

Mr. Shaun Mulholland, Town Administrator
Town of Allenstown
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Allenstown, NH 03275

February 27, 2014

Mr. Mulholland:

The Central New Hampshire and Southern New Hampshire Planning Commissions are working together with six municipalities in Hillsborough County (Bedford, Deering, Goffstown, Hillsborough, New Boston, and Weare) and most of the municipalities within Merrimack County to develop a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for this region (see attached map).

A CEDS is an US Economic Development Administration (EDA) funded economic development planning process that develops a strategy to coordinate the economic development efforts of the individual communities comprising the region by identifying projects based on needs and priorities. A CEDS is required for municipalities to qualify for EDA funding assistance under its public works, economic adjustment, and planning programs, and is a prerequisite for potential designation by EDA as an Economic Development District.

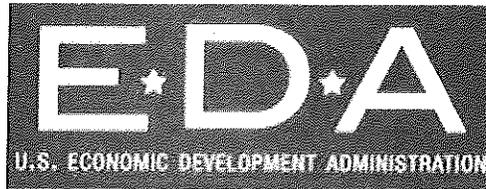
At this time, our Advisory Committee (which is made of representatives from many of the municipalities within this CEDS region) is developing the first CEDS for this area. As part of this CEDS, the Advisory Committee will include a list of priority projects. Therefore, we are seeking your input and identification of regional projects that would impact your community. These projects can range from traditional infrastructure water and sewer projects, streets and regional roadways to broadband internet connections. They can also include workforce training and internship opportunities. Please feel free to contact planning commission staff with any questions related to project applicability.

Your projects upon submittal may be included on a project list in the final CEDS based upon applicability and regional economic impact. Though the list itself will not constitute the submittal of a grant application or a specific guarantee of funding, projects included in a CEDS may seek EDA funding (if eligible). If an identified project is not eligible for EDA funding, its inclusion in the CEDS may strengthen the case for other future funding opportunities.

Enclosed, please find two attachments to assist you in working through the project identification process. First, you will find a map of the CEDS area. Next, you will see the actual project submittal form. Please fill this out and return it to either of the following by April 15, 2014:

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Concord, NH 03301
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Also, feel free to contact Matt Monahan (mmonahan@cnhrpc.org) or Jack Munn (jmunnn@snhpc.org) if you have any questions about these forms. We want to thank you again for your help with this CEDS as it will help to move our region forward in the global economy in the 21st Century. Please note that a similar letter will also be sent to non-profits and business entities in the region as well.

Sincerely,

Alice Veenstra
Canterbury
Chair, CEDS Committee
AVeenstra@myfairpoint.net

William Duschatko
Bedford
Vice Chair, CEDS Committee
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Enclosures:

- CEDS Project Nomination Form
- CEDS area map

CNHRPC & SNHPC COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES (CEDS)

3. LINKAGE TO CEDS GOALS: The CEDS Strategy Committee has developed a series of overall regional goals.
NOTE: Every project must be tied to one or more of the CEDS Goals.

CEDS Goal
GOAL 1: Maintain the Region's quality of life as an attractive place for living, working and recreating.
GOAL 2: Develop, maintain and strengthen adequate hard and soft infrastructure for business development.
GOAL 3: Promote the region.
GOAL 4: Identify support for implementing the CEDS.
GOAL 5: Streamline local governmental processes and create a business friendly environment.
GOAL 6: Business promotion and development.
Other Considerations
Regional Significance
Short-Term Readiness (12 to 18 months to complete)
Intermediate Readiness (19 months to 4 years to complete)
Long-Term Readiness (more than 4 years to complete)

PROJECT BENEFITS: Describe how this project will meet one or more of the goals of the CEDS.

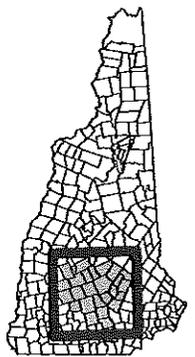
4. PROJECT READINESS:

Project Readiness

Name/Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Central / Southern New Hampshire CEDS Area Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy



- CEDS Towns**
- Planning Commission**
- Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission
 - Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission
 - Town Boundaries
 - County Boundaries

Data Sources:
NH GRANIT Digital Data (1:24,000)
NH Department of Transportation

The individual municipalities represented on this map and the SNHPC make no representations or guarantees to the accuracy of the features and designations of this map. This map is for planning purposes only. It is not to be used for legal boundary determinations or for regulatory purposes.

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