

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS

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500+ Businesses Reached through PDC's Business Outreach Program

In the past fiscal year the PDC Business Services team made 512 local business contacts, which retained or expanded 2,128 jobs.

Our business finance program provided 57 loans or grants to businesses totaling more than \$7 million and leveraging \$49 million in private investment. Help us continue to make a difference: contact us for a visit to your company, or to suggest a firm we should have on our radar screen! Visit www.pdc.us/connect for an online request form, or contact Melanie Rund to schedule an appointment: 503-823-3323; rundm@pdc.us.

Get Started the Right Way

Access the city's development system early to avoid frustration and confusion. PDC partners with the Bureau of Development Services to assist with the permit process. We're committed to helping your business work with other city bureaus to accomplish your goals. Contact Suzanne Vara, the small business liaison at BDS, at (503) 823-7542 or varas@ci.portland.or.us if you need assistance.

Industry Teams Focus on Bioscience, Food Innovation, Metals and More—Can We Help You?

PDC's Business Services department is aligned to serve the needs of businesses by target industry. By focusing on the development and growth of companies by specific industry, we've increased the impact and effectiveness of our business services program locally and regionally, and are more effective in working with industries considering the Portland area for expansion. Current target industries include bioscience, metals manufacturing, creative services, distribution and logistics, energy sectors/sustainable, food innovation, high tech, professional services and wi-fi. Visit www.pdc.us/business to find out more.

Protect the Environment While Creating and Protecting Jobs

PDC is partnering with the **Zero Waste Alliance** on a pilot incentive program focused on improving human and environmental health. Matching funds are available for Portland businesses to develop innovative strategies to reduce or eliminate hazardous materials or chemicals, use materials efficiently, use energy efficiently, and/or reduce emissions to air, soil or water. Improvements that may lead to the retention or creation of jobs are particularly encouraged. Call Zero Waste Alliance (503-279-9383) or Portland Development Commission (503-823-3428) today!

PDC is Moving

In late September PDC will relocate its offices to 222 N.W. 5th Avenue in Old Town/Chinatown. All staff phone numbers will remain the same. Information is also available on PDC's website at www.pdc.us.

Share the Word

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