

Agenda Item Number 11.a.

Approval of Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Presenter: Steve Dignam

Action Recommended: Approve the CEDS

Background:

This Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is prepared for the 2010-2015 time period. It is intended to provide a framework for long-term economic development planning efforts in the four-county Cascades West Economic Development District (CWEDD) region of Benton, Lane, Lincoln, and Linn Counties, Oregon.

CWEDD is a partnership between Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments and Lane Council of Governments. The CWEDD is designated by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration to work on economic development efforts in the four-county region. The Oregon Cascades West Community and Economic Development Committee (CED) and Lane Economic Committee (LEC) play lead roles in defining regional community and economic development issues, opportunities, vision, goals, and work programs.

The CEDS has undergone extensive review and public comment. A draft of the document was prepared in April, 2010 based upon input from the LEC and the CED. Input from the LEC incorporated significant elements of the recently concluded Regional Prosperity Summit held in Eugene. The CEDS was then reviewed and amended at an Economic Development Forum in June, 2010 hosted by Congressman Peter Defazio in Albany. The CEDS received a final review and approval by the Lane Economic Committee on June 21, 2010.

Upon review and approval by the LCOG Board, the CEDS will have one final reading before the board of the CWEDD on October 5, 2010. The CEDS will then be submitted to the US Economic Development Administration.

A full copy of the CEDS is available for review on the LCOG web page. A partial copy including Executive Summary is included herein.