

(1) harmonize its planning activities with the planning activities of local governments; and

(2) cooperate with and assist local governments in the execution of their planning functions, to harmonize their planning activities with the State Development Plan.

(c) The [Department] OFFICE shall:

(1) coordinate State programs with the federal government;

(2) cooperate with and assist units of the federal government in the execution of their planning functions, to harmonize their planning activities with the State Development Plan; and

(3) cooperate with, confer with, and, on request, provide information to:

(i) units of the federal government; and

(ii) local or regional agencies that are created under federal programs or that receive federal support.

(d) As far as possible, the [Department] OFFICE shall cooperate with and confer with planning agencies of other states or of regional groupings of states.

(e) The [Department] OFFICE shall cooperate with and assist regional and private planning agencies in the execution of their planning functions, to harmonize their planning activities with the State Development Plan.

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(a) The [Department] OFFICE:

(1) shall provide planning assistance, including surveys, land use studies, urban renewal plans, technical services, and other planning work, to local governments; and

(2) may provide financial and other planning assistance to local governments AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(b) The [Department] OFFICE may provide financial or other planning assistance to regional planning agencies AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(c) Before providing the assistance, the [Secretary] DIRECTOR shall consider the adequacy and competency of any regional or local planning agency that requests financial assistance from the [Department] OFFICE.