Board of Directors Meeting of the
Central Midlands Council of Governments
Thursday, May 22, 2014 ♦ 12:00 p.m. ♦ CMCOG Conference Room
Overall Agenda

ACTION

A. Call to Order and Introductions

1. Determination of Quorum	
2. Approve Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda	**Group**
3. Introduction of New Board Members	**Ben Mauldin**
4. Introduction of Guests	**Eartha Burrell**
5. Invocation	

B. Regular Agenda

1. Approval of the April 24, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes *(Enclosure 1)*	**Group**
2. TIP Amendment – FTA 2014 Apportionments *(Enclosure 2)*	**Reginald Simmons**
3. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program *(Enclosure 3)*	**Reginald Simmons**
4. TIP Amendment – The Comet Funding *(Enclosure 4)*	**Reginald Simmons**

INFORMATION

C. Announcements / Committee or Staff Reports / Correspondences

1. Bluff Road Sidewalk Project Update	**Reginald Simmons**
2. Richland County and City of Columbia Comprehensive Plan Briefing	**Tracy Hegler & Krista Hampton**
3. Preliminary FY 2015 Budget *(Enclosure 5)*	**Ben Mauldin & Nevetta Blocker**
4. Update on CMCOG Planning Projects *(Enclosure 6)*	**Wayne Shuler**
5. Executive Director's Report *(Enclosure 7)*	**Ben Mauldin**
6. Board Member Spotlight	**John Hardee**

D. Old/New Business

E. Other Business

F. Adjourn

REMINDER: The next CMCOG Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 26, 2014 in the COG Conference Room

Note: Full Agenda packets can be found on the CMCOG website at www.cmcog.org.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS Council of Governments

ENCLOSURE 1

Board of Directors Meeting of the
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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
John Hardee, Chairman, City of Columbia
Roger Gaddy, Vice-Chairman, Mayor of Winnsboro
Vina Abrams, Immediate Past Chair, Newberry Co
Jimmy Bales, Richland County Legislative Delegation
John Carrigg, Lexington County
Ellen Cooper, City of Columbia
Kendall Corley, Richland County
Todd Cullum, Lexington County Council
Sam Davis, Columbia City Council
Smokey Davis, Lexington County
Joyce Dickerson, Richland County Council
MaryGail Douglas, Fairfield Co. Legislative Delegation
Clabie Edmond, Lexington County
Shawn Epps, City of Columbia
Clarence Hill, Richland County
Les Hipp, Newberry County Council
Johnny Jeffcoat, Lexington County Council
Wilber Lee Jeffcoat, Lexington County
Paul Livingston, Richland County Council
Steve MacDougall, Mayor of Lexington
Joe Mergo, Lexington County
Tony Mizzell, Richland County
Brian DeQuincey Newman, Columbia City Council
Elise Partin, Cayce City Mayor
Juston Ricard, Springdale Town Council
Debbie Summers, Lexington County Council
Frank Townsend, Lexington County Council
Bill Waldrop, Newberry County Council
Kelvin Washington, Richland County Council
Mark Williams, City of Forest Acres

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT:
Lila Gantt, South Congaree Town Councilwoman
Robert Mangone, Blythewood Town Councilman
Geraldine Robinson, Eastover Town Mayor
Barbara Hartley Smith, Pelion Town Mayor
Skip Wilson, Chapin Town Mayor

GUESTS PRESENT:
Brigadier General Bradley Becker, Fort Jackson
Angie Connor, Fairfield County Council on Aging
Captain Dave Dean, Fort Jackson
Pamela Dukes, Senior Resources
Rob Dubnicka, STV, Inc.
Holland Leger, Richland County
Sergeant Oliver, Fort Jackson
Lynn Stockman, Newberry County Council on Aging

