

Resolution No. 5-0808

**Resolution Concurring with the Annual Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
and Supporting the Regional Planning Commission's EDA Application
for Economic Development Planning Funds**

WHEREAS, the southwestern Wisconsin region, comprised of the counties of Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette, and Richland, is an Economic Development District as designated by the U.S. Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, this designation qualifies the counties and area communities for grant and aid assistance available through the Economic Development Administration (EDA) provided that a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) report has been prepared and approved on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission have prepared an annual CEDS report for 2008-2009 which outlines an economic development strategy for southwestern Wisconsin for the coming year; and

WHEREAS, the commission staff have worked extensively with local government officials in Green County to identify the most pressing economic development needs of the county and to seek solutions for meeting those needs; and

WHEREAS, the regional planning commission has adopted the CEDS as its guide for economic development planning and promotion of southwestern Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa County Board supports and participates in the economic development district activities of the regional planning commission;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa County Board hereby concurs with the 2008-2009 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy report prepared by the commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa County Board supports the commission's application for EDA economic development planning funds for the coming year.

Dated this 19th day of August 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EXTENSION AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE