

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING

ITEM #9L REGIONAL BENCHMARKING STUDY

SUBJECT:

The Hampton Roads Regional Benchmarking Study is an annual publication produced by the HRPDC staff.

BACKGROUND:

The Regional Cooperation Act, in 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, the HRPDC staff have completed the eighth annual Regional Benchmarking Study. This publication includes a locality profile for all 16 jurisdictions as well as graphical illustrations for 104 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. The 2013 Benchmarking Study indicates a new section comparing the regions localities on several imported metrics. Complete data tables for each of the data sets are included in the appendix.

Enclosure

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the release of the Hampton Roads Regional Benchmarking Study.

Note: This item will be presented on the Workshop Agenda at the March 21, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting.