

SURVEY QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

Do we have overlapping economic committees in Lane County?

(Lane Metro Partnership, Lane Economic Committee, Lane County Economic Standing Committee)
To determine this, and to identify opportunities, we should know:

1. When and why was the committee/organization initially formed and by whom?

LMP: The Lane Metro Partnership is not a committee, but is 501(c)3 public / private economic development organization which is governed by an Operating Board of Directors, who may assign committees as needed. Lane Metro Partnership will base most of its answers on its Articles of Incorporation dated 12/3/84 and we may answer each question twice, once as an organization and once as an operating board of directors. Articles of Incorporation: December 3, 1984. *Article II Purposes* (3) states...to encourage stimulate and promote economic development, expansion and diversification within the Eugene/Springfield metropolitan area; and (4) to lessen the burden of government by creating a larger tax base for the benefit of all residents;

Our mission statement has stayed the same since about the mid to late nineties: " Provide leadership for the economic development efforts in Eugene/Springfield and throughout Lane County. Fostering business investment which creates job opportunities for our citizens and a more diverse and stable economy.

In 2002, our Executive Board voted to officially change our name from the Eugene/Springfield Metropolitan Partnership Inc. to Lane Metro Partnership effective 12/31/2002. This was in an effort to let folks know that since our inception we have, and will continue, to work toward economic diversification throughout all areas of Lane County.

Article IV Initial Directors: the initial number of directors was six – the Bylaws later provided for 43 board members, and were amended to 21 (15 voting and six ex-officio).

It was initially funded as follows:
City of Springfield contributed \$50,000 and staff time
Lane County \$75,000 and staff time;
City of Eugene \$160,000;
Springfield Chamber of Commerce \$5,000;
Eugene Chamber of Commerce \$100,000;
Southern Willamette Private Industry Council \$300,000;
Private sector Business \$150,000.

There is no budgeted line item for the Operating Board of Directors, in addition *Article VIII Restrictions* states that no part of the net earnings of the corporation shall be distributable to its directors or officers.

LEC: The LEC was formed in 1992 to provide policy direction for LCOG's economic development program. It was funded and continues to be funded under a technical assistance contract from the US Economic Development Administration. Its activities include, but are not limited to, the following functions:

- a. Advising LCOG on such economic development issues as may arise.

- b. Participating in the development and adoption of the annual Overall Economic Development Plan (*called Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy as of 2000*), including reviewing and ranking funding requests.
- c. Coordinating functions with Linn, Benton, and Lincoln County Economic Development District member committees.
- d. Providing a region-wide forum to facilitate information exchange.
- e. Initiating such reports, plans, and studies, including annual work programs, as may be necessary to promote the expansion and development of business and industry in the county.
- f. Performing such other duties and responsibilities as may be assigned by LCOG.

LCEDSC: The EDSC was formally established in the early 1980s. EDSC was codified in Lane Manual among other standing committees to the Board of County Commissioners. There is no specific funding for the EDSC.

2. What is the committee/organization authority?

LMP: Articles of Incorporation: December 3, 1984 states the organizations legal authority is as a 501 (c) 3 non-profit economic development organization. The Board of Directors has final legal authority over the corporation.

LEC: See question #1

LCEDSC: The EDSC’s authority is described in Lane Manual and generally is to advise the Board of County Commissioners regarding economic development opportunities and related matters.

3. How often does the committee/organization meet?

LMP: The Lane Metro Partnership hours are from 8 to 5, five days a week, unless client activity requires working weekends and late hours. The operating board of directors meets on a monthly basis for 1 ½ hours or as required.

LEC: Ten times per year.

LCEDSC: Once a month

4. How is the committee/organization staffed?

LMP: The Lane Metro Partnership has three full time professional staff. The operating board of directors is staffed by a partial fte for preparation of meeting materials.

LEC: A partial FTE from LCOG.

LCEDSC: EDSC is staffed by the Community and Economic Development Coordinator, who is supervised by the County Administrator.

5. What is the committee/organization budget?

LMP: The Lane Metro Partnership 05-06 budget is \$398,000. There is no budgeted line item for the operating board of directors.

LEC: Approximately \$10,000

LCEDSC: There is no specific budget for the functions of the EDSC. A small portion of the C&ED Coordinator's time is committed to the EDSC meeting process, including: agendas, scheduling, minutes, etc. EDSC advises the Board of Commissioners on a wide range of economic development opportunities and issues, some of which involve commitment of video lottery economic development funds.

