

A brown bear is the central focus of the image, standing in a lush green forest. The bear is positioned in the middle ground, facing right, with its head slightly turned towards the viewer. The background is a dense forest of tall, thin trees, creating a sense of depth and a natural, serene environment. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the bear's fur and the vibrant green of the foliage.

**Welcome to the  
Columbia-Pacific  
Resource Conservation  
& Economic  
Development District  
2010 Annual Meeting**

# Columbia-Pacific Resource Conservation and Economic Development District

## **Our Mission:**

**“The Columbia-Pacific Resource Conservation and Economic Development District promotes and engages regional partnerships to preserve and enhance our communities by creating economic opportunity and advocating sustainability and revitalization of the diverse area we serve.”**

# Economic Development Administration Project



## Economic Development Administration Planning Program



Jesse meets Dennis F. Hightower, Deputy  
Secretary of Commerce



Jesse teaching at the Nonprofit  
Conference Grant Development  
Workshop

# Economic Development Administration Planning Program

*Helps support:*

- *Planning organizations, including District Organizations and Indian Tribes, in the development, implementation, revision or replacement of comprehensive economic development strategies (CEDS),*
- *Related short-term planning investments and State plans designed to create and retain higher-skill, higher-wage jobs, particularly for the unemployed and underemployed in the nation's most economically distressed regions.*

# Key Deliverable of the EDA Planning Program

A critical outcome of the EDA Planning Program is the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) document.



# ColPac's Role with EDA Planning Program

- Update, coordinate, manage, and implement CEDS (ongoing process)
- Provide assistance to local economic development organizations and nonprofits to develop a diversified funding base
- Investigate sustainable development opportunities in support of regional projects
- Provide technical assistance in support of development of funding packages needed for revitalization projects
- Assist regional businesses with economic recovery

# Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDDS)

**Designed to bring together the public and private sectors in the creation of an economic roadmap to diversify and strengthen regional economies.**

**The CEDDS should analyze the regional economy and serve as a guide for establishing regional goals and objectives, developing & implementing a regional plan of action & identify investment priorities / funding sources.**

# Letter of Support from the EDA



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Re: Project No. 07-83-06425 Midpoint Progress Report

Dear Mr. Cardenas, *Jesse*,

Thank you for providing EDA with a well prepared report highlighting the organization's many accomplishments in the past 6 months.

I commend the leadership of the Columbia-Pacific RC & EDD and see the organization's staff continues to work diligently in support of the communities located in Grays Harbor, Mason, Pacific and Wahkiakum Counties.

Some of the midpoint progress in this report included the 2009 CEDS update with county by county highlights including recent economic hardships and where it was possible, even some positive economic success stories. Other areas of progress included the results and testimonials from the ready, respond, recover, business disaster preparedness conferences and examples of capacity building technical support and documentation showing regular meetings with key stakeholders. In addition, there was an exciting public private funding opportunity highlighted with the Aberdeen School District.

Thank you again for this midpoint report. EDA looks forward to the final progress summary later in the year and wish the continued excellent work by the Columbia-Pacific RC & EDD.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin O'Connor".

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# Housekeeping

This is a beautiful facility and we give a big thank you to the Squaxin Indian Tribe for allowing us to use their museum today!

Please keep your food and drink in the designated area - limited to the classroom where our food is served today.

Food and drink is prohibited from the main museum area. We thank you for your cooperation!

Restrooms are located at the opposite end of the museum from the entrance.