

Date: January 28, 2005  
To: I-85 Corridor Alliance Board  
From: Larry Fillmer, I-85 Corridor Alliance Executive Director  
Ray Vaughan, I-85 Corridor Alliance Secretary  
Subject: January 27, 2005 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The I-85 Corridor Alliance Board Executive Committee convened at 8:25 a.m. on Thursday, January 27, 2005 at the Auburn University Hotel and Conference Center in Auburn, Alabama. The attendees at the meeting were:

1. Deroald Hopkins
2. Ray Vaughan
3. Sandy Nichols
4. Margaret Bentley
5. Dr. P.K. Raju
6. Maria Traylor
7. Scott Slocum
8. Larry Fillmer

Larry Fillmer opened the meeting and indicated that the primary objective of this meeting was to work on funding for the Alliance. Larry showed a preliminary annual budget. The budget assumed expenses based on fully funding all activities of the Alliance for an entire year and did not consider any “in kind” gifts or funding sources that may be available.

There was considerable discussion about seeking funding from various foundations and other sources that would look favorably on the type of collaborative structure that had been established for the I-85 Corridor Alliance. There was also discussion about the possibility of continuation funding or bridging support provided by Auburn University until such time as grants could be obtained from either foundation or private sources. The consensus was that it would take a minimum of twelve to fifteen months to obtain external funding. Larry Fillmer noted that he had an appointment with Dr. Wilson at Auburn on Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup> to discuss the subject of continuation funding.

It was noted that there may be office space available for the I-85 Corridor Alliance in either Tuskegee at the CDC and in Auburn at the Auburn Training Connection.

As there were no other items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 AM.