

800 - REGIONAL PLANNING ACTIVITIES

OBJECTIVE

To provide for sustainable development through planning services, data resources, and other information useful to the government, business, and civic sectors.

PREVIOUS WORK

OKI's numerous data resources and planning services continues to support local government and business research needs. As it implements the Strategic Regional Policy Plan, OKI promotes a unified approach to economic vitality and land development by addressing: 1) the degree of coordination among local governments and special districts; 2) shared goals or development tools; 3) the connection between land use and transportation systems; and 4) the cost of unsustainable growth and development. Accordingly, OKI provides technical assistance on issues related to land use, zoning, economic development, housing, water and sewer infrastructure, intergovernmental coordination, capital budgeting, and natural systems.

METHODOLOGIES

- 1) Assist local governments, businesses, citizens and other parties, by providing information about the region, including maps, census data, traffic information and OKI reports for nominal reproduction and handling fees.
- 2) Address development issues through research and technical assistance strategies, including working with the public, private, and civic sectors. The beneficiaries of this effort will be government agencies, taxpayers, and local businesses as each improves its capacity to evaluate and direct sustainable growth and development.
- 3) Provide support for the OKI Regional Planning Forum, a forum for planners in the region from multiple disciplines including land use, environmental, transportation, health, energy and education organized to encourage regional cross disciplinary collaboration and inform planners on current trends and regional initiatives.

PRODUCTS

- 1) Provision of various products and information. (as appropriate)
- 2) Analyses of national and regional land development trends, conditions, and issues; and technical assistance on issues including land use, zoning, economic development, housing, water and sewer infrastructure, intergovernmental coordination, capital budgeting, and natural systems. (ongoing)
- 3) Meeting agendas and related correspondence. (as appropriate)