6. How is the committee/organization currently funded?

LMP: In the current fiscal year (2005 / 2006) by: A three-year intergovernmental agreement, each jurisdiction annually provides: City of Springfield \$50,000; City of Eugene \$50,000; Lane County \$100,000 equaling \$200,000 per year; Springfield Chamber of Commerce \$4,000; Eugene Chamber of Commerce \$5,000; Private Sector Business \$100,000(+)

The meetings are a function of the day to day operations; no funds are allocated for this purpose.

LEC: LCOG uses a portion of its technical assistance contract with the US Economic Development Administration.

LCEDSC: The committee process is supported through the Community and Economic Development Program, as described above.

7. What interests are represented on each committee/organization board?

LMP:

Mayor of Eugene

Mayor of Springfield

Mayor of non-metro city within Lane County

Chair of Lane County Commissioners

Lane County Commissioner

Chair of Eugene Chamber of Commerce

Chair of Springfield Chamber of Commerce

President University of Oregon

President of Lane Community College

Six "At-Large" appointees all of whom reside or work in Lane County

Six "Ex-Officio" non-voting members:

 CAO of Lane County

 CAO of Eugene

 CAO of Springfield

 President Eugene Chamber of Commerce

 Executive Director Springfield Chamber of Commerce

 Executive Director Lane Metro Partnership

Each board position (with an exception for six "at-large" private sector members) is designated by professional title or elected office held; the six "at-large" are elected by the full Operating Board after a formal nomination process on an annual basis.

Current Membership, including proxies:

- * John Arnold, Attorney
- * Susan Muir, Planning & Development City of Eugene
- * Kitty Piercy, Mayor City of Eugene
- * Chris Pryor, Eugene City Councilor
- * Dennis Taylor, City Manager City of Eugene

- * Rodger Bennett, City Manager City of Florence
- * Phil Brubaker, Mayor City of Florence
- * Cynthia Pappas, Interim City Manager City of Springfield
- * John Tamulonis, Development Director City of Springfield
- * John Woodrow, City Councilor City of Springfield
- * Sid Leiken, Mayor City of Springfield
- * Dave Hauser, Executive Vice President Eugene Area Chamber of

Commerce

- * Jim Lindly, Business Development Lane Community College
- * Mary Spilde, President Lane Community College
- * Bill VanVactor, County Administrator Lane County
- * Bill Dwyer, Commissioner Lane County
- * Anna Morrison, Commissioner Chair Lane County
- * Jack Roberts, Executive Director Lane Metro Partnership
- * Jeff Miller, Eugene Chamber President Pacific Benefit Consultants
- * Dan Egan, Executive Director Springfield Chamber of Commerce
- * Mike Donnelly, Chair Springfield Chamber
- * Marcia Edwards, Prudential Real Estate Professionals
- * Ann Marie Mehlum, President Summit Bank
- * Bridget Baker, Public Relations Director The Register-Guard
- * David Frohnmayer, President University of Oregon
- * Rich Linton, VP for Res. & Grad Studies University of Oregon
- * Art Clark Hershner Hunter Andrews etal
- * John Brown Evans Elder & Brown, Inc.

LEC: General Membership. The LEC shall consist of 15 voting members and such non-voting ex-officio members as may be approved by the members. Members shall be representative of business, education, industry, finance, governments, the professions, labor, and related occupations, and be representative of the geographic areas of the county. One of the members representing government shall be a Lane County Commissioner. The Lane County Board of Commissioners shall nominate a Commissioner for appointment to the LEC should a vacancy occur for this representation.

Appointment. Members of the LEC shall be appointed by the LCOG Board of Directors. Members may designate an alternate who shall have voting privileges in the member's absence.

LEC Composition
February 27, 2006

Sorted by representation type

Business and Industry	Glenda Poling Hal Reed (1) Rob Scoggin Lynnette Wikstrom Kari Westlund Jim Ramseyer Mike Blomme' Jenny Ulum
Education	Jay Bozievich Tim Black
Finance	DeAnn Cherbas John Sullivan
Governments	John Tamulonis Mike Sullivan Deb Schmidt

	Phillip Hudspeth
Labor	Chuck Forster Ellen Teninty
Lane County Commissioner	Anna Morrison

