



OEDA's network of economic development professionals across Oregon aim to protect and sustain long-term jobs within the manufacturing and traded goods and services sectors. We support tools and policies that focus on bringing economic opportunity throughout the state, and particularly our disadvantaged and distressed and historically under-employed communities throughout the state.

2025 Legislative Priorities

Infrastructure Investment & Financing. OEDA supports solutions to Oregon's infrastructure needs for the manufacture, shipment and delivery of both raw and finished goods, including:

- Continued enhancement and investments in state and local highway infrastructure to keep commerce flowing;
- Tools for enhancing ports' and local governments' ability to offer shovel-ready sites for industrial development through the Industrial Site Readiness program and loan fund;
- Sufficient lottery bonding capacity for critical programs like Brownfields redevelopment and Special Public Works.

Oregon Talent Development, Retention & Recruitment. Enhance the existing pool of Oregon's skilled workers, including on-the-job training, access for workers to vocational and career training, community colleges and higher education through:

- Oregon Workforce Partnership initiatives and recommendations;
- Community College and Higher-End programs that fuel Oregon's talent pool; and
- Wrap-around services for workforce like available housing and development, job retraining and public safety.

Tax climate & Incentives. Maintain and maximize Oregon's competitiveness and business climate with innovative tax policies:

- Consider ramifications of revenue raising proposals which limit Oregon's position to competitively attract capital or retain current employer base;
- Propose enhancements to various tax credits and abatements.
- Preserve tools such as tax increment financing, strategic investment/Gainshare and other employer incentives that help broaden Oregon and local government tax base.
- Protect current enterprise zones and oppose measures that reduce the value of the incentive to companies and long-term revenue generation to local governments.

State Budget Investments. Continue to allocate state revenue to economic development in order to build our tax base.

- Advocate for Business Oregon Policy Option Packages and budget requests
- Seek appropriate allocation of lottery revenues to counties for economic development purposes
- Monitor proposed agency programs and fee increases that negatively affect Oregon's competitiveness.