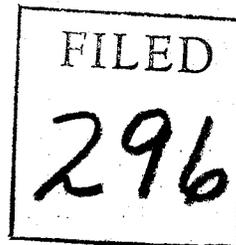


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Dear Mr. Bollinger:

This is in reply to your recent request for an official opinion on the authority of the ABCD Regional Planning Commission to enter into a Bi-State Planning Agreement with Doniphan County, Kansas.

The legislature has provided for interstate contracts and cooperation on the part of Missouri regional planning commissions.

Section 251.380, RSMo Cum. Supp. 1967:

"In matters relating to comprehensive planning, a regional planning commission created under sections 251.150 to 251.440, and any planning commission or other organization, public or private, heretofore constituted or designated as referred to in section 251.160-4 of this act, may enter into a contract and cooperate with any federal, state or local unit including other planning commissions, or organizations, within this or other states under the laws of Missouri."

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Furthermore, the legislature has directed the Department of Community Affairs to "* * *Encourage and assist local governments to develop solutions of their common problems, through joint service agreements, interstate compacts, and other appropriate means, * * *" §251.030(5), RSMo 1967, Cum. Supp. (emphasis added).

Therefore, it is our opinion that a regional planning commission formed pursuant to Chapter 251, RSMo has the authority to enter into a Bi-State Planning Agreement with planning commissions of other states.

Yours very truly,

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