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Seasons' Greetings!

As the new year arrives, Area 15 Regional Planning Commission is excited to begin its annual membership drive! As you begin budgeting for **FY2022-2023**, I hope you will continue your membership and support of your regional planning commission. Membership provides you with local professional staff to access programs and services for your community.

The past year has been very successful and busy for your Economic Development District (EDD)/Council of Governments (COG). With a 89% membership rate for FY2021-2022, your support is incredible! RPC staff helped our communities and citizens with planning, housing, and community/economic development projects.

The RPC secured over **\$3.2 million** in grants from July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021! This represents a return of **\$64** in grant funds for every \$1 of membership dues invested. However, success does not happen without your support. Your annual participation is extremely important for the regional planning commission to provide you with professional planning staff. Our five (5) professional staff have a combined 77 years of experience working for you at Area 15 RPC. They have the knowledge, experience, and connections to help with your community needs.

Thank you to our public officials, economic development professionals, and regional partners who assisted us to pursue these community and economic development opportunities over the past year. I ask that you please consider and return the enclosed resolution for membership to keep your regional planning commission going strong!

If there is anything that we can do for you, please reach out to me at (641) 814-8403 or chris.bowers@area15rpc.com. Remember – we are working for you!

Sincerely,

Chris Bowers
Executive Director