

*other local governments, instrumentalities or planning agencies; and cooperate with and assist departments and other agencies or instrumentalities of federal, state and local government; as well as regional, metropolitan, county, municipal or other local or private planning agencies in the execution of their planning functions with a view to harmonizing their planning activities with the state development plan. The State Planning Office shall also cooperate and confer with, and upon request, supply information to federal agencies, and to local or regional agencies created pursuant to a federal program or which receive federal support, and shall cooperate and confer, as far as possible, with planning agencies of other states or of regional groupings of states. Whenever cooperation or assistance under this sub-section includes the rendering of technical services, such services may be rendered free or in accordance with an agreement for reimbursement;*

*(i) Provide information to officials of departments, agencies and instrumentalities of state and local government and to the public at large, in order to foster public awareness and understanding of the objectives of the state development plan and of the functions of state and local planning, and in order to stimulate public interest and participation in the orderly, integrated development of the state;*

*(j) Accept and receive, in furtherance of its function, funds, grants and services from the federal government or its agencies, from departments, agencies and instrumentalities of state or local government, or from private and civic sources;*

*(k) Cooperate, in the exercise of its planning functions, with federal and state agencies in planning for civil defense;*

*(l) Correlate information and data concerning land and other real property owned by the State and its agencies and political subdivisions. This function involves a listing of the real property, together with pertinent details as to size, facilities and value, in order that the Planning Department may serve as a repository and clearing house for information on available real property for public uses.*

*(m) Exercise all other powers necessary and proper for the discharge of its duties.*

### **3. Director of State Planning; appointment, term and qualifications**

*The Director of State Planning shall be appointed by the Governor to serve at the Governor's pleasure. THE DIRECTOR SHALL RECEIVE SUCH COMPENSATION AS MAY BE FIXED IN THE BUDGET FROM TIME TO TIME. The Director need not be a resident of this State prior to or at the time of his appointment. He shall be a person qualified by training or experience in state, regional or local planning or having significant civic, governmental or business experience in matters connected with urban or rural planning.*

### **4. Director of State Planning; powers and duties**

*(a) The Director of State Planning shall be the head of the State Planning Department and shall be responsible for the exercise of its powers and the execution of its duties. The director shall also:*

*(b) Appoint and remove the staff of the State Planning Department, in accordance with the provisions of Article 64A of this Code*