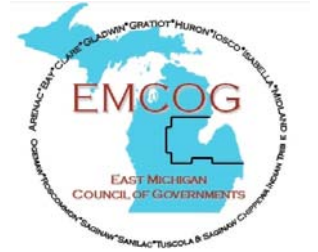


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December 17, 2020: CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

EAST MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS PROPOSED FIVE-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY: 2021 – 2025

The East Michigan Council of Governments (EMCOG) is a U.S. Department of Commerce EDA federally designated economic development district as well as a State designated regional planning agency. In January of 2020 EMCOG began the process of developing a new 5-year comprehensive economic development strategy (CEDS) to guide economic development efforts across the 14 county EMCOG region. This plan meets the requirements set forth by the US Economic Development Administration to maintain a recognized Economic Development District (EDD)

VISION STATEMENT - East Michigan strives to develop a resilient and adaptive 14-county regional economy, by investing in economic and workforce development, supporting vital infrastructure, preserving the outstanding quality of life, and encouraging economic opportunity for all.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

COLLABORATION – Embrace the interconnectedness of East Michigan and Build partnerships across the region;

RESILIENCY – Prioritize policies that prepare the region to avoid, withstand, and recover from economic and environmental disruption.

INCLUSIVITY – Foster communities that embrace diversity and create an inclusive region.

SUSTAINABILITY – Commitment to developing both economic and environmentally resilient communities.

The plan includes ambitious initiatives, and it is not feasible for any one organization to lead the implementation for such a large region. To meet the objectives outlined in this CEDS plan, the region must come together collectively to creatively and strategically accomplish the action items. Furthermore, this plan should be viewed as a dynamic document that invites revision and refinements as condition change.

We invite public comment on this plan which can be found at <http://www.emcog.org/docview.asp?did=161>. Please submit your comments no later than close of business day on January 14, 2020 to:

Jane Fitzpatrick: jfitzpatrick@emcog.org or mail them to the address shown above.