

Chapter 11

Consultant Topic List

1. Update description of current economic conditions and activity, as well as economic projections.
2. Include a discussion of the occupancy, infrastructure and potential of existing industrial parks.
3. Include reference to the pending construction of the shell building in McHenry Business Park, as well as an assessment of the 'inventory' available for incoming businesses.
4. Discuss various aspects of workforce development, including but not limited to:
 - a. Job availability vs. workforce availability
 - b. Cost to employers to provide affordable health care
 - c. The cost of operating a business in MD
 - d. An aging workforce
 - e. The preponderance of candidates failing drug testing
 - f. The cost of housing
 - g. Adequate wages vs. welfare
 - h. Employee retention
5. Include a discussion of agritourism, noting the need to adequately define the term, the need to ensure equity in the allowable business processes, and allow for flexibility for farmers to supplement their income.