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MEDP Launches New Investor Circle

(MCMINNVILLE, OR) - The McMinnville Economic Development Partnership (MEDP) has launched an enhanced system for recognizing and receiving contributions from businesses, organizations, and individuals in their Investor Circle. Formalizing the process and offering Investor benefits is just part of MEDP's efforts to create a more uniform investment process for the organization. The Investor Circle is designed to give private businesses, individuals, and resource partners the opportunity to support the community's economic vitality.

As a public private partnership, MEDP exists to serve the business community. With increased business development opportunities, finding investors is critical for the organization. MEDP plans to offer the same level of support and assistance to current manufacturers and to amplify efforts to recruit new businesses to the area. An investment in MEDP will ensure that these efforts can both continue and grow.

With the new Investor Circle, investors can choose from five different levels of giving. A \$5,000+ contribution is at the Innovator level followed by Engineer at \$2,500+, Fabricator at \$1,000+, Conveyor at \$500+ and Collaborator at \$150+. Through the investment process members are also able to choose areas of involvement in MEDP which they would like to focus on. This includes an Investor Forum, McMinnville | MADE Programming, McMinnville | WORKS Programming, and McMinnville | SITES Programming.

With a soft launch in July, MEDP has already had an increase in investment including their newest investor, Granary District Properties, LLC. The investment partners of the Granary District Properties, LLC unanimously voted in favor of a financial investment in MEDP. The Granary District invested to show they fully support the work of MEDP to create jobs and revenue in the greater McMinnville area while respecting the core values and common vision of the city government, private citizens, local businesses, and other public agencies.

Jody Christensen, MEDP Executive Director, stated: "We are thrilled to have the Granary District Properties, LLC support MEDP by joining our Investor Circle. These investments along with our founding partners are critical to recruiting, retaining, and expanding advanced manufacturing and technology businesses in the McMinnville area."

The organization will be celebrating its 11th year in operation on October 3, 2017 at their Annual Event and Awards Ceremony. The organization will highlight and prominently recognize their investors at this event and encourages individuals, businesses, and organizations to consider investing before September 6, 2017. To learn more please visit McMinnvilleBusiness.com/Investor-Circle.

About MEDP: The Partnership includes the City of McMinnville, McMinnville Water & Light, McMinnville Industrial Promotions, the McMinnville Area Chamber of Commerce, and area businesses. Current Investors include Chemeketa Community College Yamhill Valley, Citizens Bank, the Granary District, the McMinnville Downtown Association, and Cascade Employers Association. To learn more about the McMinnville Economic Development Partnership, visit www.McMinnvilleBusiness.com or find us at [facebook.com/McMinnvilleBusiness](https://www.facebook.com/McMinnvilleBusiness).