Building Capacity of Local Leaders

1. **Needs.** In terms of community planning and economic development, what are the local capacity gaps in your region? Where are the major training and education gaps, in terms of local officials, planning staff, economic development practitioners, non-profit organizations, etc.?

2. **Solutions.** Identify some topics or skills that could be included in local training or coaching programs. *For example: leadership training; land use planning; urban design; brownfields redevelopment; disaster mitigation; asset-based economic development; bicycle/pedestrian planning; etc.* Get as specific as you can.
3. **Partners.** Who in your consortium could act as coaches or trainers? What would it take to develop a coaching/training/capacity building program?

4. **New Members.** What types of coaches or experts would you need that are NOT part of your consortium or engaged network? Who else would you need to engage, and how will you go about that?