

## Regional Performance Incentive Program Report to the Governor and the Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee 2008

The Regional Performance Incentive (RPI) Program, administered by the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) was established under the provisions of Section 8 of Public Act 07-239, An Act Concerning Responsible Growth. Funding is provided through FY 07 budget surplus funds in the amount of \$8,600,000.

Under the provisions of Section 8, all of the fifteen (15) Regional Planning Organizations (RPO's): Regional Councils of Elected Officials, Regional Councils of Governments, Regional Planning Agencies, or any combination thereof, were encouraged to submit proposals for regional provision of service(s) to the OPM no later than December 1, 2007. The proposal was to be for joint provision of a service or services currently provided by municipalities, but not currently provided on a regional basis.

The goal of the RPI Program is to encourage municipalities to participate in regional projects with other municipalities that will produce measurable "economies of scale" that will benefit the municipalities providing desired or required services and lowering the costs and tax burden related to providing those services.

As part of the grant application process, a copy of each proposal was to be sent to the legislators representing the participating municipalities.

The proposal had to:

- describe at least one service currently provided by a municipality(-ies) within the region but not on a regional basis,
- describe how the service will be delivered regionally and by what entity, and how the population would be served,
- describe the amount and how the service will achieve "economies of scale" and the amount and manner each municipality will reduce its mill rate,
- include a "cost benefit analysis" for the provision of such service by the municipality and by the RPO,
- set out a plan of implementation,
- estimate savings to be realized by each municipality,
- include any other information requested by the OPM.

In addition, the proposal was to be accompanied by:

- (1) a resolution by the legislative body of each municipality, endorsing the proposal, and
- (2) a certification by the chief elected official of each participating municipality that there are no legal obstacles to providing the service regionally, including, but not limited to, binding arbitration.

The Office of Policy and Management reviewed proposals and awarded grants to those determined to meet the program requirements. The act required the secretary to "give priority to proposals presented by regional councils of government which include participation of at least fifty per cent of the member municipalities of such council."

There were thirty-two (32) RPI Proposals totaling \$11,491,252 submitted by eleven (11) Regional Planning Organizations: seven Councils of Governments, two Regional Planning Agencies and two Councils of Elected Officials. The proposals were diverse, but there were certain areas of interest that many of the member municipalities shared. Technical assistance was of high priority as was public safety and maintenance of infrastructure.

There were:

nine (9) proposals to provide/improve Information Technology and/or GIS-related services totaling \$2,719,865;

seven (7) proposals to provide/improve municipal administrative services totaling \$1,069,970;

eight (8) proposals to provide/improve public safety or human services totaling \$4,653,787; and

eight (8) proposals to provide public works-related services totaling \$3,047,630.

The proposals were evaluated on the basis of the municipal participation, value of the service/savings provided and whether there was the benefit of "leveraging other public and private investments."

The following table provides specifics relating to the proposals that were granted Regional Performance Incentive funding for FY 2008.

## Regional Performance Incentive (RPI) Program 2007-08 Awards

RPO(s)	Proposal Title	Request	Towns	Project Description	Leveraged Funds
<b>CRCOG</b> Capitol Region COG	Enhancement of CRCOG Regional Web GIS	<b>\$25,000</b>	8 <b>28%*</b>	Expansion of the functionality of current CRCOG Web GIS to allow more advanced querying, analysis and map generation.	NO
<b>CRCOG</b> Capitol Region COG	Farmington Trail Maintenance/Equipment Sharing	<b>\$216,300</b>	8 <b>24%</b>	Proposal to purchase trail maintenance equipment and to craft sharing and maintenance agreements. Cost of developing agreements to be shared with WINCOG.	NO
<b>CRCOG</b> Capitol Region COG	GIS Flight and Mapping Data: Spring 2008 Color Digital Orthophotography	<b>\$357,000</b>	22 <b>69%</b>	CRCOG would manage the project to fund 100 scale color digital (flight) photographs, to function as the basis for mapping applications. Future service to be funded through town participation on a 3-5 year repeat cycle.	NO
<b>CRCOG</b> Capitol Region COG	Regional Traffic Team/Accident Investigation Unit	<b>\$353,290</b>	19 <b>59%</b>	Creates 3 Traffic Enforcement/Fatal MV Accident Teams which will do commercial truck weight and inspection enforcement and accident reconstruction. Proposal to provide funds for training officers.	NO
<b>CRCOG</b> Capitol Region COG	Digital Health Departments	<b>\$355,476</b>	12 <b>41%</b>	CRCOG to oversee execution of contract with vendor and CADH to establish standardized web-based system: software and hardware to automate and improve Health Department data handling; training and equipment.	NO
<b>CRCOG</b> Capitol Region COG	Regional Emergency Operations Coordination Center	<b>\$515,000</b>	23 <b>66%</b>	Proposal to renovate the PW Building in Manchester which is designated as a Regional Coordination Center (for 42 towns), through CT Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.	Federal: \$440,000 Towns pooling Homeland Security funds: \$250,000
<b>CRCOG</b> Capitol Region COG	Regional Animal Control Facility	<b>\$515,000</b>	4 <b>14%</b> (34% regional pop.)	This request is for funding to acquire land for a facility to be built by the CT Humane Society, which will maintain and operate it. Towns to pay the CHS a per day fee for animals.	Ct. Humane Society will spend \$3.5 to \$5 million on construction of the facility, depending on no/towns participating.
<b>CRCOG</b> Capitol Region COG	IT Application Sharing and Development	<b>\$515,000</b>	30 <b>76%</b>	This is a cooperative design program and purchasing project; it will also standardize applications. CRCOG will house consultant to implement project. Future costs to be generated by towns participating.	NO

