2010 – 2012 CEEPC Regional Climate and Energy Action Workplan Notes on May 4, 2011 DRAFT Revisions

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17	COG staff suggests only tracking major regional airports (Reagan and Dulles) and not
	tracking airlines, military airports and smaller public and private airports.
26	COG does not have the staff expertise or funds to perform a green jobs analysis. COG staff
	suggests deleting this line item or state that COG will seek funding to have a green jobs
	analysis performed.
37	IGBG may need until the end of 2011 to make conclusions on options for green building
	policies for schools and the residential sector.
38	This goal has been accomplished through COG's work to support the ICC adoption of
	building codes that would make buildings 30% more efficient.
38a	The next step is for states and local governments to adopt these building codes.
39	COG is hosting a green affordable housing forum in the fall 2011, which should assist with
	moving forward with policy and program recommendations. Therefore, a little more time
	will be needed to establish these recommendations.
40	LEED-ND in its entirety may not be appropriate for all local governments. Many local
	governments in the region are implementing LEED-ND concepts and each jurisdiction will
	have to adapt these concepts to fit their needs. The Intergovernmental Green Building
	Group suggests the CEEPC Workplan focus on the implementation of neighborhood scale
	green design and smart growth principals.
44	Clinton Climate Foundation has not been involved.
46	LEED-EB is not in the pilot phase and projects are already being implemented in the region.
49	Clarification that the 80% goal is for tracking and benchmarking energy performance.
55	Many green business programs are certifications rather than challenges, one of which is
	being developed by the Greater Washington Board of Trade. Both challenges and
	certifications should be acceptable.
57a	Certification of energy auditors should be continuously promoted.
58, 58a	Initial matrix of financing options was completed October 2010. Many obstacles to financing
	options have been discussed; therefore, tracking options and identifying actions to
59	overcome obstacles is the next step. The Greater Washington Board of Trade Carbon Cut program is under slow development.
39	Under this program businesses would be encouraged to purchase carbon offsets through
	the program to offset business operations (building use, travel, events, etc) and would not
	specifically be geared towards local governments.
60	It may not be feasible to document barriers in all Metro Washington communities.
	Therefore, the suggestion is to use 3 communities as case studies.
61	Based on 2010 Climate and Energy Survey results, 19% of local governments have a home
	energy loan program or other innovative municipal financing program for building retrofits.
63	State offices and utilities implement energy efficiency incentive programs and local
	governments do not need to duplicate this effort but can promote these programs to their
	citizens.
67, 68	It's not possible to track all the residential homes that have retrofitted for energy efficiency
	and; therefore, is not possible to track the percent of energy saved in homes that retrofit.
	We can track retrofits in the region through Weatherization Assistance Program. With ARRA
	funds a rough estimate is 1,454 in the COG region in 2010. However, without future ARRA
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