



Columbia-Pacific Economic Development District June 2011 Newsletter

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EDA Reauthorization Fails in the Senate

This month, the U.S. Senate failed to pass a cloture motion on the Economic Development Administration's (EDA) five-year reauthorization measure (S.782). Needing 60 votes for passage, the motion was defeated on a 49-51 vote with four Democratic Senators joining all Republicans in opposing the cloture motion. As a result; the EDA reauthorization bill will not move forward for formal consideration and a final vote at this time.

EDA will continue to operate and function as normal through the annual appropriations process. The reauthorization process is used to amend and update an agency's policies and priorities, as well as assist Congress in the oversight of federal agencies and programs. The U.S. House of Representatives has yet to address the EDA reauthorization issue this year. Although this vote is disappointing, it is important to remember that EDA has not been reauthorized since 2008 and has continued to receive funding through the appropriations process. It is more essential than ever that you continue your outreach efforts with your Senators and Representatives on the importance of EDA's FY12 budget. It is not too late to ask NW Oregon's Congressional delegation to support EDA in the FY2012 appropriations process, especially related to increasing funding for the EDD planning program and maintaining support for the public works account.

Nationwide, numerous Senators from both parties expressed their strong support for EDA, including the work of Economic Development Districts, during the debate. Senate EPW Chairman Barbara Boxer (D-CA), Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD), Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR) and Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK), among others, continuously talked about the benefits of EDA. Thank you Senator Merkley.

Col-Pac Invited to Apply for EDA Partnership Planning Grant

EDA's Seattle office recently received tentative guidance on their program allocations for the balance of FY 2011. Based on this information the anticipated amount of Col-Pac's next EDA grant award is \$70,000. According to the most recent 24-month unemployment rates and Per Capita Personal Income for NW Oregon, Col-Pac's federal grant rate will be 50% meaning Col-Pac will be required to provide a minimum match of \$70,000. These requirements and funding availability is consistent with Col-Pac's annual Partnership Planning grants for the last two years. The 2011–2012 is the Col-Pac's third year of a 3 year granting period.

New Maps Show Population Shifts

As the 2010 Census information gets processed for public use, a couple of mapping programs have been recently released. Check out these two populations maps: The first gives a global perspective; the second one allows you to click on any county in the country and get the updated census stats.

<http://www.poodwaddle.com/clocks/worldclock/>

<http://projects.nytimes.com/census/2010/map?nl=todaysheadlines&emc=thab1>

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Oregon Legislature Support Economic Development

This session, the Oregon Legislature supported both the Business Oregon budget and legislation targeted specific programs. The Oregon Business Development Department was one of the few state agencies dependent on lottery or general fund revenues whose budget was not hit hard. Included in its approved budget is \$15 million for the Strategic Reserve Fund with up to \$4 million that could be spent on a new incentive called the Business Expansion Program.

The Enterprise Zone Program sunset extension to 2025 was passed unanimously in both the House and Senate. In related votes, the Electronic Commerce and Long-term Rural Enterprise Zone tax credits, scheduled to sunset in 2013, were extended to 2018.

While at one point facing elimination, amended and reduced versions of the Business Energy Tax Credit (BETC) programs (except for manufacturing) were approved.

Grant Opportunities and Deadlines:

Upcoming grant opportunities include:

- The Partnership for Sustainable Communities (a collaboration between HUD, DOT, and the EPA) has announced their *Capacity Building for Sustainable Communities* grant program. This program will provide capacity building support for communities engaged in planning efforts that support community involvement and integrate housing, land use, land cleanup and preparation for reuse, economic and workforce development, transportation, and infrastructure investments. The application deadline for this program is [July 15, 2011](#). To learn more about this opportunity, click [here](#).
- The National Endowment for the Humanities has announced the 2011 *America's Historical and Cultural Organizations* grant program. This program supports projects in the humanities that explore stories, ideas, and beliefs in order to deepen our understanding of our lives and our world. Both planning and implementation grant. Application deadline for this program is [August 17, 2011](#). To learn more about this opportunity on [grants.gov](#), click [here](#)
- USDA Value-Added Agriculture Producer Grants—[August 29, 2011](#)
<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-06-28/pdf/2011-16121.pdf>

OEDA Summer Training Conference

The Oregon Economic Development Association Summer Conference is being held in Bend on Friday, July 22nd at the Oxford Hotel. For more information or to register click on: www.oeda.biz