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
Felicia Anderson, Operations Manager
Roland Bart, Chief Transportation Planner
Nevetta Blocker, Finance Director
Carol Boykin, Information, Referral and Assistance Coordinator
Eartha Burrell, Community Development Planner
Barry Butler, WIA Senior Planner
Cyndi Gawronski, Senior Community Development Planner
Anna Harmon, Regional LTC Ombudsman Director
Kevin Hill, Workforce Development Director
Jason Kent, GIS Manager
Ben Mauldin, Executive Director
Joe Perry, Mobility Manager
Malia Ropel, Senior Grants Accountant
Sharon Seago, Area Agency on Aging / Aging & Disability Resource Center Director
Wayne Shuler, Regional Planning Manager
Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director
Chris White, WIA Program Manager

A. CALL TO ORDER, *convened*

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. on April 24, 2014 by Chairman John Hardee.

A4. INVOCATION

Smokey Davis gave the invocation.

D1. OVERVIEW OF FORT JACKSON

Chairman Hardee introduced Brigadier General Bradley Becker of Fort Jackson. BG Becker provided an overview of the U.S. Army Training Center and Fort Jackson. A discussion took place regarding volunteer services.

A1. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chairman Hardee noted that a quorum was present.

A2. APPROVE ORDER AND CONTENTS OF THE OVERALL AGENDA, *approved*

Chairman Hardee asked for approval of the revised order and contents of the overall agenda.

MOTION, *passed*
Joyce Dickerson moved, seconded by Clarence Hill, to approve the revised order and contents of the overall agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

A3. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Eartha Burrell introduced the guests at today's meeting. They are listed on the first page.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Hardee asked for approval of items B1 – B3 on the Consent Agenda, as noted below:

B1. Approve Minutes of the March 24, 2014 Board Meeting, ***approved***
B2. TIP Amendment – Bluff Road Sidewalk Project, ***approved***
Approval to amend the 2013-2019 TIP to add $100,000 to the Bluff Road Sidewalk Project
B3. FY 2013 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects, ***approved***
Approval to adopt the FY 2013 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects

MOTION, *passed*
Smokey Davis moved to approve items B1 – B3 on the Consent Agenda, as noted above. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

C. REGULAR AGENDA

C1. Financial Statement for the Period of July 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014, *approved*

Nevetta Blocker presented a request for the approval of the financial statement for the period of July 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014. She noted there are no areas of concern at this time. She referred to the financial statement that was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Approximately $380,000 is budgeted to transfer from the general fund to other program areas.

MOTION, *passed*
Joyce Dickerson moved, seconded by Sam Davis, to approve the financial statement for the period of July 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

C2. FY 2014 – 2015 Area Agency on Aging / Aging & Disability Resource Center Area Plan Update, *approved*

Sharon Seago presented a request for the approval of the FY 2014 – 2015 Area Agency on Aging/ Aging & Disability Resource Center Area Plan Update. She highlighted the program's current activities and plans for the next fiscal year.

MOTION, *passed*
Ellen Cooper moved, seconded by Joyce Dickerson, to approve the FY 2014 – 2015 Area Agency on Aging / Aging & Disability Resource Center Area Plan Update, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

C3. Aging Services Contract Awards, *approved*

Sharon Seago stated that the COG plans to award contracts for aging services in the Central Midlands Region, upon approval of the Board of Directors. The services are identified below:

Adult Daycare

Fairfield County:	Newberry County Council on Aging
Newberry County:	Newberry County Council on Aging
Lexington County:	Newberry County Council on Aging

Group Dining

Fairfield County:	Fairfield County Council on Aging
Newberry County:	Newberry County Council on Aging
Lexington County:	Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission
Richland County:	Senior Resources

Home Care I

Fairfield County:	Fairfield County Council on Aging
Newberry County:	Newberry County Council on Aging

Lexington County:	Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission
Richland County:	Senior Resources

Home Delivered Meals

Fairfield County:	Fairfield County Council on Aging
Newberry County:	Newberry County Council on Aging
Lexington County:	Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission
Richland County:	Senior Resources

Disease Prevention

Fairfield County:	Newberry County Council on Aging
Newberry County:	Newberry County Council on Aging
Richland County:	Senior Resources

Transportation

Fairfield County:	Fairfield County Council on Aging
Newberry County:	Newberry County Council on Aging
Lexington County:	Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission
Richland County:	Senior Resources

Legal

Fairfield County:	SC Legal Services
Newberry County:	SC Legal Services
Lexington County:	SC Legal Services
Richland County:	SC Legal Services

Ben Mauldin explained that the COG received one appeal for Home Care II Services. He detailed the appeals process. He stated that after a lengthy discussion of the information presented, the Ad Hoc Procurement Appeals Committee recommended that the Executive Committee award the appeal and proceed to re-procure Home Care II Services for all four counties in the Central Midlands Region.

MOTION, *passed*
Ellen Cooper moved, seconded by Frank Townsend, to approve the Aging Services Contract Awards, as listed above. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION, *passed*
Kelvin Washington moved, seconded by Clarence Hill, to reconsider the approval to amend the 2013-2019 TIP to add $100,000 to the Bluff Road Sidewalk Project, as noted in the Consent Agenda. A discussion took place regarding the project expanding to Olympia neighborhood. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION, *passed*
Kelvin Washington moved, seconded by Joyce Dickerson, to approve the Bluff Road Sidewalk Project, but consider expanding the project to add sidewalks in the Olympia neighborhood. The motion carried unanimously.

D. ANNOUCEMENTS / COMMITTEE OR STAFF REPORTS / CORRESPONDENCES

D2. Aging Transportation Services

Pamela Dukes provided an overview of the transportation services for seniors in the Central Midlands Region. She highlighted the program's funding sources and the SC Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging's requirements in providing transportation services. She discussed cost sharing for transportation for social trips and group outings. A discussion took place regarding funding.

D3. TIGER Grant Submission

Reginald Simmons provided an overview of the TIGER grant application for the Airport Connector. He summarized the project cost and construction schedule. CMCOG is currently receiving letters of support for the project. He also discussed the significance of the Airport Connector to the region. A brief discussion took place.

D4. Executive Director's Report

Ben Mauldin gave the following Executive Director's Report:

a. Central Midlands COG WIA Financial Monitoring – An annual on-site monitoring review was conducted for the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program. Based on the SC Department of Employment and Workforce's internal audit and review, no major issues were noted.

b. Lexington County SC Works Center Relocating – The Lexington County SC Works Center is in the process of relocating from their current Duffie Drive location due to the lease being terminated effective June 30, 2014. The Executive Committee approved the new leasing agreement. The center will relocate to 673 S. Carolina 302, West Columbia, SC (South Congaree).

c. Grant Writing USA – Grant Writing USA will conduct a grant writing workshop at CMCOG on July 17 – 18, 2014.

d. Regional Planning and Development Advisory Committee Meeting – A meeting will be held on May 14, 2014 at the River Alliance office on Rivermont Drive.

D5. Board Member Spotlight

Sam Davis and Johnny Jeffcoat introduced themselves and gave a brief overview.

E. OLD / NEW BUSINESS

There was no old or new business to discuss.

F. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to discuss.

G. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:03 p.m.

These minutes were respectfully submitted by Felicia C. Anderson

ENCLOSURE 2

CENTRAL MIDLANDS
Council of Governments

Memorandum

TO:	All Members of the CMCOG **Board of Directors**
FROM:	Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director
DATE:	May 22, 2014
SUBJECT:	Federal Funding Apportionments

REQUESTED ACTION
The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff requests approval to add fiscal year 2014 federal funding apportionments to the 2013-2019 TIP.

BACKGROUND
Each year CMCOG receives direct and/or indirect federal funding apportionments for the following FTA Programs:

- Section 5307 – Large Urban Formula Program
- Section 5310 – Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities

These programs provide planning, capital, administration, and technical assistance to various transit-related projects. In order for the MPO and CMRTA (The Comet) to access these funds, the MPO has to include them into their current TIP. Thus staff will request to add the following apportionments to the 2013 – 2019 TIP:

Section 5307
FY 2014 - $4,192,562

Section 5310
FY 2014 - $404,100

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ENCLOSURE 3

Memorandum

TO: All Members of the CMCOG **Board of Directors**

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: May 22, 2014

SUBJECT: **DBE Plan Update** ***(Available for downloading on the CMCOG website)***

REQUESTED ACTION
The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff requests approval to adopt the CMCOG/COATS DBE Plan.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
CMCOG has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), 49 CFR, Part 26. CMCOG receives federal financial assistance from the USDOT, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, CMCOG will sign an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR, part 26.

It is the policy of CMCOG to ensure that all businesses have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in USDOT assisted contracts. It is also CMCOG's policy:

1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of USDOT assisted contracts;
2. To create a level playing field on which DBEs and small businesses can compete fairly for USDOT assisted contracts;
3. To ensure that the DBE Program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
4. To ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR, part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs;
5. To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs and small businesses in USDOT assisted contracts; and
6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.

CMCOG will present this policy statement to the CMCOG's Board of Directors and all components of the organization. CMCOG has published and distributed notice of this document and the DBE goal in general circulation publications and on the CMCOG website.

Staff will request approval of this plan.

POLICY STATEMENT

CENTRAL MIDLANDS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

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6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.

CMCOG has designated the Transportation Director, as the CMCOG DBE Liaison Officer (DBELO). In that capacity, the DBELO is responsible for implementing all aspects of the DBE program. Other CMCOG staff will assist the DBELO, as needed, with DBE requirements and compliance. Implementation of the DBE program is accorded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by CMCOG in its financial assistance agreements with the USDOT.

CMCOG will ensure that this policy statement will be disseminated to the CMCOG Board of Directors, department heads, and all of the components of the organization. CMCOG will distribute this statement by mail and/or email to DBE and non-DBE business communities that work for CMCOG on USDOT assisted contracts, and by posting it on the CMCOG website.

Benjamin J. Mauldin, Executive Director

4-11-14
Date

ENCLOSURE 4

CENTRAL MIDLANDS
Council of Governments

Memorandum

TO: All Members of the CMCOG **Board of Directors**

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: May 22, 2014

SUBJECT: TIP Amendment – CMRTA Section 5307 Funds

REQUESTED ACTION
The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff requests approval to add 2,726,659 in Section 5307 funds to the 2013-2019 TIP.

BACKGROUND
The Central Midlands Council of Government is the designated recipient for Section 5307 funds. Historically, CMCOG has kept a small portion of the funding for planning purposes and transfers the remaining balance to CMRTA. As a direct recipient, CMRTA is able to submit applications directly to FTA for the enhancement and improvement of their transit system.

For FY 2011, approximately $2.7 million in Section 5307 was identified for obligation. In review of their needs, CMRTA has selected the following projects for funding:

Project	Federal Amount	Total Amount
• Preventive Maintenance:	$800,000	$1,000,000
• ADA Paratransit Service:	$272,665	$340,832
• Security:	$81,799	$102,249
• Rolling Stock:	$1,572,195	$1,894,210
• **Total:**	**$2,726,659**	**$3,337,291**

Staff will request to add these projects to the 2013-2019 TIP.

ATTACHMENT
Project Descriptions

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CMRTA FY 2011 SECTION 5307 PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

Description	Percentage Federal/Local	Federal Amt.	Local Amt.	Total	Comments
Preventive Maintenance	80/20	$800,000	$200,000	$1,000,000	To be expended on PM expenses incurred in FFY 13
ADA Paratransit Svc.	80/20	$272,665	$68,167	$340,832	Using maximum of 10% of grant
Security	80/20	$81,799	$20,450	$102,249	To be used for cameras for vehicles and/or at transit facilities.
Rolling Stock – < 30 Ft.	83/17	$1,572,195	$322,015	$1,894,210	Up to 25 replacement vehicles for paratransit and/or flex service
Total		**$2,726,659**	**$610,632**	**$3,337,291**	

CENTRAL MIDLANDS
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ENCLOSURE 5

DATE: May 15, 2014
TO: CMCOG Board of Directors
FROM: Ben Mauldin, Executive Director
SUBJECT: FY2014-15 Preliminary Budget

I have worked with the management team and finance staff to develop a preliminary budget for the FY2014-15 fiscal year.

