## Economic Development Branding & Marketing OEDA OCED

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## **BECAUSE "LIVE, WORK, PLAY" ONLY GETS YOU SO FAR**

# **BRANDING & MARKETING** IT'S DIFFERENT FOR US

PLEASE FINISH THE SENTENCE IN CHAT: IN ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, WE'RE NOT SELLING, WE'RE ....

## Establishing a Brand when You're in EcDev

- Reflection of your community
- Personality of your region
- A business community identity
- Voice: advocate, ally, champion
- A Set of Values
- A Promise (Vision + Mission + Strategic Plan + Goals)



## Marketing

- A Look Outward
- External Perceptions of Your Org/Place/Brand
- How you communicate your brand
- Compelling someone to do/think/feel something
- Positioning are you in competition or coopetition?



# **Sharing Your Brand: Key Aspects**

- Consistency!
- A look, a feel, a voice
  - Colors, fonts, imagery
  - Writing style
- Media Relations
- Accessibility!!!
- Jurisdictional relationships

- Website
- Social Media
- □ your own public record?
- □ earned who's tagging you?
- □ paid where is the placement?
- Video
- Events
- Collateral: brochures, reports, responses to recruitment leads, presentations



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Another job opening!

Communications and Marketing Coordinator. Looking for creative candidates with a mix of writing, design, and project management skills.

#### Take a look at: oregon4biz.com/Careers/



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### PROSPERITY FOR ALL **OREGONIANS**

Business Oregon Strategic Plan // 2018 - 2022





# Things to Keep in Mind

Ultimately:

- Who do you want to talk to?
- How can you reach them?

- Audience
- Channels
- What do you want them to do/think/feel? Visit, Stay, or Relocate?
- How can you tell if you are successful?
  Metrics



## Do's and Don'ts

### Do:

- Start simple, simple lists and word associations
- SWOT analysis helpful
- Work with tourism and other partners
- Revise message as needed

### Don't:

- Jump into advertising
- Launch a bunch of new things at once
- Create high expectations and imply immediate results
- Start something you can't afford long-term



### BEND Chamber

Home About Membership Events Leadership Programs Advocacy

SEARCH

## Grow Oregon Rebrands as Scale Oregon and Hires New Advisor

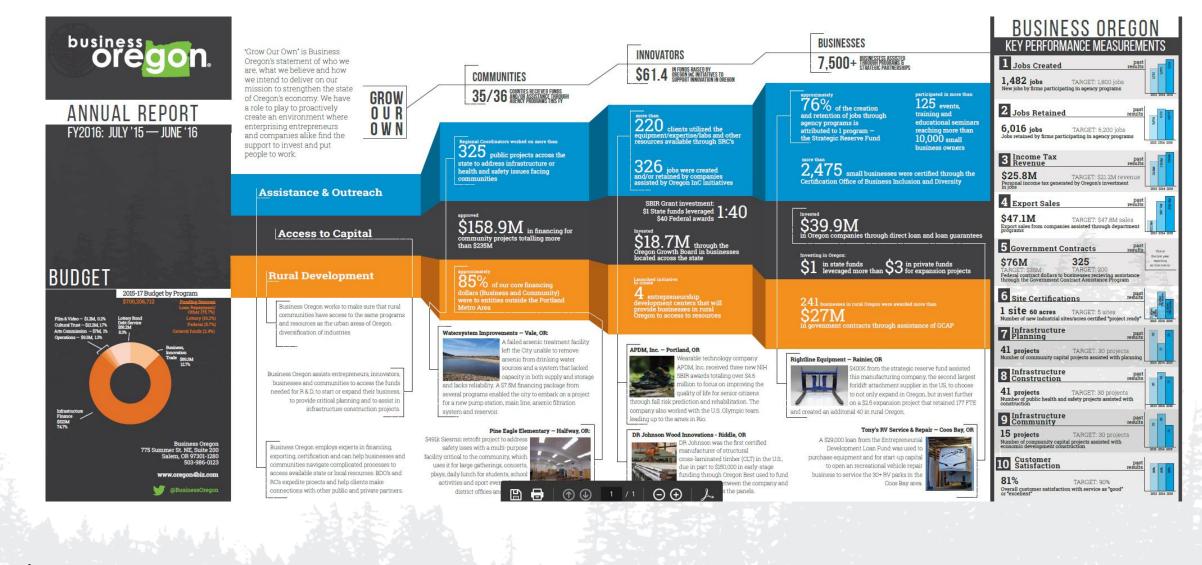


**The COCC Small Business Development Center** announces the rebranding of the Grow Oregon program as Scale Oregon and the appointment of Tom Olsen as a new advisor for the Scale Oregon program in Central Oregon.

Scale Oregon's mission is to help traded-sector Oregon companies with \$1-\$50 million in annual revenue and 10-99 employees reach the next level of growth through CEO mentoring, customized team advising, resource partner engagement, strategic needs assessment, market research and digital media assistance.







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## business Oregon

### ANNUAL REPORT FY2016: JULY '15 — JUNE '16

"Grow Our Own" is Business Oregon's statement of who we are, what we believe and how we intend to deliver on our mission to strengthen the state of Oregon's economy. We have a role to play to proactively create an environment where enterprising entrepreneurs and companies alike find the support to invest and put people to work.

#### **Assistance & Outreach**

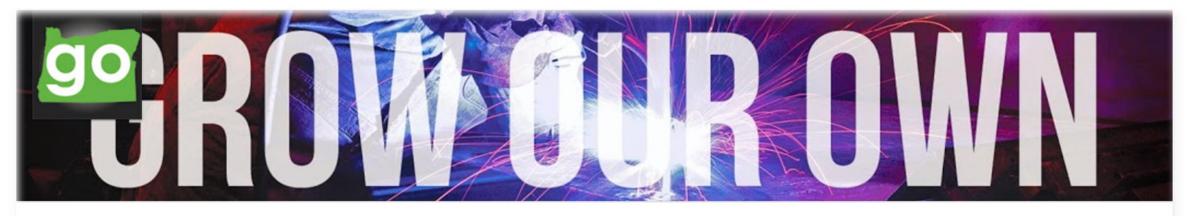


#### COMMUNITIES

Regional Coordinators worked on more than **325** public projects across the state to address infrastructure or health and safety issues facing communities

**35/36** COUNTIES RECIEVED FUNDS AND/OR ASSISTANCE THROUGH AGENCY PROGRAMS THIS FY





#### **BusinessOregon**

Q Videos Playlists Channels Discussion About Home

#### Uploads



**Outdoor Friedrichshafen** 28 views · 3 months ago CC



**Business Oregon chats with** Naim Hassan 32 views • 1 year ago CC



**Business Oregon chats with Oregon farmer Bryan Harper** 177 views • 1 year ago



Eastern Oregon Trip 2017 46 views • 1 year ago



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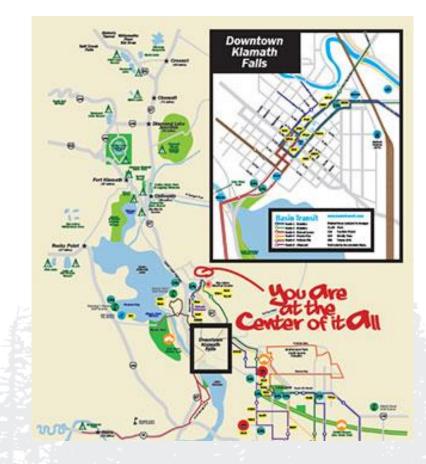
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## **Relocation Focus**

- Content bank: facts, figures, photos and quotes from recent wins w/release on file – Google Drive, shared
- Response template, updated with names of new businesses and infrastructure projects
- PowerPoint/deck for sit-down opportunities with site selectors and recruitment projects





## **Retention Focus**

- Content Bank: business profiles, celebrate succession planning, share vacant building information
- Leave-behind template with resources for BRE visits
- Use your platform: celebrate businesses in your community; retention is key to recruitment; lift + elevate underrepresented voices
- Share relevant articles to business growth and support opportunities



## Entrepreneurship Support Focus

- Content Bank: data on new business starts from SOS by County, SBDC contacts at the ready
- Share and celebrate entrepreneur and start-up gatherings: Meet Ups, Oregon Entrepreneur Network happenings
- Celebrating a new business post/interview template: who, what, where, what do you love about being here?
- Pitch contest events: sponsored prizes and prize funds
- Going Live on FB at a Ribbon Cutting costs **\$0**



## Sourcing Data

- Oregon Employment Department newsletters: regional, quarterly
- Local educational institutions : ex: OIT + SOU
- Census 2020 reports -Census.Gov newsletters & free webinars
- Oregon Prospector : site listings and community profiles
- Opportunity Atlas newer, good for outreach to elected officials
- Access databases through your library (ex: A to Z business database)



## Examples: Virtual vs Print vs Swag

- Amazon HQ2 Project Oregon response
- City of Independence
- Butte Creek Mill Rebuild
- SOREDI: annual report vs general brochure
- Mercatus magazine Prosper Portland
- McMinnville Ec Dev Partnership Pillars
- Swag has to be relevant. Make it clever. Make it memorable. Ex: emergency preparedness resource



