



Innovation Task Force

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Code for America Update

Issue: The 2015 Code for America (CfA) Summit is occurring in September, and the Fellows have further refined their prototypes on linking urban farmers to available land and providing resources to link residents with locally produced food. The Task Force meeting provides an opportunity to preview the Fellows work prior to their presentation at the Summit.

Discussion: The CfA Summit is scheduled for September 30 – October 2 in Oakland. The Summit provides public agencies with an opportunity to understand different leadership and technology innovation from around the country. It's an excellent opportunity to learn and share with civic technology leaders ranging from mayors to entrepreneurs, community organizers to Chief Technology Officers.

The Summit also provides an opportunity for the Fellows to showcase the work they've done during their time in the region. To date the Fellows in the SACOG region have focused their efforts on food, and more specifically how to accommodate urban farming and better connecting a community to their locally produced food. They have started developing apps that provide a tool for local jurisdictions and interested growers to identify where urban farming could occur within jurisdictional boundaries.

A big part of the Summit is to highlight the work done over the past 10 months by the different Fellowship teams, which includes:

- Albuquerque, NM
- Indianapolis, IN
- Miami-Dade County, FL
- Pittsburgh, PA
- RVA Community Partners, Richmond, VA
- Somerville, MA
- Vallejo, CA

During the Task Force meeting, the CfA Fellows will demonstrate the prototypes developed thus far, and be available to answer any questions.

SACOG staff will gauge interest in deploying the tool in local cities and counties, and interest in attending the 3-day CfA Summit.

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