

## CONNECT Economic Development Resolutions

### CONNECT Third Congress, 2011

11-23 Whereas CONNECT has successfully brought together the local government of the urban core to work together to address many issues confronting our urban core; and whereas economic development is a function of local government and is a very important tool for creating thriving communities; and whereas CONNECT communities have a variety of economic development entities operating in member communities. **Therefore, be it resolved that CONNECT will bring together all of the community and economic development entities operating in CONNECT to determine if and how they can work together to benefit the urban core.**

11-24 Whereas economic development tools, regulations, rules and procedures utilized by CONNECT members vary from municipality to municipality; and whereas the variety of economic development tools, regulations, rules and procedures utilized by CONNECT members creates a complicated path to project implementation for developers interested in investing in economic development projects in CONNECT municipalities; and whereas CONNECT municipalities want to encourage development in CONNECT. **Therefore, be it resolved that CONNECT will develop a framework for economic growth in the CONNECT municipalities.**

11-25 Whereas CONNECT members must adhere to procurement requirements and abide by request for proposal (RFP) procedures set forth in Pennsylvania law; and whereas CONNECT members strive to support and promote locally-owned businesses to ensure the economic health of our region. **Therefore, be it resolved that CONNECT municipalities agree to procure locally-sourced goods and services whenever possible in a manner consistent with applicable federal, state, and local law.**

### CONNECT Fourth Congress, 2012:

12-09 Calls upon the Governor and State Legislature of Pennsylvania to prioritize program funding to incentivize development projects (both single and multi-municipal) through the newly expanded Keystone Communities Program

### CONNECT Fifth Congress, 2013:

13-05 recognizes Act 153 and will, with our partners' research land bank best practices, develop a protocol for a land bank and conduct necessary outreach to bring together all of the partners needed to develop a multi-municipal land bank that will meet the needs of our member communities.