

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF DIRECTING THE ) RESOLUTION NO. 03-3342  
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER TO AUTHORIZE )  
MEMBERSHIP IN THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC ) Introduced by Metro Council President  
DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS ) David Bragdon

WHEREAS, The Regional Economic Development Partners, herein referred to as the Regional Partners is a non-profit corporation that was incorporated in 2003; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the organization shall be to engage in activities relating to regional economic development; and

WHEREAS, The Regional Partners is represented by cities, counties and other organizations that have a regional interest in economic development activities and growing and attracting businesses to the region; and

WHEREAS, The Regional Partners organization will seek representation from Clark, Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington and Yamhill Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area because this area functions as one economic region; and

WHEREAS, The Regional Partners may become involved in recruitment, expansion, retention of businesses, branding of the region, marketing, outreach, development of regional economic development strategies and policies and monitoring of the effects of those policies; and

WHEREAS, The Regional Partners are currently developing a regional economic development strategy for the region; and

WHEREAS, As the regional planning agency that is responsible for monitoring of the land supply within the Urban Growth Bounary, Metro should be involved in economic development issues effecting the region; now therefore

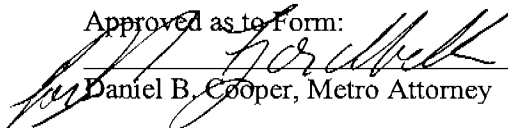
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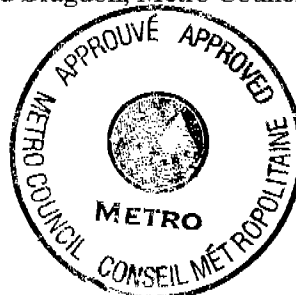
The Metro Council directs the Chief Operating Officer to authorize signature of the By-laws document for the Regional Economic Development Partners Inc. thereby indicating Metro's intent to become a member of the organization.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 19th day of June, 2003

  
David Bragdon, Metro Council President

Approved as to Form:

  
Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney



## STAFF REPORT

### FOR THE PURPOSE OF DIRECTING THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER TO AUTHORIZE MEMBERSHIP IN THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

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## BACKGROUND

The organization has filed for incorporation as a non-profit agency in 2003. By-laws governing the purpose, membership and procedures will be adopted in June 2003. Membership in the organization has a focus within Clark, Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington and Yamhill Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area. Members must be either a city, county, regional government or have a regional economic focus included in their mission. The PMSA essentially functions as one economic region because 97 percent of those who work in this region live here and 98 percent of those who live in this region work here.

## ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

Membership in the Regional Economic Development Inc. organization will allow participation in regional activities relating to economic development. The activities the organization is anticipated to be involved in include: recruitment, expansion and retention of existing businesses, development of a regional economic development policy and strategy, monitoring the success of the strategy, branding and marketing efforts. The organization is currently developing a regional economic development strategy that is representative of the work completed by the Metropolitan Economic Policy Task Force. Metropolitan Economic Policy Task Force is a group representing the private and public sectors charged with development of an economic vision for the region.

The Regional Partners have developed a six-month work program to examine the growth and development of industry clusters, identify lands for future industrial development and develop opportunities for collaboration between various economic development organizations within the region.

- 1. Known opposition:** It is not anticipated that there will be any opposition to membership within this organization.
- 2. Legal Antecedents:** none
- 3. Anticipated Effects:** Membership will allow participation in development of regional economic activities.
- 4. Budget Impacts:** Adoption of this resolution has a budget impact. Membership within this organization requires payment of dues for the fiscal year beginning in July 2003. The annual dues for Metro's participation are \$5,000. The \$5,000 dues will be paid from the Planning Department's Materials and Services budget in the 2003 fiscal year.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of Resolution No.03-3342 directing the Chief Operating Officer to authorize membership in the Regional Economic Partners.

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