



SACOG Board of Directors

Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Meeting Date: 2/15/2018
Agenda Item No.: 2018-February-19.

Subject: Input on Council of Governments Functions

Receive and File

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Attachments: Yes

1. Issue:

SACOG's 2018 Strategic Goals and Priorities includes a goal to build out our council of governments functions.

2. Recommendation:

None. This item is for information only.

3. Background/Analysis:

At the October 2017, Board retreat, board members expressed strong interest in continuing to build out SACOG's council of governments functions. Over time, SACOG has added some council of governments functions that go beyond the scope of the planning and policy work typically associated with SACOG. As part of the 2018 Work Plan, we recommended that one of the 10 goals focus on building out the council of governments functions. Related to this, another goal is to better connect and communicate with members and regional elected officials.

4. Discussion/Analysis:

Staff presented the attached presentation to the Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee and received helpful feedback. Staff will continue to work through that committee and the Regional Managers on building out SACOG's Council of Governments Functions.

5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

This is no fiscal impact at this time. Council of governments functions are currently funded through a combination of federal planning funds and administrative fees generated from shared services contracts. Going forward, we recommend revisiting how council of governments functions are funded.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Local Government Services PowerPoint

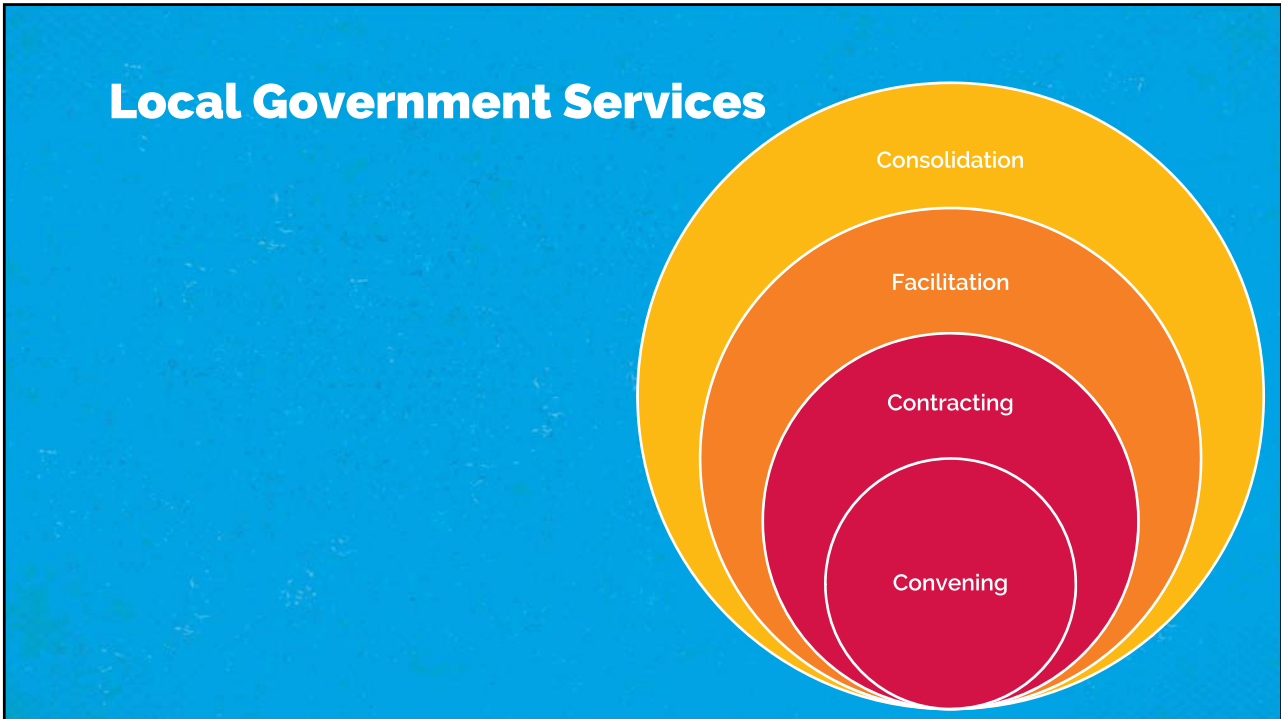


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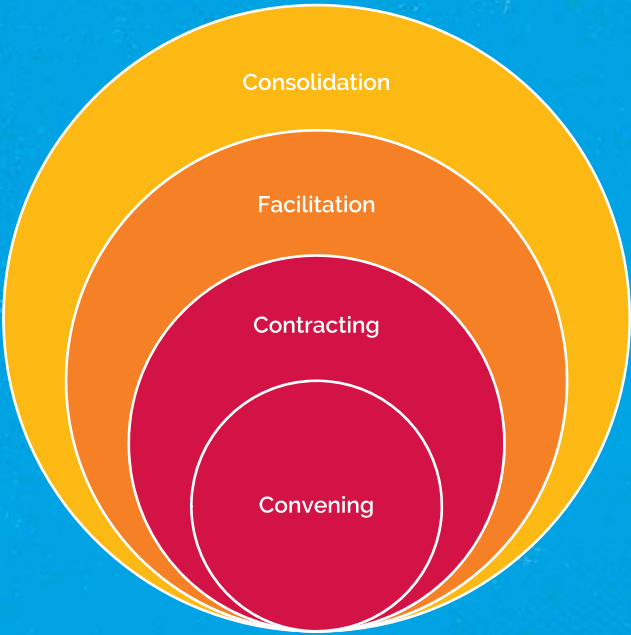
COG Roles

