

MEETING: LCOG Executive Committee

DATE: Thursday, June 17, 2004

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: LCOG Main Office
Wells Fargo Office Building
Fourth Floor Small Conference Room
99 East Broadway, Suite 400
Eugene, Oregon

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AGENDA

1. June 26 Board of Directors Agenda

The agenda and background materials for the Board's June meeting in Florence will be available for review under this item. Hosted by the Port of Siuslaw, this will be a Saturday meeting, beginning at 10 a.m. followed by a river cruise/luncheon.

2. Engineering RFQ Collaboration

Under this item, the Committee is asked to discuss and provide direction to staff about a proposal that LCOG facilitate a "request for qualifications" (RFQ) and, perhaps, a formal solicitation (RFP) for professional engineering services. The intent would be for member jurisdictions to have access to

civil engineering services for transportation or utility work without having to “start at square one” with the procurement process. Such a program would **not** circumvent the principles of fair, open and competitive contracting; all applicable requirements would be fully met. However, a city, for example, might be able to access needed services by purchase order. More detail on this concept will be available at the meeting.

3. **July Planning Session—Board of Directors**

See attached memo. The July 22 meeting of the Board of Directors will be devoted to a planning session. It was agreed last month that, while “goal setting” is appropriate on an every-other-year basis, the Board should spend its time at this first meeting of fiscal year 2004-05 setting its own working agenda for the year—under the principles of the recently approved division of labor with the Executive Committee. The Committee’s recommendation in this regard will be considered by the Board on June 26.

4. **Collective Bargaining Settlements and New Health Insurance Approach for FY 2004-05**

Under this item, the results of this year’s collective bargain process with the LCOG Employees Association will be described. The staff members represented by SEIU/OPEU (line staff in the Senior and Disabled Services Division) are beginning the third year of a three-year agreement and, hence, did not bargain this spring. The most notable change in the benefit package for LCOG staff (both those represented by the EA and the agency’s non-represented and management staff) will be the implementation of a Health Reimbursement Arrangement. The HRA, as it is called, provides each employee greater choice and control over his/her spending on healthcare, and it couples a high deductible point-of-service policy with an employer-funded account that can be used to pay eligible expenses or “roll over” to future years.

5. **Rescheduled Western COGs Conference, Possible Adjustment of September LCOG Board Meeting**

The annual Western COG’s Conference that was to be held in San Diego at the end of July has been rescheduled to September 21 – 24. The change was made to avoid a conflict with the Oregon Mayors Association and a similar

conflict in California. The new timing should prompt better attendance for several reasons. Committee members are encouraged to consider representing LCOG at this event. One minor problem: The new dates for the conference lay on top of the Board's scheduled meeting, September 23 in Dunes City. Since September has five Thursdays, it would be possible to move the LCOG Board meeting to Thursday, the 30th. The Committee's recommendation in that regard is requested.

6. Other Issues