Meeting Purpose: The climate change stakeholder community, including regional, state, local, and non-governmental organizations, has recognized the importance of a shared regional approach in response to impacts from climate variability and change. Federal agencies, also recognizing the need, met in June 2009 to begin a dialogue on their respective climate-related roles and responsibilities. That meeting was the first step in developing a regional framework of activities to address climate change vulnerability and adaptation issues.

While climate change discussions often involve adaptation, knowledge acquisition, and mitigation, the primary focus for this meeting will be adaptation. Specifically, this meeting will focus on regional climate priorities, collaborative pilot projects in the region, and a draft framework for working together to deliver climate information to regional and state users.

Meeting Objectives: Participants will...

- Identify a **unified set of regional needs and priorities** required to address climate issues and deliver climate information in the region;
- Identify **3-5 pilot projects** that leverage existing and potential collaboration opportunities and will facilitate regional understanding of climate variability and change; and
- Begin high-level discussions on **financing and implementing multi-partner pilot projects** in the region.

Meeting Participants: Representatives from federal, regional, state, and non-governmental organizations in the region that can speak to capabilities and projects, as well as the climate information priorities for the region.