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TMACOG Annual Meeting to Focus on Self-reliance

The annual General Assembly of members of the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) is Tuesday, January 26, 1:30 – 7:45 p.m. at the Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg. The annual meeting will feature workshops and speakers focusing on what people in the region can do to attract, create, and sustain businesses using our own resources. The theme of the General Assembly is “Building our own Bootstraps: How to Grow the Regional Economy.”

A majority of employed people in the United States work for or run small businesses. One workshop at the General Assembly will review resources from regional economic development agencies that are available for small businesses. A second workshop will look at what elected officials can do to support business – from zoning, to tax structure, to marketing. The keynote address will be a joint presentation from D. Gregory Main, president and CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation; and Steve Weathers, president and CEO of the Regional Growth Partnership. Ohio and Michigan share the same economic challenges and the same commitment to rebuilding a new economy. In their presentation, the speakers will talk about putting local resources to work to create and sustain business.

The General Assembly is also the TMACOG business meeting. Leadership will be selected and members will meet in caucus sessions to identify common concerns. The meeting is open to the public. Cost for members is \$50, non-members \$100. Registration is online at www.tmacog.org. For more information contact Greg Gettum at 419.241.9155 ext. 132 or Gettum@tmacog.org.

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