

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #4: HAMPTON ROADS REGIONAL BENCHMARKING STUDY

SUBJECT:

The Hampton Roads Regional Benchmarking Study is an annual publication produced by the HRPDC Economics staff.

BACKGROUND:

In the Regional Cooperation Act, the Code of Virginia calls for Planning District Commissions (PDCs) to collect and maintain demographic, economic and other data concerning the region and member localities, and act as a State Data Center affiliate in cooperation with the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC).

In keeping with this mandate, the HRPDC staff has completed the tenth annual Regional Benchmarking Study. This publication includes a locality profile for the seventeen jurisdictions as well as graphical illustrations for 154 regional benchmarks covering the economy, demographics, real estate, transportation, education, government finances, and various quality of life indicators. Each graph is accompanied by a brief explanation regarding the purpose of the benchmark and the current condition in Hampton Roads. Complete data tables for each of the data sets are available on the Commission's website. New for this year is the publication of "*The Little Book of Big Data*"; a miniature version of the benchmarking study.

Mr. Greg Grootendorst, HRPDC Chief Economist, will brief the Commission on this topic.

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Note: This item will be presented for action under Consent Agenda Item #10-H