



## PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE

### ***Draft Cook County Phase 2 Application to the National Disaster Resilience Competition***

The Cook County Department of Planning and Development within the Bureau of Economic Development is preparing to submit a Phase 2 application to the National Disaster Resilience Competition, which is a \$1 billion U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program meant to improve resilience to severe weather and other shocks and stresses.

Cook County's qualifying Federally-declared disaster is the April 2013 flooding. There is potential to receive significant funding for the Chicago region. The four eligible applicants within Illinois (which include Chicago, Cook County, DuPage County, and the State) will be submitting a coordinated set of proposals to HUD, with support from CMAP and several regional nonprofit groups. While each applicant will submit a separate proposal (per HUD guidance), each will be doing so as part of a regional partnership, and the proposals are mutually supportive.

Cook County is accepting public comments regarding its Draft Phase 2 Application to the National Disaster Resilience Competition.

**Applicable Public Comment Period:** *15 Days – October 9 through October 23, 2015*

### **Public Comment Opportunities**

An important part of the process of developing the Draft Phase 2 Application to the National Disaster Resilience Competition is to promote citizen participation and solicit input. The Draft Phase 2 application (as well as the final Phase 1 proposal which was previously submitted to HUD) may be reviewed on-line at the Cook County website: <http://blog.cookcountyil.gov/economicdevelopment/> during the applicable public comment period specified above.

Additionally, the primary components of proposed Phase 2 application will be presented at an upcoming October public hearing conducted by the Cook County Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC). Please see this link for meeting details and agendas: <http://blog.cookcountyil.gov/economicdevelopment/edac/>.

All interested parties are encouraged to provide written comments on the Draft Phase 2 Application. Written comments are being accepted during the applicable public comment period specified above and must be received by noon on *October 23, 2015* in order to receive consideration. Written comments must be directed to Jennifer Miller, Program Manager, Cook County Bureau of Economic Development, 69 West Washington, Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60602, [jennifer.miller@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:jennifer.miller@cookcountyil.gov).