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Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission

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Maglich Reviews Recovery Zone Bonding Opportunities with Commission Membership

Overview

Terry Maglich, Manager of Business Development with the Missouri Department of Economic Development reviewed the Recovery Zone bonding process and eligible activities with the Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission membership at the July 22, 2009 Mid-Missouri regional Planning Commission meeting.

used to finance certain purposes and properties within designated "recovery zones". Recovery Zones are defined as "an area designated as having significant poverty, unemployment, rate of home foreclosures, or general distress".

The Recovery Zone Bonds are of two types- Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds and Recovery Zone Facility Bonds. The two bonds are issued for completely different purposes with the Economic Development Bonds aimed for public /governmental purposes, and the facility bonds aimed at private sector investments.

Each of these programs is capped by an overall allocation amount, and a very limited window of opportunity. Allocations for the Mid-MO RPC counties are as follows:

Key Dates

Counties have until September 1, 2009, to submit a Notice of Intent to Issue form to the Department of



Terry Maglich address RPC.



MidMO RPC Members

Maglich indicated that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, has created several new financing bond program opportunities for communities including Recovery Zone Bonds. Recovery Zone Bonds may be

Economic Development. Allocations will be deemed waived if DED is not notified by a county by this date. Any allocation not used by July 1, 2010, is automatically re-captured by DED for reallocation. January 1, 2011, is the deadline date for issuing Recovery Zone Bonds before they expire.

Mid Missouri Recovery Bond Allocations

County	Recovery Zone Economic Development Bond	Recovery Zone Facility Bond
Boone	\$1,412,000	\$2,118,000
Callaway	\$1,804,000	\$2,706,000
Cole	\$3,198,000	\$4,797,000
Cooper	\$912,000	\$1,369,000
Howard	\$84,000	\$126,000
Moniteau	\$592,000	\$889,000

Forms- Additional Information

The Notice of Intent to Issue and Notice of Waiver of Recovery Zone Allocation Forms to be filed can be found on the web:

www.ded.mo.gov. Information regarding the designation of a recovery zone area can be found at www.gilmorebell.com/memoranda.shtml, or to discuss Recovery Zone Bond opportunities in more detail, please contact Edward Siegmund. The August 11, Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting will also include a presentation on Recovery Zone Bonds.

Mid-MO RPC Orientation Luncheon

Wednesday, August 12, 2009 - 11 am to 1 pm

New officials and other interested parties may attend to learn more about our services. Please call 573-657-9779, email mmrpc@mmrpc.org, to reserve your spot!



EDAC Meeting Announcement

Meeting to Include

- **Recovery Bond Opportunities**
- **Draft Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)**
- **Website Data Sources for Economic Development.**

The Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission's Economic Development

Advisory Committee (EDAC) will meet on Tuesday, August 11, 2009, at the Columbia Regional Airport Meeting Room, Building 260. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 10:00 am. Representatives of the EDAC and city and county economic development representatives, as well as, local chamber representatives, and inter-

ested individuals are welcome to attend and participate in the meeting.

The meeting is scheduled to include a discussion and review of the Recovery Zone Bond processes, a review of the draft CEDS, and information regarding finding relevant economic development data on the web.

County Hazard Mitigation Plans Update Begins

Work has begun on updating the County Hazard Mitigation Plans which were originally written by the Mid-MO RPC 5 years ago. Having a current and approved County Hazard Mitigation Plan makes a county and its communities eligible for hazard mitigation grant funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

There are four grant programs which provide pre-hazard mitigation funding: Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM), Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC) and Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL). Each program has different requirements; the RPC can help communities identify mitigation projects applicable to each program. Some examples of potentially eligible projects are: tornado safe rooms; storm water management projects including culverts, floodgates or retention basins; and acquisition of flood prone structures.

Grant applications for the 2010 funding cycle for all of the programs are due at the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) by October 30, 2009. A notice of interest is due by August 7.

FEMA estimates that every dollar spent in mitigation projects saves two dollars in recovery costs should a natural disaster occur.

Meetings with county/city officials and other interested parties will be held in each county as its plan is being updated. Boone County's plan is due next spring (April 28, 2010) so it will be updated first. The deadlines for the other updates are: Cole (Jan, 31, 2011), Howard (Feb. 27, 2011), Cooper (April 20, 2011), Moniteau (April 20, 2011) and Callaway (May 23, 2011).

Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Includes Discussions

On Cost-Share Program, Highway 50 Design and Callaway County Connector Road

The Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting held its bi-monthly meeting on July 22, 2009, at the Copper Kettle Restaurant in Ashland. Approximately 20 individuals representing cities and counties within the Mid-Mo RPC region, in addition to MoDOT officials, AmerenUE representatives, and Mid-Mo RPC staff were in attendance at the meeting chaired by Cooper County Presiding Commissioner Eddie Brickner.

The meeting included a discussion with MoDOT District 5 Planning Engineer Mike Dusenberg and District 2 Planning Engineer Roy Hogsett regarding MoDOT's cost-share program. Dusenberg reviewed major points of the cost share program which include:

- MoDOT Provides up to 50 percent of the participation costs for a project that benefits the state transportation system. For economic development funds, MoDOT may fund up to 100 percent of participation costs for a project that creates jobs (retail devel-

opment is excluded).

- **Projects under these programs must receive prior approval from the MoDOT district engineer, and must be supported by either the local metropolitan planning organization (CATSO or CAMPO) or the regional planning commission (Mid-Mo RPC).**
- Participation costs are documented in an agreement between MoDOT and the project sponsor.

MoDOT representatives further indicated that MoDOT has approximately \$1.8 million available in FY2010 and \$26 million in FY2013 for this program.

Discussions were held at the meeting regarding Highway 50 design issues. State Representative Kenny Jones, District 117; expressed concerns of the area west of California where the new 4-lane road will align with the existing 2-lane Highway 50, and the potential safety concern due to the curves and terrain in this area.



State Representative Kenny Jones addresses TAC.

AmerenUE representatives reviewed and updated the Mid-Mo TAC with work being done by Ameren in evaluating potential transportation improvements to access the AmerenUE facilities in southern Callaway County. Conceptual roadway design options are being evaluated which include the options of- building a new connector road, or improvements to the existing roadway system. These options are each being evaluated in relationship to safety, connectivity, environmental considerations, and costs at this time.

Area F Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee (RHSOC) Updates

April 21st RHSOC Meeting Recap

The April 21 Meeting of the Area F Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee (Area F RHSOC) was held at Cole County Fire Station, #4, 5206 Monticello Road, Jefferson City, with approximately 40 individuals representing various homeland security related disciplines and agencies in attendance.

Highlights of the meeting included a discussion of training needs in the region with Jack Raetz, Training Officer-SEMA. The Area F RHSOC indicated that Disaster Recovery Tools and Training, Developing and Managing Volunteers, CERT-Training the Trainer, Basic Public Information Officers Course, and NIMS training were all needs within the region. Paul Fennewald, Homeland Security Coordinator, informed the RHSOC of the need for disciplines to be begin discussion of needs and investment justifications for the upcoming grant cycle.

Presentations included Matt Buydos with Elliot Data Systems discussing badging hardware and software and Paul Rueff, with the Missouri Department of Homeland Security, reviewing the Emergency Response Information Portal (ERIP) developed to assist in school emergency planning needs.

The next meeting of the Region F Homeland Security Oversight Committee will be the annual meeting on Tues, October 6, 2009, please see insert at right.

IST Receives New Equipment

The Area F IST was recently awarded a grant of \$49,000, by the Department of Homeland Security for the purchase of an Ahura Scientific spectrometer. The FirstDefender equipment is designed for rapid identification of unknown solids and

liquids, including narcotics, toxic industrial chemical (TICs), toxic industrial materials (TIMs), chemical warfare agents (CWAs) white powders, explosives and many dangerous substances. This equipment will instantly identify unknown substances through open contact or through a sealed translucent container. With the FirstDefender equipment the IST will be able to quickly identify unknown substances when responding to emergencies that include unknown substances.



New Generators for Nine Counties

The Area F RHSOC received grant funds of \$225,934, for the purchase of 9 generators. Counties that will receive one generator each are Audrain, Callaway, Cooper, Gasconade, Howard, Moniteau, Montgomery, Miller, and Osage. These towable generators can be transported throughout the region and are large enough to power a 911 call center or can be used for powering

mass care shelters or other needed facilities in the event of power outages. The units have been ordered and are scheduled for delivery in September. These towable generators will be in the care of the county EMD's and made available in the event of a power outage in the Mid Missouri Region.



Area F Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee Annual Meeting

Mark Your Calendars...

Speakers!
Exhibits!
Food!
Demonstrations!

