

**Visioneering Wichita
Unified Legislative Agenda Strategic Alliance
Issue Submission Instructions**

Issue Submission:

The Visioneering Wichita Unified Legislative Agenda Strategic Alliance invites submission of issues for consideration on the 2007 unified legislative agenda. The potential issues must advance Visioneering Wichita initiatives found within the Visioneering Wichita document. The Unified Legislative Agenda Strategic Alliance has determined that issues submitted should impact Visioneering Wichita's key benchmarks of job growth and education (see document, page 12 at www.visioneeringwichita.com.)

Timeline:

- A template has been developed for use in the submission process (document on the web at <http://www.visioneeringwichita.com/minutes/ula/2006%20Proposal%20Form.pdf>).
- **October 27:** An alliance meeting will be held October 27 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the El Dorado Historic Court House, Commissioners Room, 4th Floor, El Dorado. If you have questions about the proposal forms and/or the process you are welcome to present those to the alliance.
- **November 1:** The issue overview form must be turned in by 12:00 Noon on November 1 to the Self Help Network attention Scott Wituk (*if by mail - 1845 Fairmount, Box 201, Wichita, KS 67260-0201 or by personal delivery at 358 N. Main or by email to scott.wituk@wichita.edu or by fax: 316.978.3593*). All questions on the form must be completed.
- **November 10:** You are asked to attend the November 10 alliance meeting which will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the WSU Metroplex, 29th and Oliver.
- There will not be formal presentations at the meeting on November 10th, but it is advised that the individual or group submitting an issue for consideration have a representative(s) at the meeting to respond to possible questions.
- Attendees at the November 10 meeting will review each issue submitted and score issues (document on the web at <http://www.visioneeringwichita.com/minutes/ula/2006%20Scoring%20Matrix.pdf>).
- The scoring process by attendees at the November 10 meeting is one of many evaluation sources. The November 10 evaluation is not a guarantee that a particular issue will be automatically included or excluded from the unified agenda. Issues will also be reviewed by the Resource Team, other Visioneering Wichita partners (e.g., Leadership Team members) and regional key stakeholders.
- The issues and all evaluation sources will be analyzed by the Resource Team and submitted to the Visioneering Wichita Steering Committee for final action in November.
- Issue submitters will be notified by November 22 if their proposal will be placed on the 2007 Unified Legislative Agenda.

Background: Visioneering Wichita began in June of 2004 and in an intensive effort over 16,000 south central Kansas citizens, public and private organizations shared their values, benchmarks, visions and strategies in developing our collective future. A final document was adopted in December, 2004. The document is unique as it boldly outlines one hundred and fifty-eight strategies as desired outcomes to ensure that reality and perceptions are in alignment. A strategy within the Government foundation states: ***Develop a south central Kansas unified legislative agenda driven by community will and issues and promote its implementation by our legislative delegation. The unified agenda will represent what a broad cross section of south central Kansas organizations support and expect of legislative action. (Issues that divide us will not be included in the unified agenda.)***

Since February of 2005, a strategic alliance composed of area citizens, south central Kansas legislators, regional elected officials and organizations has been meeting to discuss and refine the process of instituting a south central Kansas unified legislative agenda. The call for submittal of legislative issues is the first phase of these collaborative actions.

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