

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS

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Twenty-five businesses spark job creation and retention with PDC Business Loans in fiscal 2002-03

The PDC Business Finance Program leveraged \$5,767,290 in economic development loans to a total of 25 businesses, attracting \$44,245,687 in private investment, and leading in turn to the retention of 628 jobs and creation of another 178 jobs in fiscal 2002-03. Currently, we're actively working with nearly a dozen more businesses for possible financial assistance.

Find out more about PDC Business Finance programs and assistance online at www.pdc.us/bizfinance, or call 503-823-3321.

Learn more about the Quality Jobs Program and Economic Opportunity Fund

Both programs are designed to address the needs of small and large companies to stimulate job growth and investment. The programs can be combined, offering between \$5,000 and \$750,000 in incentive funds. Brochures on each program are available by contacting seidman@pdc.us or call 503-823-0452.

Business recruitment near and far

More than 70 people participated in Governor Kulongoski's recent trade mission to Germany, making it the largest governor's trade mission in Oregon history. The trip built bridges to European investors, stimulated interest in doing business in Oregon, and laid the groundwork for future trade incubators and business accelerators here in Portland. To see a [presentation](#) on the visit, go to the resources area of Regional Development on the www.pdc.us/business website.

More business resources are available at PDC online

Visit the [GIS mapping service](#) on our website to determine whether your property is eligible for PDC business assistance programs; access demographic information; read or download brochures about a number of PDC programs as well as business assistance publications on the PDC website at www.pdc.us/business. You may also request hard copies by email at seidman@pdc.us or call 503-823-0452.

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