



## Joint Meeting—SPC and NCER Commissioners January 12, 2006

### VISIONING NEWS

The North Carolina's Eastern Region Commission and the Strategic Planning Committee, the core element of the state-mandated visioning process, took part in a joint meeting held on January 5 at the Global TransPark Education and Training Center in Kinston. This was the first meeting of the two groups since the Commission was restructured to include one representative from each of the thirteen counties in the region plus six appointees from the state government.

To help respond to General Assembly visioning guidance, the collective group was given a briefing on the visioning activities to date before dividing into breakout groups for priority setting discussions. Each of the three groups was asked to focus on two strategic priorities and to devise several detailed action items for each of the priorities. For each action item selected and deemed a high priority, the groups nominated stakeholder organizations that should be involved in implementation, suggested the role of NCER in implementing this action, and described success in 1-year, 2-years, and five-year timeframes. The SPC and NCER Commission then reconvened to discuss the next steps in the visioning process.

More information on the Visioning Plan and the SPC's deliberations can be found on the Region's Visioning website, [www.nceast.org/visioning](http://www.nceast.org/visioning) or by contacting the Executive Director, Tom Greenwood at 800-474-8499 or [greenwood@nceast.org](mailto:greenwood@nceast.org).

The North Carolina General Assembly HB 1414, Section 13.6 directs and funds the seven regional economic development partnerships to develop and implement strategic economic development plans that are tailored to the unique needs of their respective regions. For additional information, contact North Carolina's Eastern Region.

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