Southeast Florida Regional Partnership
Developing a Regional Vision and Blueprint for Economic Prosperity
Proposal Outline
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This document summarizes the activities proposed to be undertaken by the National Science Foundation’s Industry/University Cooperative Research Center for Advanced Knowledge Enablement (I/UCRC-CAKE) at Florida International University (FIU) and Florida Atlantic University (FAU) in collaboration with Miami Dade College (MDC). During the period of June 1, 2011 through February 20, 2014, regional planning work will more likely be finished in time and on budget though an advanced, but simple to use, communications and meeting system for live and virtual meetings accessed via a web site and portal developed for the Partnership by I/UCRC-CAKE and MDC with provision for the transfer of this technology and methodologies to the SFRP by the end of the term of work. Further the FIU-FAU led team will like to undertake the follow:

I. Survey of Indicators
   a. Conduct survey of Indicators used in other regions
   b. Conduct Regional Housing Assessment for use in Regional Resources Library

II. Regional Values
   a. Undertake values survey
   b. Summarize results

III. Initial Set of Indicators
   a. Recommend survey indicators used in statewide initiatives, nationally, or elsewhere
   b. Facilitate agreement within SFRP as to the indicators that measure region’s success and monitor progress that are linked with deeply held values and that address major challenges and issues of the region

IV. Regional Resource Library and Data Warehouse
   a. Development of the Regional Resource Library that includes the Data Warehouse
   b. Collection of available database and information
   c. Identify data gaps that should be addressed in future assessments or sooner
   d. Create a modeling structure to synthesize data

V. Data Sels
   a. Analyze and summarize data and information
   b. Data sets address: Economic Development, Housing, Transportation, Water, Environment, Climate Resiliency, Community Assets and Culture, Education, Healthy Communities, and Inclusive Regional Leadership

VI. Virtual Present
   a. Develop a Virtual Present using data and information from Regional Research Library and Data Warehouse
   b. Trend analysis using advanced modeling software and methodologies and the Delphi methodology to identify likely futures based upon current conditions and no policy changes
   c. Establish a virtual meetings for cross cutting issues and technical or administrative discussions

VII. Regional Scorecard
    a. Publish the First Regional Scorecard of Existing Conditions and Trend Futures

VIII. Deliverables
     a. Establish a regular schedule of monitoring progress towards achieving Vision by improving the Scorecard results
     b. Descriptions of indicators and methods to establish their relevance to regional values and major regional issues
     c. An “on line” (web accessible) Regional Resource Library developed, maintained, improved, and expanded upon thought the efforts of the Partnership, Consortium Members or Consultant by the SFRP and TCRPC.
     d. A Virtual Present
     e. Trend futures based upon the Virtual Present
     f. Summits for discussions on various issues
     g. Regional Resource Library maintenance through the end of the three year HUD grant term and transfer of same to SFRP by end of the term of work

IX. HUD Grant Term: February 21, 2011 to February 20, 2014