



SKAMANIA COUNTY
Economic Development Council

Community Growth Update

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2010 In Review





SCEDC's Purpose & Mission



- **Assist in the retention and expansion of existing businesses and industries.**
- **Encourage capital investment for new business development.**
- **Promote public policies to facilitate orderly economic development in Skamania County.**



2010 Goals In Review

- 1. Build Insitu Relationship**
- 2. Property Development**
- 3. Mount Adams Collaborative**
- 4. Workforce Housing**
- 5. Renewable Energy**
- 6. Recreation/Tourism**



Involved in:

- **Washington Investment Fund - Lending/Appropriations**
- **EDC Micro Loan Fund – Small Business Lending**
- **Business Development/Expansion – Port/County/Private**
- **Site and Facilities Infrastructure – Port, Cities, County, PUD**
- **Legislation/WEDA – www.wedaonline.org**
- **Workforce Housing – Workforce Housing Projects**
- **Mt. Adams Collaborative – Resource Development**
- **CGBREZ (Renewable Energy Zone)
Wind/Solar/Geo/Biomass**
- **Broadband – Countywide Broadband Development**
- **Red Carpet Committee**
- **County Community Economic Development Strategy (CAT)**



Economic Development

2010 Loans:

- **The EDC provided 6 loans in 2010**
 - 2 through the Washington Investment Fund
 - 25 jobs created
 - 4 through the Micro loan program
 - 10 jobs retained and created



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2010 Grants:

- **The EDC provided 1 Grant in 2010**
 - The Grant was used to produce a video for the Columbia Gorge Discover Center. As part of the requirement for funding the producers created a short marketing video highlighting businesses that have been successful in growing in the Gorge.



Economic Development

2011 Goals:

- **Strategic Business Planning**
- **Continue business development**
- **Business recruitment/retention**
- **Maintain and create political relationships**
- **Provide research and seek funding for Renewable Energy projects**
- **Coordinate a resource for workforce housing**