



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 7/16/15
Agenda Item #: R.1
Est. Start Time: Approx. 9:30 am
Date Submitted: 6/5/15

Agenda Title: **Briefing by Greater Portland Inc. Regarding Regional Economic Development Efforts**

Requested Meeting Date: July 16, 2015 **Time Needed:** 10:00 am (30 minutes)
Department: Dept. of County Management **Division:** Finance
Contact(s): John Tydlaska
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): John Tydlaska, Economic Development Specialist and Janet LaBar, President and Chief Executive Officer, Greater Portland, Inc.

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

None. This is an informational briefing only.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

Greater Portland Inc. (GPI) is a regional partnership of public and private entities focused on helping companies expand in and locate to the Portland-Vancouver region. GPI works to align the economic development priorities of local jurisdictions and coordinates among local jurisdictions to help make the region a more attractive location for companies that are seeking to relocate or expand their operations.

As a Platinum Director for GPI, Multnomah County has a seat on the GPI board of directors, and Commissioner Smith represents Multnomah County on the GPI board. Thirty other local jurisdictions, together with 43 private businesses, six universities, and five associations provide financial support to GPI at various investment levels.

The purpose of this briefing is to update the Board on the results and accomplishments of GPI and to provide the Board an opportunity to ask questions and provide input to GPI regarding its ongoing work.

This briefing is relevant to Program Offer #72003B (FRM Economic Development) in the FY15 budget and Program Offer #72011 (FRM Economic Development) in the Chair's Proposed FY16 budget.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

This briefing will result in no fiscal impact.

Multnomah County provided \$25,000 to GPI in FY15 to support GPI's operations, and the Chair's Proposed budget anticipates continuing support at the \$25,000 level in FY16.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

None.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

GPI's board of directors reviews and approves the overall strategy and direction of the organization, as well as GPI's progress towards achieving goals. The GPI board is comprised of representatives from the following organizations:

Bank of America, Cambia Health Solutions, Cascade Web Development, CenturyLink, City of Beaverton, City of Gresham, City of Hillsboro, City of Portland, City of Tualatin, City of Vancouver, Clackamas County, Clark College, Columbia River Economic Development Council, Columbia-Willamette Regional Workforce Collaborative, JPMorgan Chase, KeyBank, Kuni Automotive Group, Melvin Mark Companies, Metro, Miller Nash Graham & Dunn, Multnomah County, North Highland Worldwide Consulting, NW Natural, Oregon State University, Oregonian Media Group, Perkins & Co, Port of Portland, Port of Vancouver, Portland Business Alliance, Portland Development Commission, Portland General Electric, Portland State University, Portland Trail Blazers / Rose Quarter, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Produce Row Property Mgmt Co., Skanska USA, Stoel Rives, The Standard, TMT Development, US Bank, Washington County, Washington State University Vancouver, Wells Fargo

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Director: Karyne Kieta /s/ **Date:** June 5, 2015

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