



Policy for and Process for Appointment of Regional Consortia Board Members

I. Background

Recommendations for Organizational Structure in the Partnership Strategic Action Plan

Section VI of the Partnership's strategic action plan provides a framework and recommendations for an effective organizational structure for implementation. It underscores the need to engage the region's leaders in the implementation of the 10-year plan. While the action plan acknowledges the invaluable role state and federal officials must play, it also underscores the importance of "rooting" the Partnership with the region's leaders:

"The implementation strategies and organizational structure must be 'rooted' in the existing leadership and stakeholders of the San Joaquin Valley who not only support the Strategic Action Plan but who also **accept responsibility for implementation.**" (Strategic Action Plan, p. 83)

In addition to the local elected officials, civic leaders, state administration cabinet members, liaisons, and state and federal legislators, the plan recommends including "regional consortia" board members:

"...the composition of the organizational structure should include the following...Representatives of Regional Consortia of Existing Organizations recognized by the Partnership (Regional Consortia constituted by written agreement approved by the Partnership for purposes of using existing resources more effectively and implementing portions of the Strategic Action Proposal; examples could include regional consortia of **Councils of Government, Workforce Investment Boards, Economic Development Corporations, Institutions of Higher Education, Employers Related to Targeted Industry Clusters, County Superintendents of Education.**)" (Strategic Action Plan, p. 85)

Executive Order S-22-06

Governor Schwarzenegger included the recommendation for regional consortia board members in his executive order that re-authorized the Partnership from November 28th, 2006 through December 31, 2008. The executive order allows for "**up to twelve representatives of regional consortia of existing organizations recognized by the Partnership...**" The order further states that "**the regional consortia representatives will be nominated by the Partnership for consideration of appointment by the Governor.**"



II. Guidelines

Definition of “Regional Consortia of Existing Organizations”

A “regional consortium of existing organizations” is defined as a network of senior leaders from existing public, non-profit and/or for-profit organizations with similar missions and that have counterpart organizations throughout the San Joaquin Valley so that the entire, 8-county region is represented in the network.

Requirements for Board Membership Consideration

The Partnership’s strategic action plan specifies that regional consortia interested in board membership must constitute written agreements that articulate (1) how existing resources will be used more effectively and (2) how the consortia members will work together to implement portions of the Strategic Action Plan. The Partnership board must approve the written agreements and recommend to the Governor that the regional consortia be considered for board membership. The Governor will make the appointments to the Partnership board.

Priorities for Regional Consortia Board Seats

Consistent with the strategic action plan, it is recommended that regional consortia of COGs, WIBs, EDCs, institutions of higher education, employer groups related to target industry clusters, and county superintendents of education be given priority consideration for the regional consortia board seats. In addition, it is recommended that a regional consortium involving law enforcement leaders be considered a priority given their significant roles in implementing the strategic action plan. However, any regional consortium that meets the definition and submits a written agreement will be considered for board membership.

Roles of the Regional Consortia Board Members

In addition to fulfilling the regular duties of a Partnership board member, the regional consortia board members will also assume responsibility for (1) serving as a liaison between the Work Group Consultant(s)/Work Group(s) and the members of their consortia, (2) ensuring engagement among the consortia members in the work of the Partnership, and (3) providing verbal and/or written updates on the consortia’s efforts as needed by the Secretariat and Partnership board.

III. Process

- A regional consortium interested in Partnership board appointments will submit a written agreement to the Secretariat that includes:
 - Identification of the members of the regional consortium, including name, title, organization, and contact information;
 - Demonstration that the consortium represents the entire 8-county San Joaquin Valley;
 - Identification of the Partnership’s specific initiative(s), work group action plan(s), and/or goals and objectives the consortium will help implement;



- A discussion of how existing resources among the consortium members will be used more effectively to positively impact the San Joaquin Valley and to help implement the strategic action plan, including identification of specific resources (financial and non-financial) that can be immediately put to use to help implement the plan;
- A description of how the regional consortium will work with the existing Work Group Consultant(s)/Work Group(s) on implementation of action plan goals and objectives; and
- Names of three representatives from the regional consortium that would like to be considered for appointment by the Governor to the Partnership board of directors.

The agreement must either be signed by each consortium member or letters of support from each member endorsing the agreement must be included in the submission.

- The Secretariat will review the written agreement and ensure it complies with the guidelines specified above and will forward it to the Partnership Executive Committee.
- The Executive Committee will also review the written agreement. If the agreement is complete, meets the guidelines specified above, and is consistent with the priorities identified in the Strategic Action Proposal, the Executive Committee will nominate the representatives from the regional consortium to the Governor's Appointments Office.
- The Governor's Appointments Office will work with the regional consortium representatives to complete the appointments process.
- Once the appointments process is completed, the regional consortium representative will immediately begin serving on the Partnership board.