Tues, October 6, 2009
10 am to 4 pm

- Learn more about the Region F Homeland Security Oversight Committee
- Coordinate discipline representation
- Identify Homeland Security needs
- Learn of Equipment, training activities, and volunteer coordination to address an emergency event

Cole County Emergency Services Building
1736 Southridge Drive
Jefferson City, Missouri



This year's focus will be to educate the public on how to be truly **Ready** for emergencies. With this in mind, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services presented the Area F Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee with their **Ready In 3** program. This free program offers a great opportunity for community leaders to get the word out and help insure that everyone is mid-

Missouri is as prepared as possible for emergencies.

Ready in 3 is designed to help all segments of our communities plan for the basic essentials during an emergency. A wealth of informational and instructional materials, ranging from fact sheets to lesson plans to videos, can be ordered free of charge from the Department of Health

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and Senior Services' website: http://www.dhss.mo.gov/Ready_in_3/ These materials are available to individuals, families, businesses, schools and community organizations in numerous languages, including Braille. Other materials, such as a family planning guide, are available for immediate download. Please help spread the word: let's be prepared in mid-Missouri!

Announcements, Conference, and Grant Opportunities

Tour of Missouri Stage Four - Includes Mid-Mo Region Tour of Missouri competitors will travel the roads of Cole County as part of Stage Four of the Tour of Missouri scheduled on September 10. Riders will bike on Route B through St. Thomas to Wardsville, and then on Highway M to Taos before entering Jefferson City.

The only repeat stage from 2008, with a gently rolling start hides the sting that awaits the riders on Jefferson City's famously-challenging finish circuits. Event organizers are promoting "to look for the world's top sprinters to get humbled by the "capitol wall", a steep 300-meter climb, to the finish line adjacent to the Capitol."

Solid Waste District Announces FY2010 Grant Guidance The Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District provides grant funds to local governments, private businesses, not-for-profit organizations and individuals that are aimed at developing programs aimed at reducing solid waste, creating new markets for recovered materials, and/or improvement in handling of items banned from landfills. In FY2010, the Solid Waste district will have three (3) grant rounds for small projects (\$5,000 or less) and one grant round for large projects. The next grant writing workshop will be held Wednesday, August 19 from 1:30 to 3:30 in the City of Colum-

bia 4th Floor Conference Room. For additional information call 573.874.7574 or e-mail CRJ@GoColumbiaMo.com.

2009 Katy Trail Summer Conference The Katy Trail conference will be held at the Wine Country Gardens in Defiance, MO on August 11th from 10 am to 4 pm. Additional information regarding the conference is available at www.katytrailmac.com or contact Maria Dorsey at katytrailmerchant@gmail.com

Missouri Main Street Conference in Kansas City - Aug 18-21 "Get Plugged In...Downtown" and get ready to be inspired. Make new connections and get new tools to keep your downtown vibrant and competitive in today's market. This conference will bring practical ideas and solutions for preservation based revitalization that is relevant to rural, mid-sized and urban communities. Conference features 23 workshop sessions and 15 in-the-field educational tours. For more information on conference plans and online registration, go to www.momainstreet.org.

September 9 - 11: Missouri Governor's Conference on Economic Development - Missouri's 2009 Governor's Conference on Economic Development will be held at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis Riverfront Hotel in downtown St. Louis. Go to <http://www.ded.mo.gov/conference.htm> for the

conference agenda, registration, and sponsorship and exhibitor information.

Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MoDNR) Accepting Applications for Federal Recreational Trails Grants Private organizations and municipal, state and federal agencies can apply for grant money for trails from the federal Recreational Trails Program. DNR is now accepting grant applications for the Fiscal Year 2009 grant round.

The Recreational Trails Program is funded through the Federal Highway Administration. In Missouri, the program is administered by DNR. Eligible project categories include development of new trails, or trail-related construction, maintenance and restoration. All grants are awarded on a reimbursement basis; a minimum 20% match is required for projects. Applications must be post-marked by Aug. 17. A funding requirement targets 30% of the funding for motorized trails, 30% for non-motorized trails and 40% for diversified trail use. For more information on the Recreational Trails Program or to request an application, contact MoDNR, Division of State Parks, Grants Management Section, 1659 E. Elm Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101 or call (573) 751-3442. The applications area available for downloading at www.mostateparks.com/grantinfo.htm

Calendar

August 11, 2009 -- 10:00 am Economic Development Advisory Committee. Columbia Regional Airport Meeting Room, Building 260, Columbia

August 12, 2009 -- 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Mid-MO RPC Orientation and Lunch for New Members and New Officials. Mid-MO RPC Office, 206 E. Broadway, Ashland

August 26, 2009 -- 5:00 pm Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors meeting. 206 E. Broadway, Ashland.



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