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## strategic plan comments

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You may consider this email as a submission of comments from CDFA for Northern Borders Regional Commission's request for comments on the draft strategic plan.

First of all, I appreciate the direction and leadership you have brought to NBRC. As you know, we have limited resources in New Hampshire so the funding provided by NBRC is crucial to the North Country. The plan is excellent and mirrors many of the same objectives we have at CDFA, namely the dedication to community economic development. We believe this is a particularly important distinction north of the notches. We look forward to working with NBRC to advance these initiatives.

A few comments:

**Performance measurements.** NBRC should consider expanding data on the quality of jobs created (using income), skills development opportunity produced, and seek to have a positive impact on the per capita income of communities in which it invests by tracking available data before and after investments.

**Administration.** To maintain the long term sustainability and maintain broad federal support of the program, NBRC should consider taking the opportunity to include development of certain administrative plans as part of this plan. Seeking some level of base requirements across all states, whether it be scoring or

otherwise, would help consistency across your region of interest. Seeking to achieve relationships with state funding agencies would be easily defined, be worthwhile to demonstrating and achieving cross-platform government cooperation (I am biased about that), and would go to the sustainability issue as well.

Thanks again and keep up the good work. We look forward to continuing to advance these issues with you here in New Hampshire.



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