Sorted by geographic area

Eugene/Springfield	John Tamulonis Mike Sullivan Chuck Forster Ellen Teninty Glenda Poling Hal Reed Jay Bozievich Kari Westlund Phillip Hudspeth Tim Black Jenny Ulum
North Lane	Jim Ramseyer Mike Blomme'
South Lane	Rob Scoggin Deb Schmidt
East Lane	John Sullivan
West Lane	DeAnn Cherbas Anna Morrison Lynnette Wikstrom

LCEDSC: The EDSC is principally an internal county government advisory committee. Members are appointed by the Lane Board of County Commissioners and include: the county assessor, a county department head, two commissioners, and a citizen at large. Current members are County Commissioner Faye Stewart (chair); County Commissioner Bill Dwyer; County Assessor Jim Gangle; Lane Workforce Partnership Executive Director Chuck Forster, and Citizen Member Janice Mackey.

8. What is the most important role of each committee/organization?

LMP: *Article II Purposes (3) ...to encourage, stimulate and promote economic development, expansion and diversification within the Eugene/Springfield metropolitan area; (4) to lessen the burden of government by creating a larger tax base for the benefit of all residents...* The operating board of directors most important role is to act as an oversight body with final legal authority over the corporation.

LEC: The LEC provides a regional forum for discussion of economic development issues. This forum offers a balanced, non-partisan, non-politicized environment wherein business, government and labor have a voice. The LEC also is broadly representative of the geographic diversity of Lane County.

LCEDSC: The EDSC provides oversight of economic development issues and recommends policies and funding opportunities to the Board of Commissioners.

9. What is the least important function of each committee/organization?

LMP: None for the organization. The frequency of operating board meetings (monthly) could be considered the least-important function of the board.

LEC: See question #8

LCEDSC: Listening to staff.

10. How does each committee's mission differ from the other two committees/organizations?

LMP: The Lane Metro Partnership is the official organization for economic development and business information for Eugene, Springfield and all of Lane County Oregon and together under the authority of its operating board of directors is responsible for *“Providing leadership for the economic development efforts in Eugene/Springfield and throughout Lane County, fostering business investment which creates job opportunities for our citizens and a more diverse and stable economy.”*

LEC: See description of LEC mission in question #1.

LCEDSC: EDSC is advisory to the Board of County Commissioners, as an internal advisory body. LMP is a public/private corporation that is funded in part by Lane County, Springfield and Eugene, and is advisory to these jurisdictions, and the customers LMP serves in the private sector. LEC is a citizen/business advisory committee that primarily deals with multi-county regional issues and advises the LCOG board. Which functions could be handled by one of the other committees? Each has a different role.

11. Can these responsibilities be consolidated with one or both of the other committees/organizations?

LMP: No.

LEC: Uncertain. This would require approval of the LCOG Board, the Regional Investment Board, The Cascades West Economic Development District Board, the US Economic Development Administration and the USDA Rural Business Service.

LCEDSC: Not without changing the basic character of the EDSC as an internal advisory committee.

12. If no, why not?

LMP: Because of the organizations articles of incorporation, 501 (c) 3status for public / private non-profit economic development organization; its bylaws, and its inter-governmental agreements, and jurisdictional contracts.

LEC: See question #11

LCEDSC: The committee would have to be reconstituted for a different purpose and likely described in another section of Lane Manual.

13. What are the pros and cons of consolidation?

LMP: Organization would be unable to retain its status as a non-profit. Operating board of directors would be eliminated as part of the organization's dissolution.

LEC: *Pros:* Potential reduction in the number of total economic development meetings throughout the county.

Cons: Possible loss of federal and state contracts.

LCEDSC: EDSC would lose its function.

14. How could the committees/organizations funds be used elsewhere if the committee were consolidated or eliminated?

LMP: *Article V Dissolution*, Assets remaining after the satisfaction of the corporation's obligations and liabilities shall be distributed to any organization selected by the board of directors which at the time of distribution is qualified as a 501 (c) 3 corporation under the Internal Revenue Code. No funds are directly allocated to the Operating Board of Directors.

LEC: The new committee would have to build relationships and negotiate new contracts with the other entities listed in question 11.

LCEDSC: The EDSC has no separate budget for operating funds. All project funding decisions are made by the Board of County Commissioners.

15. If two or more of these committees/organizations were consolidated would we lose any important services or opportunities?

LMP: Yes, we would lose the non-profit status and the confidential environment of LMP and a governmental body or committee would not have the capacity to provide the same level of service.

LEC: Probably. See answers to above questions.

LCEDSC: Yes – for the reasons mentioned above.