

## QUARTERLY REPORT

### January 1 – March 31, 2009

*Dear Reader,*

*Thank you for your interest in the activities of Clearwater Economic Development Association. This report provides a synopsis on the projects and initiatives where CEDA has involvement. We applaud the stakeholders that provide the leadership behind these activities. Without the dedication of leaders, none of the projects would move forward. Should you have any questions, please contact CEDA. Ph: (208)746-0015.*

#### **New CEDA MEMBERS this QUARTER**

Valley Transit                      City of Stites                      Northwest Intermountain Manufacturers Assn.

#### **GRANT AWARDS THIS QUARTER**

**Northwest Intermountain Manufacturers Market Development                      \$ 30,000**  
 EDA Technical Assistance Grant  
 US Department of Commerce  
 Project: Market Strategy and Development for Regional Manufacturers

#### **GRANT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING THIS QUARTER**

**Region II Public Transit Mobility Management                      \$215,000**  
 Idaho Transportation Department  
 Project: Funding to Coordinate Public Transit in North Central ID

**Northwest Intermountain Manufacturers Market Development                      \$ 20,000**  
 GEM Grant  
 Idaho Department of Commerce

#### **GRANT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED THIS QUARTER**

**Nezperce Library/Community Center                      \$150,000**  
 ICDB Grant  
 Idaho Department of Commerce  
 Project: Phase II Construction of the City's New Library/Center

**Cottonwood Community Center                      \$150,000**  
 ICDB Grant  
 Idaho Department of Commerce  
 Project: Community Center Renovation

**Nez Perce County-Port of Lewiston Container Dock Expansion                      \$500,000**  
 Rural Community Block Grant  
 Idaho Department of Commerce  
 Project: 150' Container Dock Expansion

**Wind Energy – Marketing Initiative                      \$ 10,000**  
 Rural Business Enterprised Grant  
 USDA Rural Development  
 Project: Explore Wind Energy Supply Chain Needs to Match Local Manufacturers to Need.

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## ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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**2009 American Recovery Act “Economic Stimulus” Funding:** CEDA closely watched the stimulus bill as it went through the US House of Representatives and the US Senate. The National Association of Development Organizations (NADA) hosted a series of webinars on the stimulus funding to which CEDA participated. CEDA provided technical assistance to members as they developed their responses to Governor Otter’s Executive Order on the implementation of the funds and to state agencies’ “Call for Projects.” CEDA is tracking the funding sources as they come through existing state and federal programs and have been forwarding information to communities who might be eligible for the funding. *Christine Frei*

**Clearwater Economic Development District’s *Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy*:** CEDA is waiting to receive EDA criteria for re-development of the region’s five-year, economic development plan. A survey has been assembled to collect needed information. Christine is working with a facilitator to determine a process for providing regional input into the strategy using CEDA Councils and Boards.

CEDA has submitted a 2010 EDA Planning Grant Application. This is CEDA’s only, annual grant funding source. *Tim Rubio*

**TeleMental Health Initiative:** CEDA has placed a purchase order for equipment for the TeleMental Health initiative. The equipment should arrive at the five hospitals in the region by March 31, 2009. OneVision, the network installation company, will be working with the hospitals to set up the equipment and to provide needed training. The telepsych task force has been working to prioritize use of the system. The Project Manager is working with the technical group to consider best solutions for operating the network given the unavailability and high cost of installation of needed T-1 lines connecting Clearwater Valley Hospital and St. Mary’s Hospital. The network design may be altered to address these issues. A “policies & procedures” manual has been drafted to assist in service delivery.

In January 2009, CEDA received notification that the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare was terminating the 2009 \$112,500 TeleMental Health Contract based on the reduction of funding imposed by the Idaho State Legislature Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee. CEDA had 30 days to shut the project down. CEDA will be submitting a final invoice to DHW by April 2<sup>nd</sup> and then will await notification from DHW if reduced funding might be possible.

In lieu of funding reduction, the Project Manager put together a report for assisting hospital stakeholders of potential means to financially sustain the network system. At the April 2009 meeting of the Advisory Group, the stakeholders will be given the opportunity to give input into transitioning the vision of the project and the network to stakeholders. A “new” board to provide leadership will be considered. *Christine Frei*

**Idaho’s Mobility and Access Pathways (IMAP):** CEDA worked with the Idaho Transportation Department in coordinating five (5) meetings with the three (3) “Local Mobility Management Networks” and the “District Coordinating Council” to complete a regional strategic planning process—facilitated by a professional planner. At the request of CEDA members participating in the planning process, CEDA applied for Economic Stimulus funding through ITD to fund a Public Transit Mobility Manager. It appears that this funding request has been funded and CEDA is awaiting an ITD contract. This new staff position would be responsible for working with regional Public Transit providers and communities to develop a system for communicating and coordinating Public Transit services. The manager would also be responsible for assisting in

promoting the priorities of the 2A, 2B, and 2C strategic plans established in each of the three local management networks. *Rachel Stocking*

**Economic Development Districts of Idaho:** CEDA is working with the Districts and EDA on getting Vista Volunteers to assist with economic development initiatives. CEDA would use a volunteer to assist in the development of the *Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy*. *Christine Frei*

**Collaborative of Economic Development Professionals:** CEDA hosted a meeting of southeast Washington and north central Idaho economic development professionals. Guest speakers included: Lorraine Roach, Hingston Roach Group on the 10 Ten Scenic Drives of the Northern Rockies; Lorie Higgins, University of Idaho, Two Degrees Northwest; and Linda Stricklin, Work Force Training, Lewiston.

**Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Appropriations:** *Jenni Schacher*

Total Projects with Outstanding Balances:	12 projects \$266,164
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Discretionary Funds Available	\$ 61,000
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**Telecommunication Initiatives:** *Christine*

- **Grangeville to Riggins Fiber Circuit:** CEDA worked with the North Central Idaho Telecom Consortium, Frontier Communications, Idaho Representative John Rusche, and Senator Lee Heinrich to seek a resolution from the State of Idaho that supports the need and benefits of a fiber circuit between Grangeville and Riggins. As of the time of this writing, HCR 21 has passed the Idaho House of Representatives and the Idaho Senate and is awaiting the signature of Governor Otter. This resolution will be useful in obtaining federal funding for the project. With Frontier Communications, CEDA participated in a webinar hosted by the US Department of Commerce, USDA, and FCC on their respective broadband programs.
- **North Central Idaho Wide Area Network:** CEDA worked with local service providers contacting CEDA to answer questions regarding the telecom plan, funding opportunities, and user needs. CEDA hosted a meeting with the North Central Idaho Telecom Consortium to consider project initiatives.

**Fire Stations: Technical Assistance & Funding:** *Rachel Stocking*

CEDA has received inquiries from the City of Elk River, City of Juliaetta, City of Stites, City of Nezperce, City of Pierce, and the City of Craigmont on fire station projects. CEDA will be setting up a meeting between potential funders and these communities to look at funding options. Funding availability has increased some as a result of Economic Stimulus funding through existing programs: USDA Communities Facilities Program, Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, and CDBG.

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**Community Projects in Implementation**

<b>Project:</b>	<b>CEDA's Involvement</b>	<b>Project Phase</b>	<b>Anticipated Date to begin construction</b>	<b>Anticipated Date for Completion</b>	<b>Responsible CEDA Staff</b>
<b>Lewiston Nez Perce County Regional Airport Southpark</b>	Grant Admin	Design	Spring 09	Fall 09	Jenni
<b>Pierce Water Upgrade</b>	Grant Admin	Phase II Construction	In Process	Spring 09	Jenni
<b>Riggins Wastewater Upgrade</b>	Grant Admin	Design	Winter 09	Summer 09	Jenni
<b>Nezperce Infrastructure</b>	Grant Admin	Design	Spring 09	Fall 09	Rachel
<b>Lapwai Valley Wastewater Treatment System</b>	Grant Admin	Design	Winter 09	Winter 10	Jenni
<b>Lewis Clark Bicentennial – Linking Key Sites Through Marketing</b>	Project Oversight	Phase I – Complete  Phase II- Being Implemented	Winter 09	Spring 09	Rachel

**Community Projects in Development:**

<b>Project:</b>	<b>CEDA's Involvement:</b>	<b>Project Status:</b>	<b>Responsible CEDA Staff</b>
<b>Cottonwood Community Center Renovation</b>	Grant writing	ICDBG Application Submitted on March 6.	Rachel
<b>Nezperce Library Community Center</b>	Grant writing	ICDBG Application Submitted on March 6.	Rachel
<b>Whiskey Creek/Konkolville Water Co Water Study</b>	Grant writing	Funding is not sufficient to meet "new" DEQ facility plan requirements. CEDA is assisting Konkolville Water Co in applying for more DEQ funding.	Rachel
<b>Kamiah American Legion Hall Renovation</b>	Response to RFP for Grant Admin	CEDA interviewed with the City for grant admin. Contract went to another company	Christine/Jenni

<b>Big Canyon Fire Station</b>	Technical Assistance.	The District worked with CEDA to complete an LMI Survey.	Rachel
<b>Grangeville American Legion Assisted Living Center</b>	Technical Assistance with funding.	Worked with American Legion on scope of work and funding considerations.	Rachel

## **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

- SCORE Sub-Chapter:** The CEDA Board of Directors approved establishing a SCORE Sub-Chapter to the Spokane Chapter and is currently working through the program. CEDA target for launching the initiative is mid-summer. A SCORE would help enhance the availability of business development assistance to start-up and expanding businesses.
- Loan Recapitalization:** CEDA has applied for \$300,000 in loan capital through USDA Rural Development and has applied for local match to support the project.
- Wind Farm Manufacturing Opportunities:** Northwest Intermountain Manufacturers Association and other partners are looking at local manufacturing opportunities to supply wind turbine components to three, large wind mill manufacturers for the wind farm initiatives being planned for in Pomeroy, Grangeville, and other regional communities. The components needed by the manufacturers are currently being exported from outside the United States.

TWO initiatives are being developed for this opportunity. See Business Development tables. *Tim Rubio*

- NIMA Sustainability and Marketing:** CEDA staff assisted NIMA in the development and launch of a membership campaign. By March 31<sup>st</sup>, a follow up to the initial campaign and a launch of an Associate Member Campaign will be completed. To date, NIMA is on target to meet funding benchmarks. *Christine Frei*
- North Central Idaho Workforce Initiative:** The Idaho Department of Labor received notification that there is no current funding available for the \$250,000 Workforce Development grant application that was submitted by IDOL in January 2009. CEDA worked with IDL to respond to evaluator comments. The application will be held until there is verification of funding or that the program has been discontinued. *Christine Frei*

**Business Projects in Development:**

<b>Project:</b>	<b>CEDA's Involvement:</b>	<b>Project Status:</b>	<b>Responsible CEDA Staff</b>
<b>Boat Manufacturing Initiative</b>	Project development	Conceptual	Tim
<b>Airport Marketing Plan</b>	Project development	Pending until CEDA gets the go ahead from the Airport.	Tim
<b>Wind Farm Industry Development #1</b>	Project development & Grant writing	RBEG Application submitted on Mar 20.	Tim/Rachel
<b>Wind Farm Industry Development #2</b>	Project Development	Considering an EDA application with State of Washington cash match.	Tim/Rachel

**Business Projects in Implementation:**

<b>Project:</b>	<b>CEDA's Involvement:</b>	<b>Project Status:</b>	<b>Responsible CEDA Staff</b>
<b>Foundry Feasibility Study</b>	Project oversight	Waiting on cash match.	Tim
<b>NIMA Marketing Plan</b>	Grant Administration	Project is funded. CEDA is waiting for EDA and Gem Grant contracts.	Jenni
<b>Seekins Marketing Strategy</b>	Project oversight	Marketing study completed. Project closed out.	Tim
<b>Moscow Flyshop, Moscow Marketing Strategy</b>	Project oversight	The consultant is 90% complete with strategy.	Tim
<b>International Trade Initiative for Five Area Manufacturers</b>	Project oversight	In contracting. Delayed because of untimely delivery of draft contracts by CEDA's attorney.	Tim

**Small Business Finance Activity**

	<b>Activity During Previous 12 Months</b>	<b>Activity During Previous 36 Months</b>
Projects Financed	12	28
Amount of CEDA Financing	\$889,100	\$1,577,015
Amount of Private Financing Leveraged	\$960,491	\$2,351,961

Jobs Created and Retained	50	90
<b><u>Project Distribution</u></b>		
Asotin County	0	2
Clearwater County	3	7
Idaho County	1	4
Latah County	5	8
Lewis County	1	3
Nez Perce County	2	4
<b>Total Project Dist.</b>	12	28

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

#### **Meeting Attendance:**

- Ida-Lew Economic Development Council, John
- Clearwater County Economic Development, John
- Clearwater RC&D, Christine
- Latah Economic Development Council, Christine
- Nez Perce County – Jenni & Christine
- Cottonwood City Council – Rachel
- NIMA Board of Director Meeting, Lewiston, Christine & Jennifer
- Nezperce City Council, Rachel
- Region 2 Mental Health Board, Christine

#### **Conferences & Workshop Attendance:**

- ITD District Coordinating Council, Rachel & Christine
- IMAP Workshops – Moscow, Lewiston – Rachel & Christine

## CEDA MEMBERS

Clearwater County	Pierce, City of
Idaho County	Riggins, City of
Latah County	Stites, City of
Lewis County	Weippe, City of
Nez Perce County	Winchester, City of
Bovill, City of	Nez Perce Tribe
Cottonwood, City of	Kendrick Juliaetta Recreation
Craigmont, City of	Port of Lewiston
Culdesac, City of	Lewis Clark State College
Deary, City of	University of Idaho
Elk River, City of	Clearwater Resource Conservation & Dev
Grangeville, City of	Latah Economic Development Council
Kamiah, City of	North Central Idaho Travel Assn.
Kendrick, City of	Avista Corporation
Lapwai, City of	Idaho Department of Labor
Lewiston, City of	US Bank
Moscow, City of	Zions Bank
Nezperce, City of	Northwest Intermountain Manufacturers
Orofino, City of	Valley Transit
Peck, City of	

**Please Consider CEDA “Private Industry “Members When Needing Product or Services!**

## LEADERSHIP

<b>Rick Laam</b>	<b>CEDA Chair</b> City Administrator, City of Orofino
<b>Steve Bateman</b>	<b>CEDA Vice-Chair</b> Mayor, City of Nezperce
<b>John Currin,</b>	<b>CEDA Past Chair</b> Council Member, City of Lewiston

## STAFF

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