The budgeting process is extremely challenging because there are so many different funding sources, including numerous grants and contracts with varying amounts and reporting requirements.

We have prepared a balanced budget with conservative revenue estimates. We are applying for additional grants such as JLUS and Hazard Mitigation. In addition to these grants, we are constantly looking for new revenue sources and grant opportunities. We will continue to work with local governments by providing technical assistance. This results in additional revenue to the COG.

With the preliminary FY2014-15 budget, we have done our best to align staff positions with funding streams. We want to maximize grant revenue and stretch the local dollars as much as possible.

We will submit a preliminary budget for your review next month.

Central Midlands Council of Governments
Preliminary FY2014-15 Budget

	Proposed FY2015 Budget	FY2014 Budget	Percent of Change
Revenue			
Local Revenue			
Member Governments	531,250	531,250	0.00%
State Aid	70,407	70,407	0.00%
Interest Income	0	13	-100.00%
Sale of Data & Publications	300	500	-40.00%
WorkKeys	50,000	50,000	0.00%
208 Conformance Reviews	5,500	3,700	48.65%
SCAPA Training Revenue	2,400	3,000	-20.00%
CMRTA Support Contract	0	27,175	-100.00%
Local Revenue-Aging	0	200	-100.00%
Local Revenue-Other	0	12,000	-100.00%
Fringe Recovery	1,456,379	1,351,298	7.78%
Indirect Cost Recovery	405,734	456,092	-11.04%
Total Local Revenue	2,525,570	2,505,635	0.80%
Regional Programs			
Aging Planning & Administration	547,382	573,927	-4.63%
Ombudsman Program	258,786	263,400	-1.75%
Midlands Workforce Development Board	5,361,670	5,032,727	6.54%
Transportation	1,011,117	741,948	36.28%
EPA 208 Planning	14,000	14,682	-4.65%
SCDHEC Water Supply Planning	0	13,712	-100.00%
Joint Land Use	0	0	0.00%
EDA Planning Grant	36,059	24,356	48.05%
Comm Development Block Grant-Planning	50,000	50,000	0.00%
Total Regional Programs	7,279,014	6,714,752	8.40%
Community Development Block Grant Admin	169,600	79,623	113.00%
Local Technical Assistance Contracts	34,400	34,533	-0.39%
Transfer From Other Program Areas-Matching, Other	410,748	380,129	8.05%
Total Operating Revenue	10,419,332	9,714,672	7.25%
Contracted Services Revenue			
Aging	1,958,971	2,451,438	-20.09%
MWDB Contractors	500,000	750,000	-33.33%
Total Contracted Services Revenue	2,458,971	3,201,438	-23.19%
Total Revenue	12,878,303	12,916,110	-0.29%
Expenses			
Personnel Costs	4,548,568	4,312,425	5.48%
Fringe & Indirect Cost Allocation	1,862,113	1,807,390	3.03%
Operations and Maintenance	777,532	768,498	1.18%
Employee Development & Training	71,139	77,400	-8.09%
Travel & Transportation	114,073	113,340	0.65%
Consultants & Contracts	434,159	333,686	30.11%
Local Government Training	0	6,000	-100.00%
Capital Outlays	6,000	6,804	-11.82%
Instructional Training & Supp Svces	2,070,000	1,825,000	13.42%
MWDB Transportation Services	125,000	84,000	48.81%
Transfer To Other Program Areas-Matching, Other	410,748	380,129	8.05%
Total Operating Expenses	10,419,331	9,714,672	7.25%
Contracted Services Expenses			
Aging	1,958,971	2,451,438	-20.09%
MWDB Contractors	500,000	750,000	-33.33%
Total Contracted Services Expenses	2,458,971	3,201,438	-23.19%
Total Expenses	12,878,302	12,916,110	-0.29%
Revenue Over/(Under) Expenses	0	0	

