



2012 Call for Projects | Programs | Activities For the Southwest Michigan Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

The Southwest Michigan Planning Commission submits an annual report to the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). This report includes a **list of projects, programs and activities within Southwest Michigan** that affect the region's economic health and align with the goals of the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The inclusion of your projects allows for greater **transparency, accountability, and efficiency** in local public infrastructure and economic development investment.

The current administration in Washington continues to stress the importance of regionalism and regional planning, especially in terms of economic development. It becomes more and more apparent that **inclusion of projects, programs and activities in a regional strategy heighten their eligibility for federal funding**. We strongly encourage you to get your project included in the 2012 CEDS Annual Update!

Inside this packet is a set of information **requesting your participation** in this year's call for projects. We're asking that you complete two tasks:

1. Review and **update information** that you may have submitted in prior years.
2. **Submit new projects, programs or activities** in conceptual, planning, or implementation stages for inclusion in this year's project list.

Look over the materials inside for further information about:

- The importance of submitting projects through this process
- How to submit your information

