

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS

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What do Integra Telecom, Netropole, Inc., eMarket Group and Huggy Bear's Cupboards have in common?

They are all businesses who have benefited from the PDC business finance and incentives programs. To help you learn more, our business finance team would be delighted to present an overview of PDC business assistance programs to your professional group or association.

To set up a presentation or request a print brochure, call Alan Stubbs at 503-823-3321. Online information is also available at www.pdc.us/business.

An important economic development tool: Enterprise Zone Tax Abatement

Qualified companies locating or expanding in the Enterprise Zone receive extended tax abatements for five years on property taxes for new construction and equipment purchases. E-Commerce credits are also available in this zone. Visit www.pdc.us/ezone, or contact Colin Sears, 503-823-3320.

Let's connect!

PDC staff visit hundreds of businesses each year as part of the PDC Business Retention/Expansion program. We'd like to include yours! Visit www.pdc.us/connect for an online request form, or contact Melanie Rund to schedule an appointment at 503-823-3323 or by email at rundm@pdc.us.

Entrepreneurs take note

PSU is currently converting the former David Evans Building (2828 SW Corbett) into an **Early Stage Business Accelerator** focusing on the development and growth of companies in medical and security technologies. This facility will provide work space, business development and shared services including mentoring, legal and market development assistance, financing referrals, as well as other typical services such as copying, IT services, and conference rooms.

For more information on the [Early Stage Business Accelerator](#), contact Pete Eggspuehler by email at eggspuehler@pdc.us for more information.

Low-income entrepreneurs get help from Mercy Corps Northwest

MCNW is Mercy Corps' U.S. economic development office, assisting low-income entrepreneurs in their desire for economic stability through starting or expanding a small business in the six-county Portland-Vancouver metropolitan region. The range of small business support services includes microloans, courses in business and financial education, technical assistance and a savings match program.

For more information contact John Haines with Mercy Corps at 503-236-1580 ext. 6, or by email at contact@mercyenterprise.org.

You can also visit their website at www.mercycorpsnw.org.

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