

INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOOGOOTEE, INDIANA
AND MARTIN COUNTY, INDIANA

This Inter-Governmental Cooperation Agreement is entered into by and among the CITY OF LOOGOOTEE, INDIANA, by and through its COMMON COUNCIL ("the City"), and MARTIN COUNTY, INDIANA, by and through its BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ("the County")

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City and the County (hereinafter referred to jointly as "the parties") are each political subdivisions and "eligible entities" who are designated as qualified applicants for I-69 CPP grants; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana Department of Transportation ("INDOT") has made available to eligible entities grant funds through the I-69 Community Planning Program ("I-69 CPP") which require no local matching funds, to assist with certain a variety of community planning activities; and

WHEREAS, INDOT strongly encourages eligible entities to submit joint applications for grant funds; the submission of a joint application will allow for a greater level of grant funding than the submission of separate applications by each eligible entity; and receipt of a joint grant will reduce costs and expenses of administration; and

WHEREAS, the City and the County concur that it is in the public interest of all of their respective citizens to enter an agreement to make a joint application for an I-69 CPP grant; and

NOW THEREFORE, the City and the County (hereinafter referred to jointly as "the parties") jointly agree as follows:

1. Purpose. The purpose of this Agreement is to provide for the collaboration, cooperation and joint submittal of an application to INDOT for an I-69 CCP grant in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) and whatever additional funds may be available due to cooperating governmental entities, and to provide for the administration of funds for the uses designated in the application.

2. Designation of Lead Eligible Entity/Administration. The County is hereby designated as the lead organization for submittal of the application and for the receipt, management and administration of all grant funds received.

3. Use of Funds. I-69 CCP Grant funds received from INDOT shall be used for the following purposes:

(A) **An I-69 Corridor Plan.** The Corridor Plan will identify and develop the 10-mile radius of the proposed location of exits off of I-69. This includes future development, infrastructure analysis, environmental concerns, mapping, transportation opportunities, and compliance with the State of Indiana's plans and guidelines, along with access to INDOT materials;

(B) **A County-wide Comprehensive Plan.** This will include land use planning documents, subdivision regulations, the formation of an Area Planning Commission to deal with I-69, and ordinances governing such matters;

(C) **A Comprehensive Plan specific to the City of Loogootee.** This will include land use planning documents, subdivision regulations, the formation of a Plan Commission to deal with I-69, mapping, identification of flood plains and viable development areas, future planning for economic development and planning for TIF districts, in keeping with the goals of the Redevelopment Commission;

(D) **A Tourism Strategic Plan.** The Strategic Plan will identify County-wide opportunities for taking advantage of the presence of I-69 in and near the City and County among other things. This will include a marketing strategy, ingress and egress strategy, how to maximize tourism soft dollars, and the potential for additional taxing structures to make advantage of increased traffic into Martin County during prime birding seasons and other environmental and festival events, along with infrastructure improvements and opportunities to encourage the hotel and restaurant industry to invest in Martin County; and

(E) Any other uses allowable under the I-69 CCP.

4. Establishment of Joint Planning Committee. A Joint Planning Committee ("the Committee") is hereby established. Each party shall appoint Two (2) representatives who shall serve on the Committee. In addition, the Executive Director of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce is appointed as an ex officio member of the Committee and shall have voting power only in the event of a tied vote of the Committee Members.

5. Duties of Committee. The parties have secured the services of the Southern Indiana Development Commission (SIDC) to assist in the preparation of the grant application. The Committee is hereby delegated full power and authority to undertake the following as if such actions were undertaken by the City and the County respectively: {i} to assist SIDC in the drafting of the grant application; and {ii} to send out requests for proposals and select such consultants as may be needed for the carrying out of the purposes of the grant; and to undertake any other duties related to the submission of the grant application to INDOT.

6. Delegation of Authority to Execute Application. The City hereby designates and authorizes the Mayor of Loogootee to execute the grant application without further action by the Common Council. The County hereby designates and authorizes the President of the Board of Commissioners to execute the grant application for the County without further action by the Board of Commissioners.

7. Duration of Agreement. This Agreement shall terminate after the purpose of the Agreement have been fulfilled, but in no event later than Four (4) years.

8. Effectiveness. This Agreement shall become effective after execution by all of the parties.

Dated this 24 day of September, 2007.

CITY OF LOOGOOTEE, INDIANA

By: Donald F. Bowling
Donald F. Bowling
Mayor of the City of Loogootee

ATTEST:

Betty F. Norris
Betty F. Norris,
Clerk-Treasurer

Dated this 18th day of September, 2007.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF MARTIN COUNTY, INDIANA**

By: Michael D. Dant
Michael D. Dant, President

ATTEST:

Frances K. Taylor
Frances K. Taylor, County Auditor