

AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #12: HAMPTON ROADS REGIONAL BENCHMARKING STUDY

SUBJECT:

The Hampton Roads Regional Benchmarking Study is an annual publication produced by staff. The document will be presented to the Commission.

BACKGROUND:

In the Regional Cooperation Act, the Code of Virginia calls for planning district commissions 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.

In keeping with this mandate, HRPDC staff has completed the seventh annual Regional Benchmarking Study. This publication includes a locality profile for all 16 jurisdictions as well as graphical illustrations for 91 regional benchmarks covering the economy, demographics, housing, transportation, 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 included in the appendix. The report is enclosed separately. Mr. Greg C. Grootendorst, Chief Economist, will make a brief presentation on the report.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the release of the Hampton Roads Regional Benchmarking Study.

Enclosure – Separate