

We Want to Know What *YOU THINK!*

Snowy Mountain Development Corporation is in the process of updating its Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for submission to the Economic Development Administration (EDA). As an EDA designated economic development district, the CEDS includes:

- **ANALYSIS** of the condition of the regional economy with attention to trends, opportunities, resources and partnerships;
- **VISION** based on the citizenry's ideas for growth, development, conservation and involvement;
- **ACTION PLAN** that outlines and prioritizes programs and projects designed to manage vision through the implementation of goals and objectives;
- **EVALUATION** as an ongoing process to mark our progress in accomplishing goals and objectives.

Snowy Mountain Development Corporation encompasses a six-county region including Fergus, Golden Valley, Judith Basin, Musselshell, Petroleum and Wheatland counties. Our headquarters is in Lewistown and we have staff located in Roundup and Harlowton. Our mission, simply put, is to work to improve the economy in our region and improve the quality of life for our residents. In order to accomplish this, we need to understand the dynamics of the economy, including our strengths, weaknesses and opportunities. That's where you come in....Tell us what you think by completing the attached survey. We'll incorporate your comments into the CEDS and the five-year plan for Snowy Mountain Development Corporation.

*Please complete the attached survey and return it in the enclosed envelope to:
Snowy Mountain Development Corporation by March 1, 2012.*



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SNOWY MOUNTAIN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY SURVEY

Optional Information:

Your Name _____ Address _____
 Phone Number _____ Email _____

County where you reside:

- Fergus Golden Valley Judith Basin Musselshell Petroleum Wheatland

Which of the following interests do you represent: (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional | <input type="checkbox"/> Business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Elderly | <input type="checkbox"/> Women | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed |

***How would you rate the following in your community?
(1 being poor and 5 being outstanding)***

						Comments
ECONOMIC CONDITIONS						
General economy	1	2	3	4	5	
Retail Business Sector	1	2	3	4	5	
Construction Sector	1	2	3	4	5	
Manufacturing Business Sector	1	2	3	4	5	
Agriculture Business Sector	1	2	3	4	5	
Natural Resources Business Sector	1	2	3	4	5	
Tourism Business Sector	1	2	3	4	5	
Education Sector	1	2	3	4	5	
Health/Social Services Sector	1	2	3	4	5	
Professional Sector	1	2	3	4	5	
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate Sector	1	2	3	4	5	
CONDITION OF INFRASTRUCTURE						
Water infrastructure	1	2	3	4	5	
Sewer infrastructure	1	2	3	4	5	
Solid waste services	1	2	3	4	5	
Electric & Gas Distribution	1	2	3	4	5	
Transportation System	1	2	3	4	5	
Communications	1	2	3	4	5	
Housing	1	2	3	4	5	
Renewable Energy	1	2	3	4	5	
Alternative Energy	1	2	3	4	5	
QUALITY OF LIFE FACTORS						
K-12 Education	1	2	3	4	5	
Post-Secondary Education	1	2	3	4	5	
Community & Adult Education	1	2	3	4	5	
Social Service Programs	1	2	3	4	5	
Health Care Services	1	2	3	4	5	
Community Leadership	1	2	3	4	5	
Recreational Opportunities	1	2	3	4	5	
Cultural Opportunities	1	2	3	4	5	

What areas do you feel SMDC should concentrate efforts in the upcoming five years?

(Check all that apply.)

- Leadership Development
- Public Infrastructure
 - Sewer
 - Water
 - Solid Waste
 - Electric & Gas
- Transportation
- Communications
- Housing
- Renewable Energy
- Alternative Energy
- Energy Development
 - Education
 - Planning
 - Liaison between oil & gas developers, local governments, landowners
 - Other? _____
- Tourism Promotion
- Events Recruitment
- Marketing/Promotion of the Region
- Housing Development
 - Rehabilitation
 - Demolition
 - Assisted Living Facilities
 - Low Income Housing Development
 - Transitional Housing
 - Special Needs Housing (i.e. Developmentally Disabled) _____
- Expansion or technical assistance to Community Services or Facilities
 - Health Care
 - Education
- Recreation
 - Cultural
 - Emergency Services (Fire, Ambulance, Law Enforcement, DES)
- Technical Assistance to Existing Businesses
- Technical Assistance to Start-up Businesses
- Business Education & Training
- Recruitment of New Businesses
- Expand Business Finance options
- Workforce Development
- Agriculture Development
 - Value-Added
 - By-products
 - Transportation Needs
- Business Incubator
- Bio-Products
- Planning & Community Development Activities
 - Capital Improvement Plans
 - Infrastructure Improvements
 - Community Readiness
 - Resource Assessment
 - Brownfield Assessment
 - Commercial, historic, Cultural Landmarks Inventories

Please provide your comments to the following (Attach additional pages if necessary):

Do you know of any opportunities that SMDC could take advantage of to improve our district's economy?

Are you aware of any external or internal threats or forces that could hinder the area's economy?

Are you aware of other potential partners, resources, individuals, groups or organizations that may help SMDC achieve its goals?

Additional comments about the district's economy: