

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-06**

**A Resolution Supporting the Submission of a  
Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Partnership Planning Grant Application  
by the I-69 International Trade Corridor Next Michigan Development Corporation  
to the United States Economic Development Administration**

WHEREAS, the United States Economic Development Administration is currently accepting Partnership Planning Grant applications from eligible entities for the development and implementation of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy that is intended to bring together the public and private sectors in the creation of an economic roadmap that diversifies and strengthens regional economies, and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Administration, through the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, can provide construction, non-construction, and revolving loan fund investments to entities that have created an official Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy in order to create jobs, leverage private capital, encourage economic development, and strengthen the ability of the United States to compete in the global marketplace, and

WHEREAS, the I-69 International Trade Corridor Next Michigan Development Corporation, being a consortium of local governments, intends to submit a Partnership Planning Grant application to the Economic Development Administration in an effort to further advance the economic vitality of the region's economy, secure grant funding and assistance from the Economic Development Administration, and promote public and private partnerships that will be critical to the future economic strength of the State of Michigan and the United States, and

WHEREAS, an Economic Development Administration Partnership Planning grant award typically ranges from \$60,000 to \$80,000 for the development and implementation of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, provided the applicant commits to funding at least 20% of total project costs through cash contributions and in-kind contributions, and

WHEREAS, the I-69 International Trade Corridor Next Michigan Development Corporation anticipates that any resources expended to create a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy would generate a strong return-on-investment through the attainment of previously unavailable federal funds, enhanced partnerships between public and private sector stakeholders, and an increased ability to compete globally for the industries that will comprise the economy of the future, and

WHEREAS, St. Clair County is a municipal partner of the I-69 International Trade Corridor Next Michigan Development Corporation that could yield substantial benefits from the development and implementation of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and the grant funds connected thereto,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that St. Clair County hereby supports the submission of a Partnership Planning Grant application by the I-69 International Trade Corridor Next Michigan Development Corporation to the United States Economic Development Administration for the development and implementation of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that St. Clair County hereby agrees to identify partners and funds to the planning process upon grant award with the recognition that each County may derive its funding through different mechanisms.

AYES:

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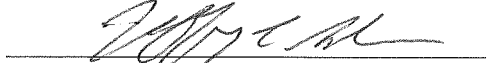
ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

THIS RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2013.

I, Jay DeBoyer, County Clerk of St. Clair County, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 13-06 was duly adopted by St. Clair County on April 18, 2013.

  
Jay DeBoyer  
County Clerk

  
Jeffrey L. Bolam  
Chairperson