Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board

Wednesday, October 5, 2022 • 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting • PSRC Board Room • 1011 Western Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle 98104

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 You will have 2 minutes to address the board. To allow staff time to process requests, registration is required and closes at 8:00 am the day of the meeting. Late registrations will not be accepted.
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- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call (10:00)
- 2. Communications and Public Comments
- 3. President's Remarks
- 4. Staff Report
- 5. Consent Agenda (10:20)
 - a. Approve Minutes of Meeting held July 13, 2022
 - b. Approve Vouchers dated July 5, 2022 through August 10, 2022 in the amount of \$35,215.68
- 6. Discussion Item (10:30)
 - a. Americas Competitiveness Exchange Program -- Adriana Bonilla, Organization of American States & Barrett Haga, U.S. Economic Development Administration
- 7. Discussion Item (11:10)
 - a. Good Jobs Challenge Grant for Washington Jobs Initiative -- Maud Daudon, Career Connect Washington & Heather Hudson, Washington Student Achievement Council
- 8. Information Items
 - a. Staff Report

- Save the Date Wednesday, November 30, 10:00 11:30 AM Joint Board Session on Institutional and Structural Racism
- 9. Next Meeting December 7, 2022

10. Adjourn (12:00)

Board members please submit proposed amendments and other materials prior to the meeting for distribution. Organizations/individuals may submit information for distribution. Send to Mikayla Svob at msvob@psrc.org, fax 206-587-4825, or mail.

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MINUTES

Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board Wednesday, July 13, 2022
Hybrid Meeting

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board of Directors was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Commissioner Axel Strakeljahn, President. To determine attendance and that a quorum was present, a verbal roll call was conducted by staff.

[To watch a video of the meeting and hear the full discussion, please go to: https://www.psrc.org/boards/watch-meetings].

CPSEDDB MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

See attached attendance roster.

COMMUNICATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENT

The board heard public comment from the following individual:

Alex Tsimerman

No other public comments were received.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Axel Strakeljahn welcomed everyone to the July 13, 2022 meeting and thanked the board members for their attendance.

STAFF REPORT

Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager, updated the board on PSRC projects and events, included in the July 13, 2022 agenda, on pages 18-19.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: It was moved (Lee) and seconded (Ang) to: (a) approve the minutes of the meeting held May 4, 2022, and (b) approve the vouchers dated April 25, 2022 thru June 13, 2022 in the amount of \$34,056.99. The motion passed.

ACTION ITEM: Adopt Fiscal Years 2022-2023 Supplemental Budget and Work Program

<u>ACTION</u>: It was moved (Lee) and seconded (Figueroa) to adopt the Fiscal Years 2022-2023 Supplemental Budget and Work Program as the budget for the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District. The motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEM: Innovation Cluster Accelerator Program (ICAP) Update

Stephanie Scott, of the Washington State Department of Commerce, provided an update on the Innovation Cluster Accelerator program (ICAP), which is designed to grow key industry clusters in the state. For more information, go to http://icapwashingtonstate.org/. Stephanie Scott also shared examples of innovation cluster partnerships, including the Norwegian Solar Energy Cluster and the work of Norwegian Offshore Wind.

DISCUSSION ITEM: Industrial Lands Update

Ben Kahn, Associate Planner, provided the board with a progress report that included an update on the Industrial Lands Update scope and timeline, a review of local jurisdiction outreach, and initial data analysis findings. PSRC is in the process of updating the Regional Industrial Lands Analysis with the direction of the Economic Development District Board, Growth Management Policy Board, and Freight Advisory Committee.

Adopted this 5th day of October, 2022. Commissioner Axel Strakeljahn, President Central Puget Sound Economic Development District

ATTEST:

Josh Brown, Executive Director

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Attachments: edd2022july13-attendance

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		CM Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way	1			Vacant Alt	
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CONSENT AGENDA

September 28, 2022

To: Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board

From: Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager

Subject: Approve Vouchers dated July 5, 2022 through August 10, 2022 in the

amount of \$35,215.68

IN BRIEF

PSRC vouchers are reviewed by the Operations Committee and approved by the Executive Board. To comply fully with RCW 42.24.080, vouchers for the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District (CPSEDD) should be approved by the EDD Board as well.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The EDD Board should approve the following vouchers:

Approved Vouchers date	d July 5, 2022 through August 10,	2022 in the amount of
\$35,215.68		
REQUESTED		
WARRANT DATE	VOUCHER NUMBER	TOTALS
7/5/2022	AP 12403	\$ 18,449.48
7/18/2022	AP 12408	\$ 9.25
7/25/2022	AP 12425	\$ 16,746.95
8/10/2022	AP 12433	\$ 10.00
		\$ 35,215.68

For more information, contact Andrew Werfelmann, Budget Manager, at 206-971-3292, or awerfelmann@psrc.org.

Attachments:

A/P Check Batches



Date: October 5, 2022

A/P Check Batches						
Dated	Check Numbers	Amount				
07/05/22 – 08/10/22	12403, 12408, 12425	\$35,205.68				
Hand Checks		\$10.00				
<u>Total</u>		<u>\$35,215.68</u>				

Payment Certification RCW(42.24.080)

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury, that the materials have been furnished, the services rendered, the labor performed as described, or that any advance payment is due and payable pursuant to a contract or is available as an option for full or partial fulfillment of a contractual obligation, and that the claim(s) is(are) just, due and unpaid obligations against the above-named governmental unit, that we are authorized to authenticate and certify to said claim(s).

Authorized [District Signature(s)	for Payment Claims	(Auditing Officer(s) or I	Board Member(s)):
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Check Summary Report

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Check					
Number	Date	Vendor	Description		Amount
12498	7/5/2022	BERK Associates	Workforce Recovery Contract		18,449.48
12517	7/18/2022	Washington State Ferries	Thibedeau Travel to Kitsap		9.25
12525	7/25/2022	BERK Associates	Workforce Recovery Contract		16,071.95
12525	7/25/2022	BERK Associates	Workforce Recovery Contract		675.00
1159	8/10/2022	Secretary of State	CPSEDD Annual Report		10.00
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Date: Friday, September 16, 2022

Time: 07:42AM User: AWERFELMANN

Puget Sound Regional Council Check Register - APPROVAL

Periods: 12-22 Through 03-23 As of: 9/16/2022

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Attachment: A/P Check Batches (3534: EDD Vouchers)

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Regular	0	0.00
Hand	1	10.00
Electronic Payment	0	0.00
Void	0	0.00
Stub	0	0.00
Zero	0	0.00
Mask	0	0.00
Total:	1	10.00

DISCUSSION ITEM

September 28, 2022

To: Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board

From: Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager

Subject: Americas Competitiveness Exchange Program

IN BRIEF

Representatives from the Organization of American States (OAS) and the U.S. Economic Development Administration will provide an overview of the Americas Competitiveness Exchange (ACE) program and the work to finalize the region selected for the Spring 2023 event.

DISCUSSION

The Americas Competitiveness Exchange (ACE) is the premier economic development, innovation, and entrepreneurial network of the Americas and is one of the leading high-level events of the OAS. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the OAS is an international organization founded in 1948 for the purpose of bringing together all 35 independent states of the Western Hemisphere to enhance development, democracy, human rights, and security. In addition, the OAS has 71 Permanent Observer countries that are invited to attend its activities. The U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration and the International Trade Administration, the U.S. Department of State, and the OAS comprise the Coordinating and Advisory Committee for the ACE program.

The ACE brings together up to 60 senior-level government, business, policy, and economic decision-makers from across the Americas and beyond to experience first-hand the diverse range of projects, strategic investments, public-private partnerships, and best practices from a particular region's economic, innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem. The complete ACE delegation including participants, VIPs, ACE Committee, and organizers, could include up to 80 participants.

The ACE global and regional top leaders are selected to participate in the week-long program through a highly competitive process to tour innovation hubs, advanced technology centers, leading firms, and educational and research institutions, to explore local, regional, urban, and rural economic development models, share experiences and knowledge, and build networks among the local and visiting stakeholders to enhance economic competitiveness in the Americas.

The ACEs are designed to expand cooperation networks throughout the Americas and beyond; strengthen economic development, innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystems; promote long-term partnerships; and accelerate economic growth. There are up to two ACEs per year, typically occurring in two different countries. The next ACE will be held in Ecuador in November 13 to 17, 2022.

ACE is one of the core initiatives of the Inter-American Competitiveness Network (RIAC), for which the OAS serves as the Technical Secretariat. The RIAC pillar at the OAS is structured under diplomatic agreements and fully established by ITA and the State Department in 2009 as a push for greater hemisphere economic coordination. The RIAC is a regional platform that brings together High-Level Authorities and other key stakeholders, leading the Competitiveness, Innovation, and Economic Development. The RIAC promotes policy dialogue, exchange of experiences, and collaborative initiatives among decision-makers from the public, private, and academic sectors to foster inclusive and sustainable economic development in the Americas. In the context of RIAC, the OAS convenes the Americas Competitiveness Forum (ACF), the Americas Competitiveness Exchange (ACE), and the Group of Experts on Subnational Competitiveness (GTECS).

