

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD

SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA (CEDS)

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) is seeking your input and will open a 30-day public comment period for the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). **The public comment period will open Wednesday, December 14, 2016 and close Tuesday, January 17, 2017, at 4:00 p.m.**

SPC is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Economic Development District (EDD) for Southwestern Pennsylvania and is responsible for regional transportation planning and economic development activities.

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is an implementation element of *Mapping the Future: The Southwestern PA Plan*. The CEDS is a public-sector plan prepared by SPC and approved by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) of the U.S. Department of Commerce. The CEDS provides a strategy action plan for SPC as the Economic Development District.

Interested parties may view the CEDS online at www.spcregion.org. Copies of the document are also available for review at the offices of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission; at the Pittsburgh Department of City Planning; at County Planning Department Offices in SPC member counties; and, at many public libraries in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Written comments regarding the CEDS can also be submitted by email to comments@spcregion.org, by mail to SPC Comments (RE: CEDS), at Two Chatham Center, 112 Washington Place, Suite 500, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, or by fax to SPC Comments at (412) 391-9160.

All comments must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

Upon consideration of the public comments received, the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission will consider approving the CEDS for submission to the Economic Development Administration at its meeting at 4:30 p.m. on January 30, 2017. This meeting will be held at Two Chatham Center, 112 Washington Place, Suite 400, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. This meeting is open to the public, and those requiring transit options or special needs can be assisted using the information below.

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