Board Meeting
Thursday, May 11, 2023
9:00 am – 11:00 am

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AGENDA

1.	9:00	**Call to Order & Agenda Review**	**Chair, Commissioner Buch**
2.	9:05	**Roll Call**	**Staff, Justin Peterson**
3.	9:10	**Public Comment**	**Chair**
4.	9:15	**Minutes of February 9, 2023, Meeting (Attachment A)** **ACTION: Approval of Minutes**	**Chair**
5.	9:20	**Oregon Employment Department Update** • Patrick O'Connor is the Regional Economist for Marion, Polk, Yamhill, Linn, and Benton Counties. Patrick will provide an update on the economic conditions in the region.	**Guest, Patrick O'Connor OED**
6.	10:15	**Broadband Action Team Update** Discussion on the BAT structure (Attachment B)	**Staff, Ryan Vogt**
7.	10:30	**Update on CWEDD Efforts** • CWEDD Update Presentation • CWEDD Binders (Available on the website) • CWEDD Project Tracker (Attachment C)	**Staff, Justin Peterson**

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| 8. | 10:45 | **Discussion: CEDS Working Groups (Open time for any updates)** | **Staff, Justin Peterson** |

- *Broadband Action Team (BAT)*
- *Cascades West Regional Consortium (CWRC)*
- *Early Childhood Education*
- *Rural Economic Alliance (REAL)*
- *Lane Economic Committee (LEC)*
- *Blue Economy Update from EDALC*
- *Other workgroup updates?*

| 9. | 10:50 | **Other Business (if time allows)** | **Chair/Staff** |

- *Executive Committee Updates*
- *Staff Updates – CED Director*
- *Regionally Significant Jurisdiction Updates*

| 10. | 11:00 | **Adjournment** | **Chair** |

Next Meeting: CWEDD BOARD MEETING Scheduled for Thursday August 10, 2023, from 9:00am to 11:00am.

Attendance (For Quorum Purposes)

OCWCOG Members	Title	Jurisdiction	Attendance
Nancy Wyse	Commissioner	Benton County	
Claire Hall	Commissioner	Lincoln County	
Alex Johnson II	Mayor	City of Albany	
Sherrie Sprenger	Commissioner	Linn County	
Chas Jones	Mayor	City of Philomath	
Dean Sawyer	Mayor	City of Newport	
Paul Schuytema	Executive Director	EDALC	
Chris Workman	City Manager	City of Philomath	
Kelly Hart	CED Director	City of Lebanon	
John Pascone	President	AMEDC	
Pam Barlow-Lind	Tribal Planner	CTSI	
Seth Sherry or Sophie Adams	ED Manager/ ED Coordinator	City of Albany	
Lane Members	**Title**	**Jurisdiction**	**Attendance**
Greg James	Board Member	WillamaLane Parks and Rec	
Bryan Cutchen	Mayor	City of Oakridge	
Randy Groves	City Councilor	City of Eugene	
Heather Buch	Commissioner	Lane County	
Patti Chappel	President	Emerald People's Utility Dist.	
Kori Rodley	City Councilor	City of Springfield	
Greg Ervin	Council Member	City of Cottage Grove	
Matt Michel	City Manager	City of Veneta	

Quorum Requirement: CWEDD business may be conducted provided a quorum of members attends. A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the membership of the District Board. The CWEDD members may participate by telephone or other means of electronic communication, provided the meeting is called to order at a meeting place where the public can attend, hear, understand and/or read the comments of the members participating by telephone or electronic means and the members so participating can fully hear, understand, and/or read the comments of the other members participating in the meeting.

CWEDD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 09, 2023

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Virtual Via Microsoft Teams

DRAFT MINUTES

OCWCOG Members	Title	Jurisdiction	Attendance
Nancy Wyse	Commissioner	Benton County	Yes
Claire Hall	Commissioner	Lincoln County	Yes
Alex Johnson II	Mayor	City of Albany	Yes
Sherrie Sprenger	Commissioner	Linn County	No
Dean Sawyer	Mayor	City of Newport	No
Paul Schuytema	Executive Director	EDALC	Yes
Chris Workman	City Manager	City of Philomath	Yes
Kelly Hart	Director	City of Lebanon	Yes
John Pascone	President	AMEDC	Yes
Pam Barlow-Lind	Tribal Planner	CTSI	Yes
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Lane Members	**Title**	**Jurisdiction**	**Attendance**
Greg James	Board Member	WillamaLane Parks and Rec	Yes
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Randy Groves	City Councilor	City of Eugene	Yes
Heather Buch	Commissioner	Lane County	Yes
Patti Chappel	President	Emerald People's Utility Dist.	No
Laural O'Rourke	Board Member	4J School District	No
Greg Ervin	Council Member	City of Cottage Grove	Yes
Matt Michel	City Manager	City of Veneta	Yes

