



**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Finance/Policy/Facilities Addendum**
County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois
Tuesday, September 6, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.

Lyle Shields Meeting Room, Brookens Administrative Center
1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois

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To: County Board Members of Champaign, Douglas, Ford, Iroquois,
Piatt and Vermilion Counties

From: Susan Chavarria, ECIEDD Executive Director

Date: September 2, 2011

Re: Six-county ECIEDD Intergovernmental Agreement

Requested Action: Approve and sign Agreement

East Central Illinois Economic Development District (ECIEDD) has worked as a six-county economic development agency for over a decade, helping facilitate local economic development efforts and working as a liaison with state and federal economic development agencies. We are officially recognized by the federal Economic Development Administration as a three-county Economic Development District which includes Champaign, Douglas, and Iroquois Counties. For many years, we have sought to receive a six-county designation from EDA which would include our other three counties of Ford, Piatt and Vermilion.

EDA requires that we approve an Intergovernmental Agreement amongst all six counties to submit our request for this boundary modification. You may recall having approved a previous version of an Agreement in 2008 or 2009; this agreement is now considered outdated and not reflective of ECIEDD's current voting composition, responsibilities, etc. ECIEDD staff has recently drafted a new agreement for which we seek approval from each county as soon as possible.

Please be advised that any proposed revisions cannot be made by any one County Board or legal representative. If your Board seeks revisions, we will have to resubmit such requests to all six County Boards to keep the Agreement's wording consistent.

I appreciate your continued cooperation in our regional economic development initiatives. I am available for any questions or concerns at 217-819-4053 or schavarr@ccrpc.org.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE
EAST CENTRAL ILLINOIS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

This Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement by the Counties of Champaign, Douglas, Ford, Iroquois, Piatt, and Vermilion, made and entered into as of the latest date of execution by any of the parties, is for the purpose of the establishment, operation, and maintenance of the East Central Illinois Economic Development District, hereinafter called the "District."

WHEREAS, the Illinois Compiled Statutes 50 ILCS 10: the "Regional Councils Act", authorizes the creation of a Regional Council of public officials and private regional organizations; and,

WHEREAS, the County Boards of Champaign, Douglas, Ford, Iroquois, Piatt and Vermilion counties have worked in coordination as a not-for-profit District since 2006; and,

WHEREAS, the intention of said District is to seek, through mutual agreement, solutions to economic development related challenges for the benefit of all residents, to provide an opportunity for all units of local governments in the region to cooperate in the solution of said challenges, and to develop policies and plans that are common and regional in nature;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it is mutually agreed upon by the parties as follows:

I. General

- A. There is formed the East Central Illinois Economic Development District under the authority of the "Regional Councils Act", effective August 20, 1969.
- B. The East Central Illinois Economic Development District will be comprised of Champaign, Douglas, Ford, Iroquois, Piatt and Vermilion Counties in Illinois.

II. Board and Composition

- A. Direction of the District shall be by Board, herein referred to as the "Board", where each participating county shall have one (1) vote on matters affecting the District.
- B. In September of each odd numbered year, each participating County shall identify their three representatives to the Board in compliance with the United States Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration regulations regarding Economic Development District board composition. The vote of such members on matters affecting the District's direction shall each contribute an equal fraction, based on the total of members recorded as present, towards each participating County's single vote.
- C. The East Central Illinois Economic Development District may also have alternate members designated by the Chairpersons of the participating County Boards. Alternate members may serve as committee members, with full duties, in the absence of an official committee member. There shall be no more than three alternate members for each participating county.
- D. The Board shall also consist of at least one (1) Private Sector Representative and one (1) or more of the following: Executive Directors of Chambers of Commerce, or representatives of institutions of post-secondary education, workforce development groups or labor groups, but under no circumstances shall such members exceed 33% of the total membership as per Illinois statute.