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# **SILICON SHIRE**

## BRANDING AROUND AN INDUSTRY CLUSTER IN LANE COUNTY

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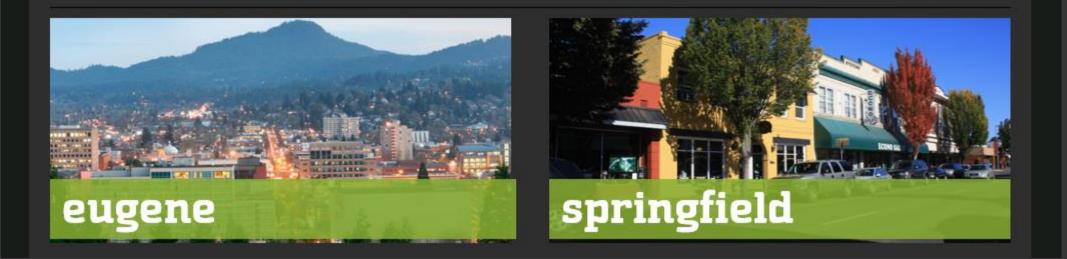
### How & Why

- History
- Team
- Partners
- Branding





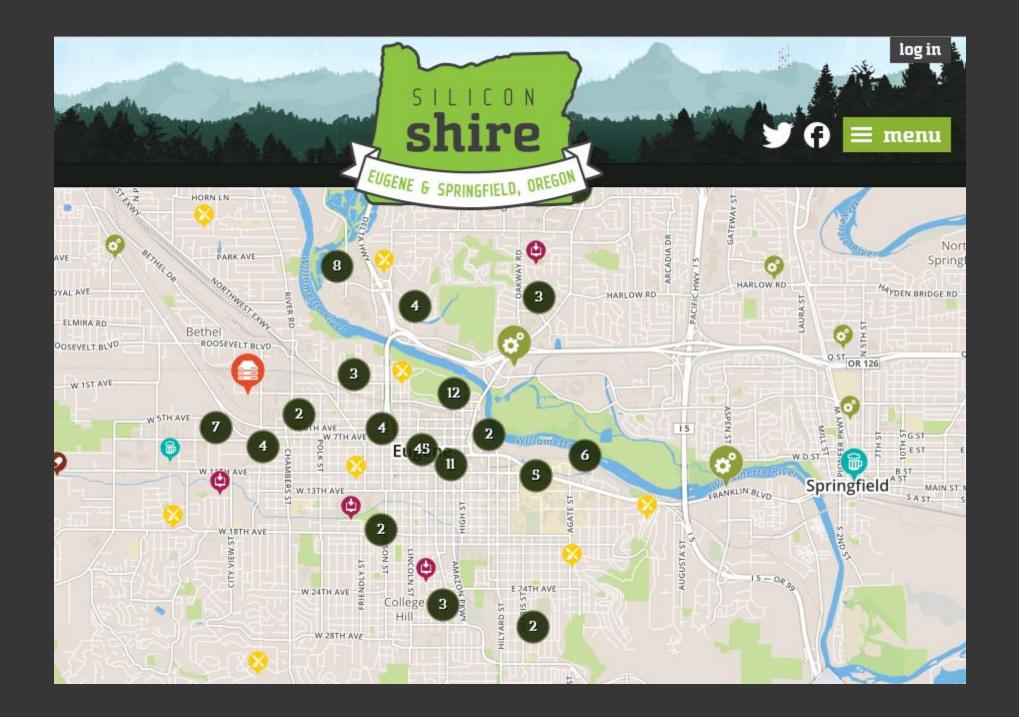
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# FROM AN IDEA TO SELF-PROMOTING MOVEMENT







#### From Silicon Bayou to Silicon Shire



Back in 2014, Lafayette earned the nickname "Silicon Bayou" when several tech companies sprung up in the community to take advantage of it's publicly owned gigabit network. Those new businesses had been the latest in a string of new and retained jobs that depend on high-quality connectivity. Eugene wants to be known as the "Silicon Shire" and an initiative of 400 regional technology companies has claimed the brand. The community's investment in better connectivity and the Mozilla/NSF Gigabit Community Fund reinforce their efforts.

#### Source: Institute for Self-Reliance, 2017, *Eugene's "Silicon Shire" : No Orcs Here*

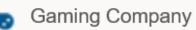
### Tech Companies in the Eugene/Springfield Area



Hardware Development Company\_L RD



Software Development Company



**BioTech Company** 



Tech Services Company





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• Shire for the River Campaign:

<u>https://www.mckenzieriver.org/2018/10/shire-for-the-river-campaign-matches-donations-until-october-26/</u>

• McKenzie River Trust Shire for the River Video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kj1iDogLe10



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