# **StrategicSummary**

Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County Planning and Action

**Enhancing Local Economic Vitality :: 2021 and Beyond** 





# EDALC Plans to Deliver in 2021

## **Goal of this Summary**

To provide a strategic framework for EDALC's work in 2021 and to lay the groundwork for future strategic planning and collaborative economic development work.

## **Our Organization's Mission**

To deliver economic development services to facilitate creation, growth and retention of Lincoln County businesses.



#### What Does EDALC Do?

- We deliver professional, meaningful and needed economic development services that do not duplicate efforts of other organizations.
- We enthusiastically collaborate with other organizations, groups and stakeholders to continuously improve the economic vitality and resiliency of Lincoln County.
- We relentlessly market Lincoln County as the premier location for business operations on Oregon's central coast.
- We communicate effectively and consistently with our stakeholders and the larger business community.
- We maintain an up-to-date, professional and informative digital media presence (web and social media).
- We align our work, whenever possible, with the Cascades West Economic Development District's 2021 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.
- The efforts of our board of directors and staff are continuously aligned with our mission and goals.



### **Our Goals ::**



Pursue a more diverse, resilient and equitable local economy

- Research ways to include underserved communities in entrepreneurial ecosystem
- Evaluate the practice of economic development through a more equtable lens



Support the continued growth of an active and supportive entrepreneurial ecosystem

- Begin planning to create an effective and sustainable Lincoln County business incubator
- Attract businesses, remote workers and lifestyle entrepreneurs to Lincoln County



Establish EDALC as the premier entity advancing and coordinating economic development for Lincoln County

- Lead the creation of a county-wide strategic plan towards increased economic vitality
- Continuously gather and assess countywide economic development priorities



# Build robust capacity to meet aggresive goals

- Develop an effective, data-driven business retention and expansion program
- Continually seek resources (grants, etc.) to enhance the effectiveness of existing efforts and to create new, impactful projects
- Develop an impactful board of industry representative and economic development drivers



Deliver concrete and relevant economic development services

- Continue to serve as Enterprise Zone administrator and increase awareness and utilization of this incentive
- Build and market an up-to-data inventory of commercial sites via Business Oregon's Oregon Prospector online portal
- Work, in either a lead or supporting role, on impactful projects that are aligned with our mission and these strategic goals
- Deliver valuable and informative events to our local business community



# Amplify the economic development impact of others

- Work to increase the availability of housing for Lincoln County's workforce
- Working with our regional BAT, seek to enhance the availability of high-speed synchronous business broadband
- Continue to support the efforts of other organizations via the County's Community and Economic Development Grant Program



## County-Wide Economic Development Priorities

- Continued Business Development
  - Support existing businesses
  - Sector diversification
  - Entrepreneurial development
  - Business attraction
  - Workforce pipeline development
- More affordable workforce housing
- More access to affordable childcare
- Enhance accessibility and affordability of business broadband
- Develop local and regional Blue Economy
- Catalyze activity on existing commercial and industrial sites



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