



American Planning Association
Iowa Chapter

Making Great Communities Happen

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RE: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Regional Integrated Science and Assessments Program Application for the Midwest Consortium for Climate Assessment

Dear Gary and Christopher:

The American Planning Association Iowa Chapter is a membership organization of approximately four hundred professional planners, lay planners and planning students from across the state of Iowa. The primary focus of the Chapter is education to improve planning in communities, counties and regions of the State. We focus on providing workshops and information to equip our members with the best planning tools and information available in order that they can assist in "Making Great Communities Happen."

The proposal for a Midwest Consortium for Climate Assessment is exciting news for our profession. Climate change and climate variability have become important elements in our planning efforts. The Consortiums' work to expand awareness and develop climate information in a more usable and understandable format will provide a valuable resource to our membership and to planners within the region. We strongly support the Regional Integrated Science and Assessment Program application for assistance in creating the Midwest Consortium for Climate Assessment being submitted by Iowa State University, the University of Nebraska, Indiana University, the University of Missouri and UM-Kansas City.

We understand that the work of the Consortium will involve identifying needs, assessing perceptions, creating scenarios, distributing information, expanding awareness and developing implementation strategies related to climate information and its' use. We are excited to participate in the stakeholder sessions that will accomplish these objectives. Please contact me for any additional information that might be necessary to assist in reaching a positive decision on this program application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Wilwerding'.

David R. Wilwerding, AICP
President