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TO: IAC Members & Designees
FROM: Laura Johnson, Director *Laura*
SUBJECT: Director's Report, February & March 2006

April Agenda Overview: The meeting starts 2:00 pm Tuesday the 18th, in Olympia. The Board will have a short workshop to review the collective results of the recent self-evaluation. The business session is primarily about updates after the 2006 Legislative session and preparation for the 2007-09 biennial budget. We should be finished around 5:30 pm, including a recognition opportunity with Yvonne Yokota.

Staff Work, February and March: In addition to preparing for the April IAC meeting, your staff was also engaged in:

Legislative Matters: The session finished on March 8. Jim Fox will present a detailed update at the meeting.

SRFB work: A major focus was on supporting the work of the SRFB. SRFB's April 6-7 meeting will adopt guidelines for the next grant round, ending in December. Regional recovery plans have become the major organizing principle for habitat investments. The related grants policy development work needed considerable outreach, negotiation, and number crunching this month.

New IAC Grants – Preparation: Your Grants staff is gearing up for the new grant applications, due in our offices on May 1. The project managers did a great job with workshops around the state in March, introducing prospective applicants to IAC grant programs for 2006. So far, we have had almost 400 Letters-of-Intent submitted, a record.

Biennial Budget: We're already on the countdown for the 2007-09 budget. The agency's Strategic Plan materials are before you for approval this meeting, for use in the budget preparation process.

I look forward to seeing IAC members in April. If you have questions, please contact me at 360-902-3003.