***Are We Ready?***

Read each question below and place an X to show the answer that best reflects your response. There are no right or wrong responses. These are simply discussion starters for your group. *“Region” in this setting means multi-county groups.*

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| **Regional Knowledge & Efforts** | Not at all | Only a Little | Some | A Lot |
| 1. How much has the region worked together in the past? |  |  |  |  |
| 1. How successful have efforts to work together in the past been? |  |  |  |  |
| 1. How much of a concern is regional economic development in your region? |  |  |  |  |
| 1. How knowledgeable do you think the SET partners are in practices around regional economic development? |  |  |  |  |
| **Leadership** |  |  |  |  |
| 1. To what extent are local elected and/or appointed officials knowledgeable of regional economic development benefits? |  |  |  |  |
| 1. To what extent do local elected/appointed officials consider regional economic development efforts to be an important use of resources (time and money)? |  |  |  |  |
| 1. To what extent are local elected/appointed officials already involved in regional economic development efforts? |  |  |  |  |
| **Community Climate** |  |  |  |  |
| 1. How supportive do you think community members are to efforts toward regional economic development? |  |  |  |  |
| **Knowledge** |  |  |  |  |
| 1. How knowledgeable are community members about regional economic development? |  |  |  |  |
| 1. How much regional data have the applicants examined (such as demographics, workforce, industry clusters, or other relevant data)? |  |  |  |  |
| **Resources** |  |  |  |  |
| 1. How broad is the representation of participants that will be involved in planning (such as education, industry, healthcare, volunteer orgs, economic development, local citizens, etc.)? |  |  |  |  |
| 1. How much expertise and training is there among those that will be active in the planning process? |  |  |  |  |
| 1. How supportive is the region in terms of volunteering time, making financial donations, providing meeting space, etc. in support of this work? |  |  |  |  |
| 1. How willing are major employers, industries, and organizations to be involved in a regional planning process? |  |  |  |  |
| Number of X in each column: |  |  |  |  |
| Multiply number of x’s times this number: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Place Column Total Here: |  |  |  |  |

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