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<b>CRCOG</b> Capitol Region COG	Regional Police Training Facility	<b>\$1,051,101</b>	25 <b>72%</b>	Proposed construction and equipping of Regional Police Training Facility. Rocky Hill has a parcel to be used; Rocky Hill will pay for maintenance, operating costs will be shared equally by towns.	Land located in Rocky Hill: \$660,000
<b>CRCOG</b> Capitol Region COG	Regional Law Enforcement Data Sharing	<b>\$1,292,860</b>	29 <b>69%</b>	This proposal "piggybacks" on a Pilot for Bridgeport, Hartford and New Britain; it seeks to benefit from the Regional Law Enforcement Data technology developed for the pilot towns.	State: \$200,000; Federal: \$365,000 Other: \$161,580
<b>CCRPA</b> Central CT RPA	Central CT Regional Transfer Station	<b>\$400,000</b>	2 <b>29%</b>	Proposal calls for the expansion of the New Britain Bulky Waste site on the Berlin/New Britain border to provide for a transfer station; New Britain will run it, Berlin will be served for a fee. Participation by other towns in the future is anticipated.	New Britain: \$4,100,000; Bristol Resource Recovery Authority: \$1,500,000; TOTAL: \$5,600,000
<b>COGCNV</b> COG of the Central Naugatuck Valley	Municipal Training Academy	<b>\$145,878</b>	12 <b>92%</b>	Training program for municipal officials, employees and volunteer commission members at Naugatuck Valley Community College. Courses offered to include: public relations, management, labor relations, conducting effective meetings, and computer applications.	
<b>GBRPA</b> Greater Bridgeport RPA	Regional Trail Maintenance and Operations Program	<b>\$112,000</b>	3 <b>50%</b>	Acquisition of trail maintenance equipment and crafting of an equipment-sharing agreement and trail maintenance schedule. Once funds are expended, towns will provide financial support necessary to continue program.	Federal: Part of a larger project receiving approx. \$2,000,000 to construct trail system.
<b>LHCEO/NWCTCOG**</b> Northwestern CT COG and Litchfield Hills CEO	Litchfield Hills Public Works Equipment Cooperative	<b>\$700,000</b>	11 <b>82%</b>	Purchase and sharing of road maintenance equipment none of the towns could purchase, but were forced to rent at greater expense than coop purchase.	NO
<b>NECCOG</b> Northeastern Connecticut COG	Regional Document Management System	<b>\$186,390</b>	5 <b>42%</b>	Establishment of a regional document management system for town records at the COG office: hire a technician and acquire the hardware and software required to provide digital storage and retrieval of records and train town personnel in use of system.	NO.
<b>NECCOG</b> Northeastern Connecticut COG	Regional GIS Services	<b>\$674,900</b>	8 <b>67%</b>	RPO to provide central hub including hardware, software, personnel and administration; towns to receive laptop and software and training in applications and use.	COG will provide 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr. operating costs of \$140,000; if necessary.

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<b>NWCTCOG/LHCEO**</b> Northwestern CT COG and Litchfield Hills CEO	Northwestern CT Regional Planning Collaborative	<b>\$125,000</b>	8 <b>67%</b>	Proposal for 8 rural towns, from two RPOs, with much in common in their land use and planning needs: sharing the services of a full-time professional planner and establishment of an interactive website.	NO
<b>SCRCOG</b> So Central Reg. COG	Regional Economic Dev. Web Portal	<b>\$100,000</b>	15 <b>100%</b>	Proposal to create a Regional Web Portal to promote marketing, economic and business development.	NO
<b>SCRCOG</b> So Central Reg. COG	Solid Waste Disposal Study	<b>\$125,000</b>	15 <b>100%</b>	Study of options available to towns whose contracts with solid waste disposers is expiring within the next 3 years.	NO
<b>SCCOG</b> Southeastern CT COG	Regional GIS System	<b>\$309,430</b>	17 <b>94%</b>	Development and maintenance of web-based GIS to serve the municipalities in the region; providing valuable data and applications for various municipal offices.	NO
<b>VCOG</b> Valley COG	Update of GIS Data and Establishment of Regional Web Page	<b>\$112,375</b>	4 <b>100%</b>	Proposal primarily for the update of data; plus creation of additional data layers and functions and supporting software to be available on a regional website.	Private: \$106,000 grant to create a region-wide parcel database (2002).
<b>WINCOG</b> Windham Reg. COG	Regional Economic Development Staff	<b>\$104,000</b>	9 <b>90%</b>	Analysis of each town's and the region's attributes and goals and development of an economic development strategy with focus on quality of life issues.	NO
<b>WINCOG</b> Windham Reg. COG	GIS Website and Cadastral Data Center	<b>\$124,000</b>	9 <b>90%</b>	Conversion of tax parcels to uniform digital mapping and online hosting of a website making a variety of mapping data services available to towns and the general public.	NO
<b>WINCOG</b> Windham Reg. COG	Regional Trail Maintenance Equipment	<b>\$185,000</b>	10 <b>70%</b>	Purchase of a trail specific vehicle, trailer and attachments and a mini excavator for maintenance of Rails to Trails in the region; to be shared by towns.	NO

\*Amounts and percentages in the "Towns" column represent the total number of towns (members of the planning region and from outside the region) that have committed to participating in the proposed regional project; the percentages in the column represent the percentage of towns that are members of the RPO that is submitting the proposal or is the lead RPO submitting the proposal.

\*\*Cooperative effort between two RPOs: Litchfield Hills Council of Elected Officials and Northwestern CT Council of Governments, with each taking the role of lead agency in one of the projects.