Staff: EDA Planner Justin Peterson, CED Operations Supervisor Emma Chavez Sosa, CED Administrative Assistant Ashlyn Muzechenko, Executive Director Ryan Vogt, LCOG Loan Officer Sandra Easdale, LCOG Executive Director Brenda Wilson
Guests: Holly Mar-Conte, Eileen Stein, Jenna Cusimano, Leigh McIlvaine, Wesley J. Cochran

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	DECISION / CONCLUSION
1. Call to Order & Agenda Review	The meeting started with agenda item number 7 as there wasn't quite a quorum, but the final member of quorum will be attending and was just running late.	**Meeting called to order at 9:04 am by Chair Heather Buch**
2. Welcome and Roll Call	Staff Justin Peterson conducted roll call of the CWEDD Board of Commissioner members.	**Roll Call was conducted by Staff Justin Peterson**
3. Public Comment	There were no public comments presented to the CWEDD Board Members.	**There were no public comments.**
4. CWEDD Board Membership (Handout) & Election of Officers (Attachment A and B) *Action: Election of Officers*	Staff Justin Peterson noted that there are 12 members present so there is now a quorum. Staff Peterson shared that the CWEDD membership is included in the packet. On the OCWCOG side they are still recruiting to fill vacancies. Staff Justin Peterson added that officers are allowed to serve 3 terms, and the chair and vice chair automatically serve on the executive committee as well. Staff Peterson noted that currently Heather Buch and Paul Schuytema are the current Chairs and Vice Chairs, both were honored to remain in their respective positions if it is the will of the board. Matt Michel, Chris Workman, and Randy Groves supported the Current Chair and Vice Chair to continue one for another year. Greg Ervin moved to approve Commissioner Buch and Paul Schuytema to remain as chair and vice chair. Kelly Hart seconded. The motion passed unanimously.	**Greg Ervin moved to approve Commissioner Buch and Paul Schuytema to remain as chair and vice chair. Kelly Hart seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**
5. CWEDD Executive Committee Appointment *Action: Appointment of Executive Committee Member*	Staff Justin Peterson provided in-depth details for the CWEDD Executive Committee, which means that that currently Commissioner Buch and Paul Schuytema will remain on the executive committee, but there is a vacancy for Benton County that needs to be filled. The other members are Board Member Councilor Groves, and Kelly Hart from Lebanon. Chris Workman noted that he isn't currently able to, but would support	**Greg James nominated Commissioner Wyse for Executive Committee, and Commission Buch seconded. The motion carried and passed unanimously.**

	Commissioner Wyse and her interest. Paul Schuytema asked about moving forward or should we follow up on the appointment of Commissioner Wyse to the Executive Committee. Staff Peterson noted that there could be a vote pending approval from Commissioner Wyse. Greg James nominated Commissioner Wyse for Executive Committee, and Commissioner Buch seconded. The motion carried and passed unanimously.	
6. Minutes of September 29, 2022, Meeting (Attachment C) *Action: Approval of Minutes*	Matt Michel moved to approve the September 29, 2022, minutes as presented, and Paul Schuytema seconded. The motion passed unanimously without corrections.	**Matt Michel moved to approve the September 29, 2022, minutes, Paul Schuytema seconded. The motion passes unanimously without corrections.**
7. Childcare Updates	Holly Mar-Conte introduced the Eugene Childcare presentation from the nonprofit Onward Eugene. Mar-Conte noted that the childcare sector strategist was created first when the pandemic started. Mar-Conte noted that the childcare system was challenging even before the pandemic but afterwards, it has now become a childcare crisis. In Lane County, across the state, and across the nation, the crisis needs to be addressed swiftly and in different ways than ever before. Mar-Conte noted that there is 1 slot for every 7 infants. Mar-Conte added that without childcare, families cannot return to work. Mar-Conte noted there is a struggle to find and retain employees with the regulations in the childcare workforce. Mar-Conte noted that during the pandemic there were investments and grants for early childcare development however, now that the pandemic is over, those grants went away, and many centers lost	

