



1           Whereas, each of the seven regional economic development partnerships has  
2 invested significant time and energy to develop cluster-based vision plans and to  
3 establish strategies for implementing these plans; and

4           Whereas, the regional economic development partnerships' vision plans have  
5 proven effective as a means for readying North Carolina communities for success in a  
6 knowledge-driven global economy; Now, therefore,

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8           **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
9 Department of Commerce the sum of two million one hundred thousand dollars  
10 (\$2,100,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year to be allocated to the seven Regional  
11 Economic Development Commissions for their regional economic development  
12 partnerships. Each of the seven regional economic development partnerships shall  
13 receive three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) during the 2007-2008 fiscal year to  
14 implement its vision plan.

15           **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.