

## Memorandum

To: John Goodrich, Chair  
Commission on the Future of Economic Development (CFED)  
Cc: CFED Commissioners  
State Senator Vince Illuzzi, Chair, Senate Economic Development  
From: Paul Cillo and Doug Hoffer, Public Assets Institute  
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Re: Commission web site

We offer the following suggestions for further development of the web site.

- Under "Meeting Documentation", there is a heading for "Commission Documents" including agendas, minutes, and working documents. Also included is Secretary Dorn's presentation. The presentation was created by the Department and is not a product of the Commission. Therefore, we suggest that you add a section to the master table of contents entitled "Resources" and place all such materials there.

Prior to the January meeting, at least four other documents were submitted to the commission. They include comments in response to Secretary Dorn's presentation submitted by the Public Assets Institute on 11/3/06; two documents from Senator Miller related to metrics and the Gund Institute; and materials from Ellen Kahler (SJF) regarding scenario planning.

In addition, numerous documents were submitted at the January meeting, including several by Doug Hoffer (Phases 6 & 9 of the Job Gap Study, plus the Addendum, and a two page memo on the report of the Next Generation Commission). These materials will be forwarded in PDF format. We respectfully request that the commission post all materials submitted by those who testify in a new section entitled "Resources" or "Testimony".

- Secretary Dorn's presentation included considerable information about VEPC and the EATI. In addition, there was testimony Monday from the Chair of VEPC. The Office of the State Auditor has issued four reports about the tax credit program. These reports provide important information for citizens interested in the subject. We respectfully request that the Auditor's reports be posted in a new "Resources" section.
- At present, most of the sites shown under "Links" are for state government (and the only item under "resources" is RDC's). As was suggested at Monday's meeting, it seems appropriate to include links to many other sites. In addition to those who testify, options include some of the many Vermont organizations in the subject areas listed in the statute (see the list we submitted to the commission on 12/14/06) and other groups that focus on economic development that are not listed on the DED site (or are not prominently displayed). To list just a few:

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| ⇒ VT Sustainable Jobs Fund        | ⇒ Peace & Justice Center               |
| ⇒ VT Council on Rural Development | ⇒ Public Assets Institute              |
| ⇒ VT Employee Ownership Center    | ⇒ VT Business Roundtable               |
| ⇒ Gund Institute                  | ⇒ VT Community Loan Fund               |
| ⇒ Children's Forum                | ⇒ Efficiency Vermont                   |
| ⇒ Rural Vermont                   | ⇒ Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition |

Therefore, we respectfully request that the "Links" section be expanded to include these and other organizations.