	funding. Mar-Conte added that many childcare workers are trying to figure out how to continue operations. Child Care Sector strategy includes partnership of childcare providers and families with young children who work with employers, education, workforce development, economic development, and community organization to address the workforce and other competitiveness needs of the childcare industry. Mar-Conte noted that members on the Lane Childcare Steering Committee include childcare providers from In-home, center bases, relief nursery, Head Start, and Early Childhood CARES. Additionally, Mar-Conte shared that 50% of membership is comprised of parents and families with a focus on representation from BIPOC and Rural Communities. Mar-Conte added that through data collection Lane County Preschool has initiated a childcare survey and an employer survey which is designed to understand childcare benefits, interest, and what the struggles are of the childcare crisis. Mar-Conte noted that emerging strategies for Onward Eugene are: The employer Toolkit, Outreach/Support, Surveys, Media Campaign, Child Care Acceleration and Fast Track Programs at Quality Care Connections, Shared Services Model, Apprenticeships, Child Care start Up and Expansion; with an emphasis on rural providers and culturally specific providers, and finally childcare facility space. Mar-Conte noted that it is important to give out information to develop a successful and continued childcare program. Mar-Conte added that centralizing resources and letting the providers focus on just taking care of the children could make the childcare business more effective. Holly Mar-Conte noted that increasing expertise in the field is essential to increasing the compensation fields as well. Mar-Conte stated that the Seeding Justice opportunity for grants just	

	opened on Monday for childcare providers as well and Onward Eugene is working on supporting providers who are attempting to apply. Mar-Conte shared that another point is addressing the housing crisis with the childcare crisis at the same time. Greg James inquired about care providers in WillamaLane, and shared the services that they provide. James noted that everything in the presentation rang in true with the experiences providers are having, especially with staff shortages. Greg James asked about the groups that are involved in the process, and if the park districts or the YMCA can be involved as well. Mar-Conte noted that there are few ways for providers to get involved, one of which is the steering committee, as afterschool care is essential for working families. Mar-Conte noted that another way is through a group of early learning childcare developers where there are meetings that members could attend. Mar-Conte noted that the childcare apprenticeships could be an additional way to get involved. Matt Michel noted that he was curious about the shared services model and if it related to the non-profit structure, or if it was more governmental. Mar-Conte agreed that there is an organization that has been developed at the state level that offers business support and access to software to help with backend administrative work for childcare providers. Mar-Conte noted that communities have to apply to be a part of the shared services model. Mar-Conte noted that Lane County is not included yet, and will hopefully be added in as the program continues on within the next year. Commissioner Buch noted that she is thankful that Holly Mar-Conte has been selected to lead the childcare initiative for Lane County. Anne Whittington noted that the working group she manages will be working to apply for the seeding justice grant that works out of a $22	

	million fund. Whittington noted that there were two Childcare Start Up Workshops in the rural community. Anne Whittington noted that at the beginning of February, 3 grants were offered two for $10,000 and one for $8,000 and two of those 3 grants went to Spanish speaking providers. All three of these grants will create 2 part-time positions, and 14 new childcare sports for Linn County and benefited Albany Businesses.	
8. Update on CWEDD Efforts: • EDA Authorized Scope of Work (Attachment D) • CWEDD Approved Work Plan (Attachment E) • CWEDD Update Presentation • CWEDD Project Tracker (Attachment F)	Staff Justin Peterson introduced some of the CWEDD Efforts that have been in progress lately. Peterson noted that the EDA as a three-year planning grant application was submitted a month ago (See Attachments D-F). Staff Justin Peterson noted that the EDA grant cycle is on a three-year period. Staff Peterson noted that one of the bigger items is to go through the CEDS update again for 2025 through 2030. Staff Justin Peterson noted that there is now letter of support guidelines to provide parameters for when groups come to ask for letter of supports from CWEDD. Staff Peterson noted that last year there was a CEDS amendment to add the metrics. Staff Justin Peterson noted that the CWEDD Executive Committee was also created last year. Peterson noted that a summary of the presentations from last year include: economic update from the Regional Oregon Employment Department, Childcare Presentations from Family Forward and the Albany YMCA, a Mass Timber presentation, Broadband presentations, and other updates. Staff Justin Peterson noted that both COGS work together closely to access EDA funds for grants. Staff Peterson noted that that vision from the CEDS includes a growing diversified and resilient economy with a range of employment opportunities that provide stable family wage jobs, lifelong learning and training, sustainable natural resources, integrated infrastructure, and coordination among	

