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Federal Economic Development Officer to Address TMACOG Annual Meeting

The annual business meeting and general assembly of TMACOG members will feature an address from **John Fernandez, U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development**. In his administrative role, Fernandez is charged with leading the federal economic development agenda. His agency promotes innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the global economy. He'll speak on the theme: **"Plan and Build your Economic Development Strategy."** Fernandez served as Bloomington, Indiana's mayor from 1996 to 2003. As mayor, he developed an aggressive downtown revitalization plan resulting in more than \$100 million in new investment.

The TMACOG General Assembly is Wednesday, January 26, 2011, 1:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. at the Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg. Workshops and the keynote presentation will address the theme **"Economic Development Strategies: Plan it, Build it, and Sustain it."**

The program for this year's assembly features a single workshop: **"Sustaining Economic Development Strategies."** A panel will address what's needed to sustain development momentum in the areas of education, alternative energy, infrastructure, tourism, and business and industry. From their different perspectives they will talk about sustainability: how we move forward to meet our present needs without compromising future efforts.

The assembly is the annual business meeting for TMACOG. Before the workshop and dinner presentation, TMACOG members elect leadership, elect council and committee members, and caucus with peer groups. The general public is also welcome to attend. Registration details are at

www.tmacog.org.

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