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Dear Burnham Program Partners and Friends:

Please mark your calendar for 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, January 21, 2010, which is when the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) will launch the post-centennial phase of engaging Burnham Plan Centennial Partners in its bold planning for the region's future.

Metropolitan Chicago is at a turning point. To ensure our region's continued prosperity, we need to find new ways to move forward together and marshal precious resources—including capital, natural and civic.

At this very special event, you will be the first to receive a copy of the preferred Regional Scenario that will describe the policy directions that will be the basis of *GO TO 2040*, the comprehensive seven-county plan that is nearing completion. The Regional Scenario will be the last major policy publication before the plan itself, which will be available to you in draft form next June, and published in October 2010.

We hope that this meeting in January will be the first step toward working with you during the course of 2010 to build on the momentum created through the 2009 Centennial, and continuing to engage a wide audience in the next major plan for our region's future. We will follow up with tours of the region's hotspots to show you where good planning is already making a difference, and provide a tool kit of resources that can keep the momentum building until the release of the plan in October 2010.

Please join us at CMAP (Suite 800, Willis Tower, 233 S. Wacker) on January 21 to learn more about the substantive recommendations that will shape the way we live in the future. Your region needs you, and we are asking for your continued help and engagement.

To register for this free event or for more information, please contact Joey-Lin Silberhorn at 312-386-8814 or Jsilberhorn@cmap.illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

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