| | economic development efforts through the entire region.

Staff Peterson noted that in the last CEDS there were five priority areas which are regional collaboration and partnership, sector diversification through business development, infrastructure resilience, workforce support, and rural vitality.

Staff Peterson noted that in the CEDS there are three indicators to measure the progress of the five priority areas. Staff Justin Peterson noted that there are approaches outlined in the CEDS on how to achieve the five priority ideas.

Staff Justin Peterson added that in priority area 1 there were many different example regional collaboration implementation accomplishments. One of which are the ongoing regional Economic Development Practitioner Meetings, which will hopefully be kicked off again in 2023.

Staff Justin Peterson noted that in 2021 IPRE presented their ecosystem mapping work as an effort to better understand all of the players of economic development across the region.

Commissioner Buch noted that when it comes to implementation one of the first things that comes to mind is who is doing it and how it is done.

Paul Schuytema noted that the CEDS become a scaffolding to have conversations throughout the region and avoid tunnel visions.

Matt Michel noted that the CEDS is a creature of EDA and Programming in order to access the EDA funds, and how is the value proposition accessed and how is the grants and loan programs accessed in order to submit applications more strongly. Michel also noted that it means having a collaborative structure to deliver for EDA. | |

	Greg James noted that one of the struggles is turnover in membership for commissions and boards, and it is important to share the success stories not only in terms of what has been done, but also dollars that have come to the region through the CEDS process. James noted that another important factor is how can the members do better. Staff Justin Peterson shared Attachment F, the CWEDD Project Tracker, to the CWEDD Board members. Staff Peterson provided a summary and purpose for the project tracker, along with sharing that this was a main project of the CWEDD Executive Committee. Wesley J. Cochran, from the EDA, shared in the Team's Meeting chat that this CWEDD district was the most successful in terms of individual EDA ARPA awards last year. There were two awards to Cottage Grove for main street and park improvements and Eugene for Susan Arlie bike trails project. Also, the Mass Timber folks who you will hear from next.	
9. Discussion: CEDS Working Groups: • Broadband Action Team (BAT) • Cascades West Regional Consortium (CWRC) • Early Childhood Education • Rural Economic Alliance (REAL) • Lane Economic Committee (LEC) • Blue Economy Update from EDLAC	Staff Justin Peterson introduced this standing agenda item for all of the CEDS working groups who would prefer to provide an update. **Broadband:** Anne Whittington noted that they are currently in the process of running data and submitting challenges to the FCC. For every challenge to the maps that the FCC accepts that is $4,000 submitted to the state. Matt Michel asked what the challenges are and what they are based on. Anne Whittington noted that the challenges are the matches for FCC Data against actual service provided data. Paul Schuytema noted that some of the data is needed to make sure the addresses aren't omitted, and if the data is comprehensive enough	

• Other Work Group Updates	to show who all of the folks are. Wesley J. Cochran, from the EDA, asked about challenge tool being open online, as it was implied as it was closed on January 13th. Anne Whittington noted that she heard that apartment buildings are only listed as one address, and the date was pushed back. Paul Schuytema confirmed that the date was pushed back to allow more time for challenges. Schuytema noted that working with Solarity to do broadband work has been focusing on educating rural committees through broadband 101 events. **Blue Economy:** Paul Schuytema shared they are on the tail end of Business Oregon's legislative funded Oregon Emerging industries market analysis with 5 different market areas. Currently staff are working with the Ocean Economy area of market studies. Schuytema who is on the advising and steering committee, noted that it is wrapping up at the end of February 2023 and will head to the legislatures in March. **Lane Economic Committee:** Sandra Easdale noted that they are working on addressing CEDS priorities, for example with the presentation from Holly Mar-Conte on childcare. There was also a business program what will be providing a training on the next Lane Economic Committee meeting on Monday. **Rural Economic Alliances:** Kelly Hart noted that their website is up and running which is a great business resource. Hart added that the 5-year strategic plan for the Rural Economic Alliance (REAL) was just completed as well. Chris Workman shared that there was a meeting last month for strategic planning with a consultant. Workman noted that there is a lot of the projects that were in the last strategic plan have been accomplished and are on track to be completed.	

