



**Date:** October 17, 2001  
**To:** Inter-Regional Partnership  
**From:** IRP Staff  
**RE:** Statewide IRP Meeting

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### **Background**

At the August IRP meeting, the Partnership accepted a staff recommendation to contact the other IRPs in the state to explore opportunities for the IRPs to work together.

### **Discussion**

The purpose of contacting the other IRPs is to examine the degree to which the IRPs can learn from one another as their respective programs move forward. Another reason for making contact is to find out whether there is interest in the IRPs working together to initiate, or sponsor, legislation to benefit all IRPs in the state. There may also be other opportunities for partnership and collaboration.

Staff would like the Partnership to discuss topics for a statewide IRP meeting. Some potential topics for the meeting are:

- Overcoming inter-jurisdictional mistrust
- Tying land use to transportation
- Organizing a statewide IRP network to lobby for continued legislative support of regional jobs/housing planning efforts
- "Best Practices" examples of local projects to address jobs/housing imbalances
- Meet and greet event for the IRPs and the legislative Smart Growth Caucus

### **Requested Actions**

- Staff requests that the Partnership support the organizing of a statewide IRP meeting if there is interest from the other IRPs.
- Staff requests that the Partnership provide guidance on a meeting theme and determine what topics such a meeting should address.