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NEWS RELEASE

REGIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM LAUNCHED

In response to the current local government financial crisis, the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) has launched a Regional Cooperative Purchasing Program.

Under the program, SRPEDD will provide procurement services for goods and services that are requested by cities and towns. A state grant from the District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) program is funding SRPEDD's effort.

An inaugural meeting is being held at the Fairhaven Town Hall on March 3 at 10:00 A.M. to kick off the program.

To deliver the procurement services, SRPEDD will work in coordination with comparable programs such as the South Coast Consortium and the South East Regional Services Group.

The program will provide twofold benefits to participating communities. In addition to the cost saving by procuring goods and services in bulk, SRPEDD will handle all of the paperwork for procurement in compliance with state bidding laws. This service will free city and town hall employees to do other work.

Since 2004, SRPEDD has acted as the fiduciary agent for the 96 community Southeast Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council and has procured over \$18 million in goods and services for cities and towns and other agencies over that time.

Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD) is a public agency created in 1956 under Massachusetts State Law. SRPEDD is governed by a Commission made up of local officials and delegates representing mayors, selectmen, planning boards and at-large members. SRPEDD serves 27 cities and towns with a population in excess of 600,000.

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