Public Input Round 4: "A Framework for Action" Ends This Friday!
Don't miss this chance to share your ideas on the best approaches to turn the regional vision into a reality!

Since fall of 2011, nearly 6,000 people have helped PlanET shape a vision for East Tennessee's future. In the latest round of public input, citizens are being asked to evaluate goals and objectives and identify the ones most likely to turn that vision into a reality.

On May 28 community members began the evaluation process and so far more than 350 people have participated online or by attending a Meeting in a Box. Their input will be used as the framework for the development of an action strategy, which will serve as a guide for communities—and the region as a whole—as they seek to reach their vision for 2040.

It's not too late! Individuals may visit the PlanET website and work through the materials online. Neighborhood associations, civic organizations, or other groups may hold a Meeting in a Box at a time and location of their choice, with or without a PlanET facilitator.

But, this opportunity ends on Friday, June 28, so act now!

PlanET Hires Legacy Coordinator

PlanET has hired a Legacy Coordinator to help the Consortium ensure that the project’s legacy carries forward beyond 2013. Julie Graham, former President and CEO of the Union County Chamber of Commerce, has been selected to fill this role through the end of the year. Julie has been dedicated to PlanET since its inception. She will bring a breadth of experience to the job based on her involvement as a committed participant, volunteer and active voice for the more rural partners and communities.

Julie will help ensure that 28 months of public input, data collection, relationship-building, and visioning remain in the forefront of people’s minds as the project concludes. Her task will be to collaborate with consortium partners—and others yet to be identified—to take the information that has been gathered and build a strong coalition of individuals and organizations that are committed to working together to build an economically competitive future.
The PlanET regional partnership includes: Anderson, Blount, Knox, Loudon, and Union Counties. For more information: (865) 215-2500 or contact@planeasttn.org

To discuss how your organization or municipality can be involved in PlanET in the future, please contact Julie at (865) 215-3812 or julie.graham@knoxmpc.org.