10. Other Business: (If Time Allows)
   • Executive Committee Updates
   • Staff Updates
   • Jurisdictional Updates
	Executive Committee Updates:
	Already provided as an agenda item.
	
	Staff Updates:
	Staff Justin Peterson shared that the previous director, Jenny Glass, has left the COG, and there are now new candidates to select a new director with 6 interviews tomorrow to hopefully fill that position.
	
	Staff Peterson shared that moving forward is to do a hybrid meeting format for CWEDD Meetings. Peterson added that meetings will rotate around the region.
	
	Staff Ryan Vogt noted that if there are CWEDD Board Members who would be willing to participate in selecting the future CED director please reach out to himself, or Justin Peterson soon.
	
	Jurisdictional Updates:
	Mayor Alex Johnson of Albany noted that at the next meeting he will have more to present.
	
	Commissioner Heather Buch for Lane County noted that they are currently working on a mental health rehabilitation center and finally have a location and will be coming together with final finances to get it moving. Commissioner Buch noted the facility is a place to stay with professionals to stay for 30 days and get help for their mental health crisis they are experiencing.
	
	Greg Ervin, of Cottage Grove, noted that the council met and gave direction to engineers for width of sidewalks and streets as well as other directions based on landscape too. Ervin added that the standout was there was some consensus and they were able to work through disagreements to move forward with the project.	

11. Mass Timber Update	Justin Peterson introduce Leigh McIlvaine with the Mass Timber Project that had received EDA grants that serves the CWEDD Region. McIlvaine noted that without her presenting partner it will be a shorter	

	presentation. McIlvaine provided her presentation to the CWEDD Board members regarding Build Back better with Mass Timber.	
	McIlvaine shared that Mass Timber is an umbrella term used to describe engineered lumber that is adhered together with glue or other fasteners that form together to achieve high strength levels but to be lighter. Leigh shared that it has been approved for large scale buildings as well as it is more economically friendly since it stores carbon rather than releases it.	
	McIlvaine shared that Oregon is the first mover advantage with this idea to deploy mass timber across the entire state. Leigh noted that those interested should attend the integration mass timber conference at the end of month in Portland Oregon.	
	McIlvaine noted that the goal is to grow the mass timber industry and increase potential and look at the overall prosperity. Leigh noted that there is a lot of growth expected for cities all across the state.	
	McIlvaine noted that the vision is to benefit from the success that this coalition will bring in multiple different areas. McIlvaine added that success will be measured by how it affects the consumers across the state.	
	McIlvaine noted that using Mass Timber to address the housing crisis across the entire state of Oregon to produce 30,000- 40,000 new units each year are needed.	
	McIlvaine stated that Mass Timber also supports forest restoration and resilience across the state. McIlvaine shared that this was one of 60 projects, of 529 submissions, that were awarded funding. Mass Timber Itself received $41.4 million for industry cluster development and transformative change for the mass timber industry.	
	McIlvaine noted that working on forming a modular housing facility in terminal 2 (T2), as a manufacturing facility to produce mass timber	

| | modular housing in a controlled environment. This will allow to distribute homes around the state.

McIlvaine shared that in late 2020 the state legislature allocated $5 million to prototype mass timber small scale homes, with the porotype revealed in January 2023. The general contactor will be selected in June 2023 to start manufacturing and overseeing the process.

McIlvaine shared that another important element would be workforce development and job training, as well as career pathways.

McIlvaine noted that Mass Timber uses sustainable sourcing to source products from lands that are being managed for conservation goals.