ENCLOSURE 6

CENTRAL MIDLANDS
Council of Governments

Memorandum

TO: CMCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Wayne Shuler, Planning Manager

DATE: May 22, 2014

SUBJECT: Local Planning Projects

Staff will brief the Board on various local government planning projects. The first set of projects consists of comprehensive plan updates for the Towns of Springdale, Eastover, and Gilbert. Staff will talk briefly about each plan and how the projects were developed to meet the specific needs of the jurisdiction.

The second set of projects the staff will present consists of regional projects that will be implemented by local governments. These projects include a new Joint Land Use Study that CMCOG is pursuing and an update to the regional hazard mitigation plan. The staff will brief the Board on an attempt to secure funding to complete the hazard mitigation plan update.

Lastly, staff will update the board on the status of planning/zoning training in the region. Through the end of April, 15 people have attended orientation training sessions and 25 people have attended continuing education sessions. Additionally, there are plans to hold upcoming sessions in the Towns of Irmo, Batesburg-Leesville, Springdale and Gilbert.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS
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ENCLOSURE 7

DATE: May 13, 2014
TO: CMCOG Board of Directors
FROM: Ben Mauldin, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report

A. South East Regional Directors Institute

CMCOG staff attended the annual 2014 Annual Professional Development Conference. The conference is an excellent forum where COG Directors discuss the current state of affairs and how SERDI members and State Associations can address the current challenges in the industry. Key topics covered:

- Staffing Consideration and Challenges of Our Regional Councils
- Internal Management Challenges
- Financing Infrastructure Projects (projects in general…tax credits)

B. Community & Economic Development Update

CMCOG staff attended the annual 2014 Spring Meeting of the SC Community Development Association. All handouts are available from the Municipal Association of SC's website at www.masc.sc. Presentations included the following:

- Do You Know the Tools and Resources to Succeed in Municipal Economic Development? - *Eric Budds, Deputy Executive Director, Municipal Association of South Carolina*
- Community Spotlight: The City of Clinton - *Stephen Taylor, Community and Economic Development Director, City of Clinton*
- Legislative Update on the Dilapidated Buildings Act – *Reba Hull Campbell, Deputy Executive Director, Municipal Association of South Carolina*
- Community Trail Planning - *Ned Barrett, Partnership Coordinator, Partners for Active Living*
- Revitalization in Downtown Beaufort - *Libby Anderson Planning Director, City of Beaufort*

C. Midlands Job Fair – Let's Get The Job Done!

The Midlands Workforce Development Board held a job fair May 20, 2014, in Columbia. The Midlands Workforce Development Board, Midlands SC Works Centers, and SC National Guard hosted the event at the SCNG complex at 1225 Bluff Road, Columbia, SC. This job fair featured **only employers as vendors.** Over 60 different employers attended the event.

D. CMCOG Long-Term Care Ombudsman Volunteer Friendly Visitor Program

On April 21, 2014, the CMCOG Long-Term Care Ombudsman program hosted a very successful meet and greet session to recruit volunteers to visit our seniors in nursing facilities. As a Volunteer Friendly Visitor, volunteers are the connection between our community and the individuals who live in a long term care environment, such as an Assisted Living Facility or a Nursing Home. These volunteers make a critical difference in the quality of life of seniors in our region.

E. Grants Management in Columbia, SC – October 2-3, 2014, Grant Training at CMCOG

Central Midlands Council of Governments and Grant Writing USA will once again be hosting a two-day grant workshop at the COG, October 2-3, 2014. This is an excellent opportunity for our member governments' staff to enhance performance in the areas of grant writing, grants management and grant maker research.

More information and online registration is available: http://grantwritingusa.com/grants-training/grant-management-workshops/columbia-south-carolina-october-2014.html

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