



Regional Service Goal

Develop regional capacity to support of a vital, sustainable region: transportation, economic development, water and other natural resources, data/GIS, and others as identified by the agency board.

Serving the Region

Potential FHRC Accomplishments	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Regional Legislative Agenda	✓	✓	✓
State of Region Report	✓	✓	✓
Collaborate with Joint Chamber Retreats	✓	✓	✓
Regional Economic Development Plan	✓		
Regional Economic Development District		✓	
Regional Transit Study		✓	
Metropolitan Planning Organization	Preparation Studies	Preparation Studies	✓
Regional Data Base	Housing Data Base	Economic Development Data Base	Transportation Data Base
Regional Publications	FHRC Brochure, Quarterly One-Page Report	Quarterly One-Page Report, Regional Challenge Series 1, 2	Quarterly One-Page Report, Regional Challenge Series 3, 4
Other Regional Plans (Transportation, Tourism, Housing, Watershed, Regional Center)		✓	✓

FHRC Potential Accomplishments

The FHRC will provide tangible benefits to the region in the first 3 years.

Funding Resource Goal

Ensure continuous support from state / federal funding sources; local funding for grant matches and other supplemental funding for successful agency operations. Operate in an entrepreneurial spirit that seeks effective use of available funding and new resources to support the RPO's regional mission.

Funding a Sustainable Regional Organization

Potential FHRC Accomplishments	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
OEA Grant (5 years)	✓	✓	✓
EDA Economic Development District Grant		✓	✓
Pre-MPO Certification; and MPO Certification Steps		✓	✓
Joint Grant Applications (transp., data, housing, homeland security, local planning, energy, etc.)	One	One	Two
Regional Cooperation Fund			✓

FHRC Potential Accomplishments

Organizational Goal

Create an effective regional organization in service to all of the communities in the region operating with the highest level of integrity and professionalism.

Creating the Organization

Potential FHRC Accomplishments	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Execute Members Agreement	Before Year 1		
File Incorporation Papers	Before Year 1		
Establish FHRC/Hold Organizational Meeting	Begin Year 1		
Adopt Bylaws and Budget	Early Year 1		
Secure Office/Install Communications Systems	Early Year 1		
Hire Executive Director	Early Year 1		
Adopt Operations Manual	Early Year 1		
Hire Key Staff	First Half Year 1		
Secure IRS Tax Exemption	✓		
Equip Office	✓ Basic Operations	✓ Data Systems	Transportation Systems
Execute Key Contracts (financial management, audit, office software/groupware, etc.)	✓	✓	✓
Hold Regular Board Meetings	✓	✓	✓
Hold Biennial Board Retreat	✓		✓
Hold Annual Meeting/Conference		✓	✓
Develop Working Relationships with Institutions (Fort Riley CPC, Kansas State University, NCRPC)	Memo of Understanding (MOU)	Joint Activities	Joint Activities
Consider New Members	✓	✓	✓

FHRC Potential Accomplishments

Local Service Goal

Provide timely, cost effective, expert professional services to the member communities of the region that are continuously revised and improved to support the region as a place of livable, economically vital, and sustainable distinct communities.

Serving the Region's Communities

Potential FHRC Accomplishments	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Full Count Census & Reporting	✓	✓	✓
Local Planning Assistance Projects	✓	✓	✓
Member Program Joint Grant Applications (transportation, data, housing, homeland security, local planning, energy, etc.)		✓	✓

FHRC Potential Accomplishments



The FH Regional Council (FHRC) will provide services desired by its members, and assist them in securing federal and state funding for agreed-upon actions to address common challenges.

Potential Benefits of an RPO for Our Region

Coordinate informed, integrated responses to common challenges, through providing neutral meeting places and skilled professional assistance.

Facilitate taking advantage of federal/state funding opportunities and much more:

- federal appropriation requests,
- a common place for Fort Riley to discuss topics that cut across our region and involve all stakeholders,
- an Economic Development District for common initiatives and funding,
- a Metropolitan Planning Organization to prepare transportation plans and receive federal funding, and
- assist members to assure that all of our region's population is counted in the 2010 census.

Benefits of Planning and Working Regionally

Assist members in preparing grant applications, training staff and citizens, developing model local ordinances/codes, and in preparing local plans.

Build state/national relationships, such as by participating in state/national dialogues on common challenges and preparing joint initiatives for state/national support.

Speak More Effectively with One Voice

The FHRC will provide our region with the capacity to facilitate regional coordination, communication and monitoring. It will allow us to speak more effectively with one voice, assisting local governments and others to better coordinate efforts in areas of mutual interest:

- economic development,
- military relations,
- environmental sustainability,
- emergency preparedness,
- data coordination,
- grant applications,
- growth planning and population forecasting,
- workforce education,
- housing and community development, and
- transportation planning.

Areas of Mutual Interest in our Region

Costs

The FHRC members will set amounts for dues and other costs, while securing federal and state funding for agreed-upon activities.



FHRC Vision

Regional success through trust, cooperation and mutual support

The northern Flint Hills region of Geary, Pottawatomie and Riley Counties is flourishing with an exceptional Heartland lifestyle, world-class knowledge economy, and inspiring Tallgrass Prairie environment. The accomplishments of the individual and distinct communities of the region have been through an extraordinary level of trust, cooperation and mutual support. The achievements have been gained with vision, leadership, assistance and expertise of the FHRC and contributions of partners, such as Kansas State University, Fort Riley, and local chambers of commerce.

FHRC Mission

Leadership support and professional technical assistance

The FHRC is a voluntary service association of the local governments of Geary, Pottawatomie and Riley Counties and other civic leaders to provide service of mutual benefit to the region best gained from cooperation and partnership. Through open communications, excellent data resources and professional expertise of the highest standards, the FHRC provides leadership support and technical assistance across all government and civic sectors of the three counties and beyond, as requested. The FHRC achieves success through equitable, cost efficient sharing of resources, and mutual efforts to bring new resources and added value for benefit to the region as a whole.

FHRC Goals

Entrepreneurial spirit

The RPO Project developed four principal goals for the FHRC to set forth where the newly formed regional council—in its first three years—should focus its activities:

Regional Service Goal

regional capacity for planning resources

Local Service Goal

services to member communities

Organizational Goal

effective, professional organization

Funding Resource Goal

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