



# Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

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Greetings,

Tuesday May 11, 2010

The Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SWWRPC) has scheduled a meeting in Iowa County to review the **Draft** Economic Flood Recovery Strategy report. The meeting will be held at the Iowa County Extension conference room – lower level of the Courthouse (222 N. Iowa St., Dodgeville) from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday May 19<sup>th</sup>. We are organizing one meeting per county to discuss the report and gather feedback with all the institutions and communities involved. An important aspect of this meeting is to improve interaction and collaboration between organizations and stakeholders involved within the economic sector and emergency management.

This report was made possible through a federal grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) within the US Department of Commerce. Its main focus is on long-term economic recovery from flood disasters, and it summarizes and analyzes the economic impacts to the counties within our constituency (Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette and Richland Counties). Furthermore, it provides economic planning recommendations necessary to help businesses recover after the impact of a flood. Some such examples include the adoption of a generalized Business Continuity Plan template, Business Continuity training and the creation of a special Economic Recovery Fund.

Attached you will find the report, please review the draft report and submit any questions or concerns directly to me if you are unable to make it to the meeting. This input is requested to make final adjustments to ensure effective long-term economic recovery and development.

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