1. Data
2. Local Gov't Services (Convening + Collaboration)
3. Analysis + Opinion
4. Advocacy + Technical Assistance
5. Implementation by SACOG



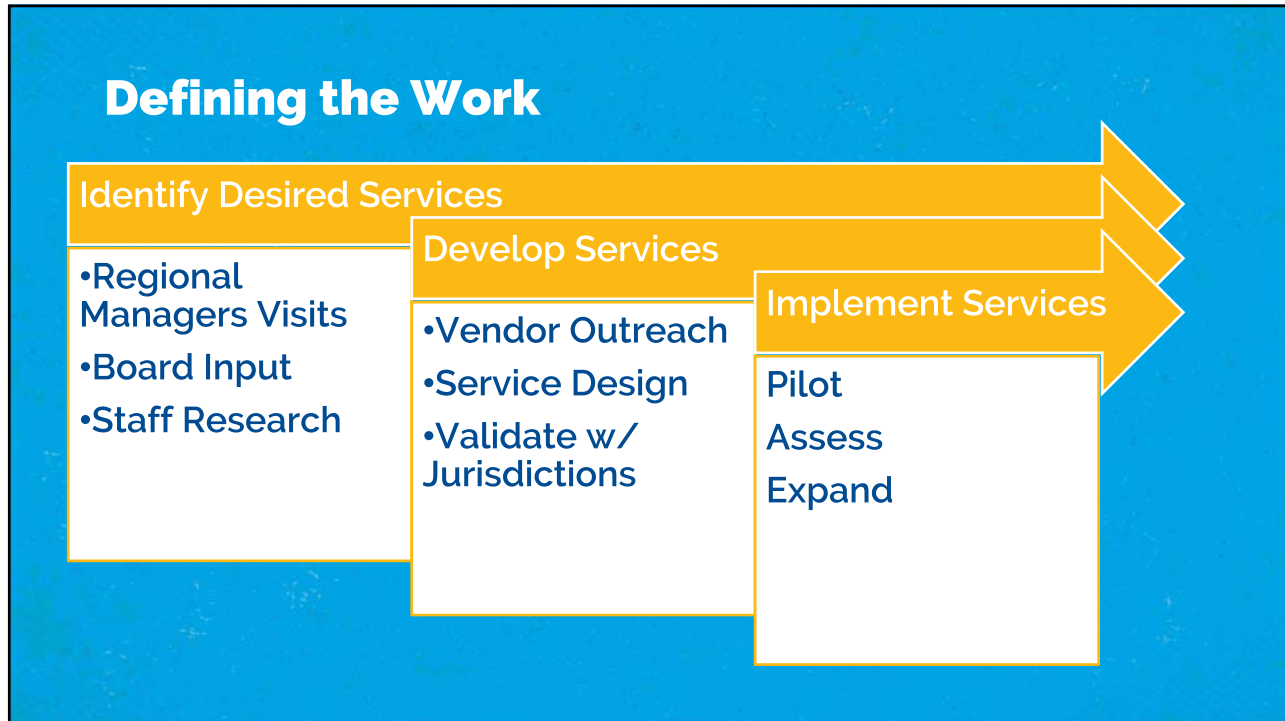
2018 Work Plan

- **Convening** –
 - 3 meetings this year on topics of interest to members
 - MD tour
 - Regional Managers visits
 - Regional Managers tour
- **Contracting** –
 - IBTS contract municipal services
 - Adding other piggybacking contracts
- **Facilitation** –
 - Developing a business model for providing facilitation for SACOG members



What's Unanswered

- How do we determine what work to do?
- Who governs the COG functions?
 - Role of SACOG Board
 - Role of Jurisdictional Staff
- How do we fund COG functions?
- Is there a new entity or organizational change needed to effectively deliver services?



Service	Current	Potential Future	MARC
Convening/ Education	Regional Managers, Planners, Transit Coordinating Committee, Cannabis	HR Directors, Procurement Officials, Regional Managers Tours, training center	Regional Managers, homeless coordinators, public safety, training center
Contracting	Fuel, HR	Contract l. gov't, vehicle + material purchases, planning services	HR, Contract l. gov't, vehicle + material purchases, planning services
Facilitation	None	Retail development & tax impacts, Homelessness	First Suburbs Coalition, Homelessness, public safety
Consolidation	None	Unified transit fare structure, back-office consolidation	Regional 911 center

Questions for GRPA Committee

- Do we have the right priorities for 2018?
- Do we have the right approach for identifying new local government services?
- What other areas of COG functions is the committee interested in?
- What role should GRPA play in the COG function vs. the Regional Managers? Does this vary by service type? Should there be a hybrid committee?
- Is there a new entity or organizational change needed to effectively deliver services?