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MEMORANDUM FOR KITTY HIGGINS

From: Paul Donovan

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Subject: Department of Commerce Hot Issues and Economic

Overview for Chicago area

Hot Issues

Lake Michigan Lakeshore Coastal Zone Management - Illinois is the only coastal state in the nation currently not participating in the voluntary Coastal Zone Management Program. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources and Commerce are, however, continuing discussions about whether Illinois will develop a Lake Michigan lakeshore Coastal Zone Management Program. Grant funds are available to the State to develop a program, and once approved, the state would be eligible for approximately \$1.2 million per year in Commerce matching grants for lakefront/lake-related projects to protect natural resources, improve public access to the coast, and revitalize waterfront areas.

Equal Benefits for Domestic Partners - Earlier this year, the city's Board of Aldermen approved a bill to provide equal benefits to domestic partners of the city's 40,000 employees, one of the first Midwestern entities to do so. The move to provide domestic partner benefits has won increased visibility with Disney's decision to offer the benefits sparking a boycott by the Southern Baptist convention.

Economic Overview

April 1997 unemployment rate: 4.8% -- down 2.3 points from 7.1% in January 1993; down 0.5 points from 5.3% in April 1996

1995 per capita personal income: \$25,225 -- up 5.2% from 1994, up 9.9% from 1993; up 13.1% from 1992 -- ranked 9th of 51 in 1995

1995 total personal income: \$298.4 billion -- up 5.9% from 1994, up 11.2% from 1993; up 15.2% from 1992 -- ranked 5th of 51 in 1995

1995 median household income: \$38,071 -- up \$1,996 (5.5%) from \$36,075 in 1994; up \$3,418 (9.9%) from \$34,653 in 1993; up \$3,799 (11.1%) from \$34,272 in 1992

1995 percent of people in poverty: 12.4 -- no change from in 1994; down 3.2 points from 15.6 in 1992

1997 (January-March) exports to world: \$8.3 billion -- 1997 first three months up 4.7% over 1996 first three months

1996 total exports: \$32.22 billion -- up 5.7% since 1995; up 32.3% since 1994; up 58.4% since 1993

1996 exports to Mexico: \$1.84 billion -- up 35.0% since 1995; up 1.0% since 1994; up 35.2% since 1993

1996 exports to Canada: \$6.77 billion -- up 4.9% since 1995; up 17.4% since 1994; up 39.3 % since 1993

1995 jobs supported by goods exports: 417,000 -- up from 310,000 in 1993

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1995 Chicago PMSA exports: \$21.1 billion -- up 21.6% (\$3.7 billion) from 1994; up 45.9% (\$6.6 billion) from 1993 -- ranked 5th in 1995

1994 Chicago PMSA total personal income: \$198.3 billion -- up 5.0% from 1993

1994 Chicago PMSA per capita personal income: \$25,865 -- ranked 21st in

the nation