



CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

June 16, 2009

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: John Szerlag, Acting City Manager
John M. Lamerato, Assistant City Manager/Finance & Administration
Mary Redden, Administrative Assistant to the City Manager

SUBJECT: Standard Purchasing Resolution 9: Approval to Expend Funds for Membership Dues and Membership Renewals Over \$10,000: Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG)

As southeast Michigan's regional planner, SEMCOG's essential functions include:

- Assisting local governments in planning for common needs and in recognizing regional opportunities.
- Facilitating cooperation among local governments, educational institutions, and state and federal agencies for mutual benefit.
- Advocating for changes in public policy when state or federal legislative action is necessary.

The City of Troy has been a member of SEMCOG since 1968.

Staff recommends authorization of the expenditure of funds for membership dues to SEMCOG in the amount of \$10,251.00 for the period of July 15, 2009 - July 15, 2010.

SEMCOG
Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
535 Griswold Street • Suite 300 • Detroit, Michigan 48226
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Sales Order # :

2009

City Of Troy
 500 W. Big Beaver Road
 Troy, MI 48084

MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

Invoice Date

LOCAL-A

07/01/2009

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2009 Membership Dues

Invoice Amount

\$10,251.00

SEMCOG, serving local units of government and education in the seven-county region of Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne

INVOICE
Annual Membership in
Southeast Michigan Council of Governments

For the Period From July 15, 2009

To July 15, 2010

[The annual contribution is established by the by-laws and action of the General Assembly]

Membership Fee \$10,251.00

Balance Due \$10,251.00

Please enclose yellow copy with remittance to insure proper credit

June 19, 2009

Mary Redden, Office Coordinator
City of Troy
500 W. Big Beaver Road
Troy, MI 48084

Dear Coordinator Redden:

Thank you for your membership and your continued support and involvement in SEMCOG. Rest assured that while Southeast Michigan, and our nation, face unprecedented challenges SEMCOG will continue to work with our membership to position ourselves for the opportunities of the future. I am happy to report that with membership renewal you will once again benefit from a dues reduction (10 percent reduction from 2008 dues). You will continue to receive important benefits at a reduced cost, including:

- Access to free consulting services for increasing efficiencies, developing collaborative arrangements, and organizational restructuring;
- access to individualized analysis of local growth and development trends to enhance your local decision-making process;
- a strong advocate for Southeast Michigan with state and federal legislators and agencies for the good of the region and our citizens;
- training on a variety of topics important to the future of Southeast Michigan.

According to a recent member satisfaction survey, member satisfaction with SEMCOG services is strong. At the same time, based on survey results, SEMCOG will focus on improvements in these areas: access and location of training, Web site ease of use, closer tailoring of programs and services to audience segment, and enhancing member services. Members also indicated a significant need for case studies, benchmarking/best practices, regional trends, and information to help stretch budgets.

For additional information on making your SEMCOG membership work for you, visit the members section at www.semco.org, or contact Amy Malmer, Membership Manager, at 313-961-4266, or by e-mail at malmer@semco.org.

It is an honor to serve your community. Please let us know if there are ways we can better meet your needs.

Sincerely,

Paul Tait, CAE
Executive Director