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**APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2014 – 10:30 A.M.
COUNCIL BOARD ROOM
GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

- 10:30 A.M. I. **Call to Order – Ms. Jane Hall, Chair**
- A. Invocation
 - B. Introduction of New Members and Guests
 - C. Approval of August 22, 2014, Board Minutes (Section 1, Board Packet)
 - D. Financial Statements [**Information Only**] (Section 2, Board Packet)

- 10:35 II. Appalachian Regional Commission Program – **Ms. Jill Francisco**,
Appalachian Regional Commission Program Manager, SC Department
of Commerce

Briefing: Ms. Francisco will provide an overview of the ARC program in South Carolina, including state investment priorities, recent changes to the program, upcoming forums, and grant opportunities.

Board Action Required: No

- 11:05 III. Upstate Local Food Systems Initiatives – **Mr. Scott Park**, Greenville
County Department of Planning and Code Compliance

Briefing: Mr. Park will provide information on a broad range of activities underway in the region to support and promote local agriculture.

Board Action Required: No

11:30 IV. Adoption of the Appalachian Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) 2014 Progress Report and Update – **Mr. Don Godbey**, Chair, Regional Economic Development Committee; **Mr. David Shellhorse**, Economic Development Manager (Section 3, Board Packet)

Briefing: Mr. Shellhorse provided a briefing on the CEDS Progress Report at the August meeting. At this time, the plan is being presented for adoption. As the Economic Development Administration designated planning entity for the region, ACOG is responsible for producing the CEDS, which is a five-year plan identifying economic development priorities and strategies.

Board Action Required: Yes

11:35 V. Agreement for Revolving Loan Services – **Mr. Steve Pelissier**, Executive Director

Briefing: The Appalachian Regional Commission, with input from the SC Department of Commerce and ACOG, has developed an agreement for the continuation of the small business revolving loan fund program. That agreement will be presented to the Board for action.

Board Action Required: Yes

11:55 VI. Executive Director's Report – **Mr. Steve Pelissier**, Executive Director

12:00 Noon VII. Adjourn to Lunch