McIlvaine noted that the timeline is housing prototypes and code updates are July 2022 Occupy terminal 2, August 2022 Modular designs completed, September 2022 Construction begins, December 2022 first modular home completed, June 2023 final modular prototype delivered and installed, June 2023 DLCD opens applications for cities seeking code updates.

Next steps for Mass Timber include build coalition diversity and industry representatives, launch equity oversight committee, seek additional sources of public and private capital, and Mass timber center for innovation and excellence which would be collocated with the manufacturing facility in the Port of Portland.

Greg James noted that this project is important, and sometimes one of the biggest issues with mass timber is the code problems. James adds that he is pleased to see that DLCD is looking into this issue and addressing it promptly too.

McIlvaine noted that on code updates, Mass Timber is providing direct technical assistance to ten cities across the state that are prioritized by communities that were impacted by wildfire, more specifically the 2020 Labor Day wildfires. | |

	Commissioner Heather Buch noted that sometimes the fires are in the areas that aren't in the city's jurisdictions. Additionally, Commissioner Buch added the question that knowing the symbolic relationship between parks and modular homes, is DLCD working on zoning for new parks in the state of Oregon. McIlvaine noted that at this time there is no plan for manufactured parks to be added, or an emphasis on additional land capacity, but it is a great and important point that should be looked into. Greg James noted that it is incredibly important in terms of density, that many cities have adopted codes to increase density. James added that having the ability to have the Mass Timber units fit the accessibility dwelling regulations should be something to be considered to be best utilized to communities across the state. Leigh McIlvaine agreed that looking into other uses for the timber rather than singular occupancy homes could benefit multiple parts of the community all across the state. Mayor Alex Johnson noted that looking at ways for builders to build smaller homes is a good way to incentivized, such as tiering their SDCs.	
12. Adjournment	The next CWEDD Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2023, from 9:00am – 11:00am	**Meeting Adjourned by Chair Heather Buch at 10:57 am**

Linn, Benton, Lincoln, and Lane Broadband Action Team Participation Guidelines

Mission and Vision Statement

The LBLL Broadband Action Team is a region-wide, community-based group of stakeholders that have come together to bridge the digital divide throughout the region. The BAT's core mission is to help expand access to affordable, high-speed internet to as many County residents as possible. We will accomplish this by working to identify the pressing connectivity needs of the region, expanding network infrastructure, pursuing grant funding, distributing digital inclusion resources, and engaging the community. The Broadband Action Team recognizes that it need not be the principal entity achieving each of these goals, but will assist in their pursuit by building relationships, facilitating collaboration, and prompting relevant conversations amongst key entities. We will always strive to tailor our efforts and perspective to the on-the-ground needs of our community members.

Goals and Operating Principles

1) The Broadband Action Team will center its work on the unserved, underserved, and otherwise grant-eligible citizens and locations we hope to serve during all meetings, initiatives, and planning sessions.
2) The Broadband Action Team will seek to remove the different types of barriers unserved and underserved community members face preventing their access to affordable, high-speed internet connectivity.
3) The Broadband Action Team will work to expand affordable future-proof broadband infrastructure to as many residents as possible by supporting projects that seek to achieve this objective.
4) The Broadband Action Team will work to establish its processes as a statewide "best practice" of multi-stakeholder, cross-sector mission-driven collaboration.
5) The Broadband Action team will remain a respectful forum that values civility, discourse, progress, and service above all else.
6) The Broadband Action Team facilitators and members may discuss rules and policies that impact broadband services in the region but recognize that the BAT itself does not speak in a cohesive, singular voice.
7) The Broadband Action Team, in addition to providing time for specific project updates, will provide an opportunity for "open sharing" for all members to share status updates about their needs, services, or pursuit of the missions, goals, and principles listed above.
8) The Broadband Action Team, through exercising the principles above, will strive to remove roadblocks to development and build itself and its participants into an advantageous position to receive grant dollars.
9) The Broadband Action Team will welcome stakeholders to the table that are willing to engage with the group and adhere to all other principles listed above. We welcome the advancement of individual stakeholder interests that align with the principles listed above.

