialized project support, the contracted vendor will provide secure data center hosting for the RICCS text alert system. The contract for those services was recently re-bid through a competitive process. New World Apps, Inc. was the selected vendor for the new contract in an amount not to exceed \$213,600 for the first year. Four 1-year renewal options are included with the contract with an annual increase of 3.3% over the prior year. The funds for this contract are included in COG's approved FY 2012 work program and budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R33-2011.

C. RESOLUTON AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS FROM THE FREDDIE MAC FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT THE WEDNESDAY'S CHILD PROGRAM

The COG Board will be asked to approve Resolution R34-2011 authorizing the Executive Director to receive funds from the Freddie Mac Foundation in the amount of \$79,000 to support the Wednesday's Child program, consistent with COG's approved FY2012 Work Program and Budget. No additional matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R34-2011.

ACTION ITEMS

7. HUD SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES REGIONAL PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION (12:25 – 12:40 p.m.)

David Robertson, Executive Director

John Mataya, Senior Planner/Region Forward Coordinator

HUD has issued an advanced notice and is anticipated to issue a request for applications in response to a second round of the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program funded through FY 2011 federal appropriations. COG applied for a grant in the first round, but was not successful. COG staff received a debrief by HUD officials on grant application strengths and areas for improvement. COG staff also consulted with regions and organizations that received grants in the first round. COG has now organized its new Region Forward Coalition, which held its first meeting in June. The Region Forward Coalition will oversee the development and implementation of COG's Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program submission. COG staff will brief the COG Board on the proposed grant application scope and outcomes and request COG Board support for submitting an application to HUD.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R35-2011 and R36-2011

8. FY 2012 PENSION, COMPENSATION AND CAPITAL BUDGET ACTIONS (12:40 – 1:00)

David Robertson, Executive Director

The COG Board adopted the FY 2012 Work Program and Budget in January 2011. Subsequent to that action, each of COG's member local governments has included the COG membership assessment in their respective FY 2012 budgets. COG staff will brief the COG Board on three proposed FY 2012 administrative/budget actions:

A) Recommendation by the Pension Plan Administrative Committee to increase the employee contribution to COG's defined benefit pension plan from 7.0 to 7.5 percent (the employer contribution was increased from 8.0 to 8.5 percent as part of the COG FY 2012 indirect cost allocation plan) and re-balance investment allocation;

B) Recommendation by the Employee Compensation and Benefits Review Committee to approve a one-time 2.0 percent general salary increase for COG employees to offset additional employee pension and health care costs (COG management suspended its pay-for-performance merit salary compensation plan in FY 2010, FY 2011 and FY 2012 and discontinued an annual cost-of-living adjustment in 2000.

C) COG management recommendation to approve the FY 2012 capital repair and replacement plan. The FY 2012 Work Program and Budget allocated \$244,000 of building and interest income for high-priority facility, technology or other capital expenses to ensure COG maintains its capital assets and is able to fully support its members, regional partners and staff.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolutions R37-2011, R38-2011, R39-2011 and R40-2011.

INFORMATION ITEMS

9. PRESENTATION OF FOSTER CARE ANNUAL REPORT (1:00 – 1:20 p.m.)

Agnes Leshner
Director, Child Welfare Services, Montgomery County
Chairman, Child Welfare Directors Committee

Kamilah Bunn, COG Child Welfare Program Manager

Each year, COG queries the national capital region's child welfare systems to collect data, analyze findings, and discover trends occurring in the region's foster care systems. The 2010 Annual Report on Foster Care provides a snapshot of how children are faring once they enter our region's child welfare systems. The report also explores how many foster children achieve permanency through reunification with birth families, relative guardianship (kinship care), or through adoption

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive Briefing.

10. INCIDENT MANAGEMENT AND RESPONSE STEERING COMMITTEE – PROGRESS REPORT (1:20-1:40 p.m.)

Phil Andrews
Councilmember, Montgomery County
Chairman, Ad Hoc Steering Committee on Incident Management and Response

In March 2011, the COG Board of Directors approved creating an ad hoc steering committee to identify and seek improvements to regional incident managing arising from the January 26 snow/ice event and the implications for other events in the National Capital Region. The Steering Committee will meet several times during the spring and summer, as well as solicit input and recommendations from COG committees, local, state and federal agencies, the business community, and others prior to presenting its report on implementation actions and recommendations to the COG Board in November 2011. The Steering Committee has met twice and subgroups and staff have met more often. Chairman Andrews will update the COG Board on progress to date.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive Briefing.

11. OTHER BUSINESS (1:40 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

12. ADJOURN- NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, 2011 (2:00 p.m.)



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