- E. The Board Chairperson may make a recommendation to the Chairperson of any participating County Board for the removal of a Committee member or designated alternate member. The Chairperson of any participating County Board shall have that power to remove any member or designated alternate member of the Board for cause after that person has given written notice of the reasons for recommending removal.
- F. Upon death, removal for cause, or resignation of a Committee member, the Chairperson of the East Central Illinois Economic Development District Board shall promptly notify the Chairperson of the pertinent County Board that a vacancy exists.

III. Officers

- A. A Chairperson, who shall preside over all meetings of the Board and shall otherwise supervise the affairs of the District, shall direct all proceedings and administrative functions of the East Central Illinois Economic Development District Board.
- B. The Board membership shall follow an annual rotation to identify a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Treasurer of the Board.
- C. If present and able, the Chairperson shall supervise the affairs of the East Central Illinois Economic Development District and shall: 1) Preside at all Board meetings; 2) assure and maintain power, order, and decorum at all District proceedings; 3) Decide all points of procedure or order in accordance with these and other applicable rules; and, 4) Take such actions and exercise such powers as are specifically outlined herein.
- D. The Vice-Chairperson shall perform all duties and exercise all powers of the Chairperson in their absence.
- E. The Treasurer shall oversee all financial aspects of the District.
- F. The Secretary of the East Central Illinois Economic Development District shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, which is the administrative contractor for the Board.

IV. Powers and Authority

- A. The District has the power and obligation to:
 - i. Study such area issues common to two or more members of the District as it deems appropriate, including but not limited to matters affecting health, safety, welfare, education, economic conditions and regional development;
 - ii. Promote cooperative arrangements and coordinate action among its members;
 - iii. Make recommendations for review and action to the members and other public agencies that perform functions within the region; and
 - iv. Employ such staff, and consult, retain, and contract with such experts, as it deems necessary.
- B. The Board shall periodically review its by-laws providing for the conduct of its District activities.
- C. The District shall make an annual report to the member governments.

- D. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein and/or delegation by any or all of the undersigned members, the Board shall have and is hereby delegated the power and authority to apply for, accept and expend funds or money from any source, whatsoever, public or private, including, but not limited to grants, bequests, gifts or contributions from any person, unit of government, State government, or Federal government, or any agent, agency or department thereof, and to enter into agreements or contracts with any such person, unit of government, State government, or Federal government, or any agent, agency or department thereof, for the administration and management of any program or activities associated or related to any such grants, bequests, gifts or contributions to the same extent and with the same authority that any or all of the undersigned governmental bodies, solely or collectively, could exercise in regard thereto.
- E. Addition to District Membership: Upon the vote of at least two-thirds of the Committee, additional counties may be allowed to join and become a member of the East Central Illinois Economic Development District, subject to the terms and conditions of this Intergovernmental Agreement provided said County is adjacent to the then existing territorial boundaries of the District.

V. Administration

- A. The Board will annually review its agreement with the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, which shall provide administrative and staff support for the East Central Illinois Economic Development District.
- B. Day to day staff work shall be supervised by the Chief Executive Officer of the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, the administrative contractor for the District.
- C. The Champaign County Regional Planning Commission shall appoint an Executive Director for the East Central Illinois Economic Development District from its staff, to be approved by the East Central Illinois Economic Development District Board.

VI. Financial Support

- A. Each member county of the East Central Illinois Economic Development District will pay an equal share toward Board expenditures, with the share being determined by the Board annually in December.

VII. Termination of Contract

- A. Any of the undersigned units of government may withdraw as a member of said District upon sixty (60) days' notice after formal action by its governing body.
- B. This Agreement shall have a perpetual duration subject to dissolution as provided herein or as otherwise provided by law.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have executed this Intergovernmental Agreement for the East Central Illinois Economic Development District as of the latest date of execution by any of the parties.

Signed by the County Board Chairmen of: Champaign County, Douglas County, Ford County, Iroquois County, Piatt County, and Vermilion County.

Champaign County (date)

Douglas County (date)

Ford County (date)

Iroquois County (date)

Piatt County (date)

Vermilion County (date)