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## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** FEBRUARY 5, 2019

**TO:** NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**THRU:** BRIAN D. TEEPLE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 

**FROM:** MARGO MOEHRING, POLICY DIRECTOR 

**RE:** POLICY UPDATE

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AS Board members will recall, work has begun on the next Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Northeast Florida. The recently-completed Elevate Northeast Florida document was crafted to meet the requirements of a CEDS, and the Board has given direction to align or “harmonize” plans in Northeast Florida so there is one vision for economic development in Northeast Florida. Council staff will convene a reinvigorated CEDS Committee to put the final touches on the CEDS, including aligning the project list with Florida’s Six Pillars and including metrics consistent with other Florida Regional Councils. The Committee will meet over lunch on March 13, 2019 to review the plan and add their input to the project list. Board members are asked to provide staff with names if there is a person they want to ensure is invited to participate on the Committee. More than 50% of the Committee must represent the private sector.

The Regional Leadership Academy (RLA) met at Princess Place Preserve in Flagler County on January 30, 2019 to address resiliency and history. They will next meet in Putnam County on February 27, 2019 to discuss environment and redevelopment. The Curriculum for 2019 is attached. Board members may nominate potential candidates for the RLA Class of 2020 at any time during the year.

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