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Seasons' Greetings!

As the new year arrives, the Area 15 Regional Planning Commission is excited to begin its annual membership drive! As you begin budgeting for **FY2021-2022**, I hope you will continue your active membership and support of your RPC. Membership provides you with access to all the programs, services and professional staff of the RPC.

The past year has been very successful and busy for your Economic Development District (EDD)/Council of Governments (COG). With a 95% membership rate for FY2020-2021, your support has been tremendous! RPC staff helped many of our communities and citizens with planning, housing, and community/economic development projects. Often this involved collaboration to form plans or write grant applications necessary to fund these projects.

The RPC was successful in securing awards of nearly **\$2.1 million** in grants from July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020! This represents a return of **\$42** in grant funds for every \$1 of membership dues invested. This success cannot happen without your support. Your annual financial support is extremely important for RPC to keep its five (5) professional staff available to plan and implement projects and programs for your community.

I wish to thank you, our public officials, economic development professionals, and regional partners who assisted us to pursue these community and economic development opportunities over the past year. Please consider and return the enclosed Resolution for your FY2021-2022 membership to keep us going strong!

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

Sincerely,

Chris Bowers
Executive Director