

# The Regional Indicator

Key information for understanding our region

## *The Regional Indicator to Impact Positive Community Action using Key Regional Information*

PITTSBURGH – May 7, 2010 – The power of accurate regional information to impact community decision making just took a giant leap forward. The newly reorganized Regional Indicator, a Pittsburgh based program, has now announced a reformulated advisory committee, lead by Paul O’Neill, the former Secretary of the U.S. Treasury and retired CEO of Alcoa, Inc., a new location with host 3rc, a new director, John G. Craig Jr., and a clear mission directive: To provide authoritative insight of regional information that will generate positive community action.

“Our region has attracted a great deal of deserved attention in the last year as an international innovator. We think our reconstituted program, The Regional Indicator, will set the standard in the United States for regional information,” Paul O’Neill said. The Regional Indicator embraces a view of a larger region, which includes 22 counties across Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ohio. The advisory committee is comprised of a distinguished group of fifteen individuals from foundations, academics, and community leaders from diverse organizations. The committee will work to accomplish the mission of the new Regional Indicator program, and oversee its initiative the PittsburghTODAY web site.

In January of this year, The Regional Indicator, along with PittsburghTODAY moved its operations from the University of Pittsburgh’s Center for Social and Urban Research (UCSUR) to the offices of 3 Rivers Connect (3rc), an information analysis nonprofit, located in downtown Pittsburgh’s Regional Enterprise Tower. “We are now established as an important program of 3rc, the organization which has managed our indicator data for three years,” stated new program Director John G. Craig Jr.

“We are appreciative of the support the program has had from the start from The University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University for their early support of this program along with dozens of dedicated people who have been instrumental to the work of our indicator development committees.” Particularly important, has been the direction from The University of Pittsburgh’s Center for Social and Urban Research., under the direction of Dr. Richard Schulz

Elbie Yaworsky, Executive Director of 3rc, stated “We are pleased to host the Regional Indicator and its initiative PittsburghTODAY. This relationship allows us to leverage 3rc information analysis resources, to support The Regional Indicator mission.” The Regional Indicator program provides insight on information that addresses public matters that are of regional interest. It uses up to date data that is generated from the

PittsburghTODAY web site, a Regional Indicator initiative. Key indicators identify and explore regional topics that may impact the public, government, and, or policy issues of our multi-county region.

#### ADVISORY COMMITTEE

##### ***Regional Development:***

- William "Pat" Getty, President, Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation
- Scott Izzo, Director, R.K. Mellon Foundation
- Grant Oliphant, President, Pittsburgh Foundation
- Paul O'Neill, Former Secretary of the U.S. Treasury and retired CEO of Alcoa, Inc., Chair

##### ***Regional Education:***

- Jay Cole, Chief of Staff to President, West Virginia University
- Bernard Goldstein, Chairman, Graduate School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh
- Alex Johnson, President, Community College of Allegheny County
- Granger Morgan, Head, Department of Engineering and Public Policy, CMU

##### ***Humanities & Nonprofit:***

- Donald Goughler, President/ CEO, Family Services of Western Pennsylvania
- Nancy Kukovich, President, United Way Westmoreland County
- Walter Smith, Executive Director, Family Resources of Western Pennsylvania

##### ***Amenities & Entrepreneurship:***

- Lalit Chordia, President, Thar Technologies
- Susan Everingham, Director, RAND Pittsburgh
- Charlie Humphrey, President, Pittsburgh Filmmakers, Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, and the Pittsburgh Glass Center. .
- Cathy Lewis-Long, founding Executive Director, Sprout Fund

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