TO: Commission Members

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SUBJECT: Amendment to 2014 Work Program

The following amendments to the 2014 work program are submitted for your approval:

- Update status of the study of municipal boundary changes and comprehensive growth plans to recognize that an interim report was submitted to the General Assembly January 2014, stating that the Commission’s members have concluded that these issues require additional study and recommend extending the moratorium imposed by Public Chapter 441, Acts of 2013, for another year or until they are addressed.

- Termination of the school siting study that was being conducted by the University of Memphis.

- Inclusion of a study of Tennessee’s aging government workforce and the potential effects on public services.

Additionally, the staff requests the Commission’s guidance on the disposition of House Resolution 170, sponsored by former Representative Gary Moore and passed by the House in 2012. The resolution directed the Commission to complete a study of homeowners associations (HOAs) by the end of the 108th General Assembly. Other priority assignments from the legislature have precluded the completion of this study to date, and similar legislation on this topic has not been introduced during the 108th General Assembly. Does the commission wish to

- request an extension to complete the study,

- request that the General Assembly allow the Commission to discontinue the study, or

- unilaterally discontinue the study?

The resolution directed that the study include at a minimum an analysis of HOA rules and regulations controlling homeowners’ use and enjoyment of their real property, state and local regulations covering HOAs, and the responsibility of HOAs to insure their obligations against
the event of damages, including repair of association owned property. The resolution also required TACIR to recommend solutions that would enable individual homeowners, upon request, to obtain at regular intervals from their respective HOAs a report citing (1) a certificate or memoranda of insurance; (2) proof of policy coverage available; and (3) names, addresses, and phone numbers for the HOA’s designated insurance carriers and banking institutions holding funds in escrow.

Staff will amend the work program to reflect the Commission’s guidance on the disposition of the study directed by House Resolution 170. The amended work program will retain all other projects listed in the original calendar year 2014 work program and the staff will prepare another amendment to this work program at the end of the 2014 meeting of the 108th General Assembly adding any new requests referred to the Commission by the legislature.