CWEDD Project Tracker

The Cascades West Economic Development District (CWEDD) is designated by the U.S. Economic Development Administration to work on economic development efforts in Benton, Lane, Linn, and Lincoln counties. The CWEDD does this through a collaborative effort by implementing a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), a five-year economic development plan for the four-county region. Staff recognizes that economic development work is happening across the region; however, this work is often never connected back to the CEDS. The 2020-2025 CEDS recognized Regional and Local economic development stakeholders as key stakeholders in implementing the CEDS. One of the roles of economic development practitioners and stakeholders was sharing and discussing local successes and challenges in economic development (CEDS Page 35). The CWEDD Project Tracker is a way to highlight the successes in the four-county region.

Vision: The District's preferred future includes a growing diversified and resilient economy with a range of employment opportunities that provide stable family wage jobs, lifelong learning and training opportunities, sustainable natural resources, integrated infrastructure, and coordination among economic development efforts throughout the region.

Benefits of the Project Tracker include:

- Increasing regional awareness of your project
- Opportunities to gain support for your project
- Resource sharing opportunities
- Opportunity to present work at a CWEDD Board Meeting
- Including your project in the Economic Development Yearly Report

* Required

1. CWEDD Strategic Priority Areas (Select all that apply): More information about CEDS priority areas can be found at the link below.

   https://www.ocwcog.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/CWEDD-2020-25-CEDS-Main-Plan-and-Appendices_FINAL_February-2022.pdf
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   ☐   Priority Area 1: Regional Collaboration and Partnerships

   ☐   Priority Area 2: Sector Diversification Through Business Development

   ☐   Priority Area 3: Infrastructure Resilience

   ☐   Priority Area 4: Workforce Support

   ☐   Priority Area 5: Rural Vitality

   ☐   None of the above

2. Project Name *

3. Lead Contact's Name *

4. Lead Contact's Email *

5. Project Description *

Summarize your project in 3-4 sentences and add a link to a project page

6. Funding Agency and Funding Amount *

List the primary funding agency and the anticipated funding amount.

7. Key Partners *

Select primary Players who will help implement the project

☐ Business Oregon

☐ Chamber of Commerce

☐ CWEDD Board

☐ Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)

☐ Elected Officials

☐ Health Care Providers

☐ Higher Education Representatives

☐ K-12 Education Representatives

☐ Local and County Emergency Managers

☐ Local and County Staff

☐ Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network (RAIN)

☐ Regional Solutions Team (RST)

☐ Regional Tourism Staff

☐ Small Business Development Center

☐ University of Oregon EDA University Center

☐ Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs)

☐ None of the above

☐ Other

8. Regional Collaboration *

How does your project support regional collaboration?

☐ Cross- and multi- jurisdictional Partnerships

☐ Referrals between business support providers

☐ Multi-jurisdictional Project

☐ Engagement with CWEDD Board and Working Groups

☐ None of the above

☐ Other

9. Regional Collaboration - Additional Details

Space to provide any additional detail about how your project supports regional collaboration.

10. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion *

How does your project build a more equitable and inclusive region?

*Equitable Access - Communities that have been chronically under resourced or discriminated against (like rural communities, immigrant communities, Black communities, and Indigenous communities) require additional attention and resources to ensure the opportunity gap does not further widen as a result of natural- and human-created incidents (CEDS Page 4).

☐ Project explicitly considers Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

☐ Underserved populations explicitly supported by the project

☐ Equitable Access*

☐ Project supports access to health and education services

☐ None of the above

☐ Other

11. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - Additional Details

Space to provide any additional detail about how your project supports Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

12. Resilience *

How does your project support economic resilience?

☐ Incorporation of resilience considerations into regional and local economic development strategies

☐ Diversification of Industries and Economic Sectors

☐ Workforce Flexibility

☐ Project explicitly considers Redundancy and Resiliency

☐ Pre-Disaster Planning for Response, Continuity and Recovery

☐ Internal Coordination and External Communication

☐ Presence of infrastructure projects explicitly considering self-sufficiency

☐ None of the above

☐ Other

13. Resilience - Additional Details

Space to provide any additional detail about how your project supports resilience.

14. How can CWEDD partners support your project? *

☐ Funding

☐ Identifying Additional Partners

☐ Legislative Support

☐ Letters of Support

☐ Political Support

☐ Technical Assistance

☐ None of the above

☐ Other

15. Who completed this form? *

16. Email contact for follow up questions if this is different from project lead contact

17. Is there anything else you would like to add?

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