



MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board

From: Angela Manning-Hardimon
Deputy Executive Director, Finance and Administration

Date: November 10, 2021

Re: Sole Source Approval for University of Chicago Applied Data Fellowship

CMAP is a data-driven, regional planning agency responsible for developing and assisting long-range planning efforts for the seven counties and 284 communities of northeastern Illinois with unbiased information and data products. This approach is possible due to access to cutting-edge research and data through the University of Chicago Applied Data Fellowship. As CMAP thrives to lead with excellence in applied research and data analysis, the need to translate data insights into actionable programs also requires increases in analytical FTE head counts, capable of integrating data analysis and policy implementation. Hosting a fellow from this program is a great opportunity for CMAP to tap into the skillsets in training, collaborate with local institutions, contribute to the development of the regional workforce, and increase CMAP's visibility. Through this fellowship, CMAP will augment its analytical capacity without expanding permanent FTE head counts. With this partnership, CMAP also has access to the University of Chicago's expertise in analysis, modeling, and data products.

It is anticipated that the fellow will participate in the development of a demographic projection model, land use model development, and evaluation and travel model input data generation.

It is recommended that the Board approve an agreement between CMAP and the University of Chicago for the placement of an applied data fellow for a period of one-year. The cost for this placement will not exceed \$65,000. Support for this contract will be provided from the FY22 – 23 UWP budget.

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