

## **AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **ITEM #9-G: ANNUAL HAMPTON ROADS REGIONAL BENCHMARKING STUDY**

#### **SUBJECT:**

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

#### **BACKGROUND:**

In the Regional Cooperation Act, the Code of Virginia calls for Planning District Commissions (PDCs) 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 (VEC).

In keeping with this mandate, the HRPDC staff has completed the ninth annual Regional Benchmarking Study. This publication includes a locality profile for the 16 jurisdictions as well as graphical illustrations for 155 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 available here:

<http://www.hrpdcva.gov/uploads/docs/Hampton%20Roads%20Benchmarking%20Study%202014.pdf>

This item and enclosure were discussed under Workshop Agenda Item #3

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve the release of the Hampton Roads Regional Benchmarking Study.