ACE is considered to be one of the world's most recognized economic development engagements, having received global and national recognition, including but not limited to:

- A full resolution of support by the United States Conference of Mayors.
- A full resolution of support by the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO).
- President of the United States Barak Obama, Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau, and the President of Mexico Enrique Peña Nieto used ACE as a critical pillar for the North American Leaders' Summit Workplan.
- The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has recognized ACE as a critical pillar for cooperation for 2030; and
- The United States Trade Representative (USTR) has used ACE for BREXIT negotiations and others.
- The Country of Argentina is replicating the ACE concept to provide best practices for economic developers in their country.
- The Country of Israel recognizes it as one of the best pathways to engage in the Americas.
- ACE led to a new agreement on Clusters between the United States and Korea Industrial Complex Corporation
- The Country of Mexico is adopting the United States data for cluster mapping and CEDS process lead to chapter 26 of USMCA focus on North American Competitiveness.
- Any other major impacts for local regions as well as the United States.

On August 27, 2018, during the Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI), the OAS Secretary General, Luis Almagro, recognized the

ACE program as a critical pillar to advancing women's economic empowerment in the Western Hemisphere, a vital priority of the U.S. State Department.

Then on June 30, 2020, in the Meeting of the Council of Integral Development (CIDI) at the OAS to inaugurate the Government of Ecuador as Chair Pro Tempore of the RIAC, the ACE was recognized by the Government of the United States and CIDI as RIAC's flagship program. It was then rebranded as the premier economic development, innovation, and entrepreneurial network of the Americas and is playing an important role in re-establishing economies in the region impacted by the pandemic.

President Biden also highlighted the OAS in his speech at the United Nations and specifically mentioned his engagement with the OAS and his focus on people's urgent needs for better health and economic outcomes. In addition, the State Department stated that ACE is essential in helping achieve the Administration's economic objectives in the region.

The Objectives of ACE are the following:

- Promoting long-term multilateral commercial, trade, and investment partnerships among decision-makers of the Americas and beyond;
- Identifying and sharing best practices in economic development, including public-private partnerships, building local assets that grow businesses, cluster development, promoting entrepreneurship, and coordinating regional economic development strategies.
- Stimulating capital investment and job creation in the region;
- Fostering an environment for innovative companies to startup and expand;
- Bringing together universities, industries, and governments to solve complex challenges no one sector or business could address on its own.
- Facilitating commerce and trade;
- Promoting economic resiliency; and,
- Enhancing opportunities for underrepresented populations.

Each site is surveyed and paired with senior global leaders from the public, private and academic sectors to create outcomes such as enhanced supply chains, new research agreements, new FDI opportunities and others. In addition, by leveraging ACE's ability to create tangible linkages, every Administration since President Obama has used ACE for broader strategic and national priorities. Other federal agencies have always used ACE for critical priorities of the greater U.S. Government. For example, starting with President Obama, ACE was used to increase our relationship with South Korea, leading to a new industrial agreement with Korea Industrial Complex Corporation (KICOX). During the Trump Administration, the United Kingdom was given two participation slots in ACE for their Trade Ministry for ACE 10 and ACE 11. The Biden Administration has now used ACE for many strategic priorities. PSRC is working with the OAS to secure an ACE in the Greater Seattle region in Spring 2023.

Representatives from the Organization of American States and the U.S. Economic Development Administration will provide an overview of the ACE program and an update on the work to finalize the selection for the Spring 2023 location.

For more information, contact Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager, at jthibedeau@psrc.org or (206) 389-2879.

DISCUSSION ITEM

September 28, 2022

To: Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board

From: Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager

Subject: Good Jobs Challenge Grant for Washington Jobs Initiative

IN BRIEF

Representatives from Career Connect Washington and the Washington Student Achievement Council will provide an overview of the Washington Jobs Initiative and the \$23.5 million Good Jobs Challenge grant recently awarded from the U.S. Economic Development Administration to support this initiative.

DISCUSSION

The U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) awarded a \$23.5 million Good Jobs Challenge grant to support Washington's robust career connected training system serving thousands of students across the state. The state's Washington Student Achievement Council, in collaboration with Career Connect Washington (CCW), was among 32 grant recipients selected from a pool of more than 500 applications. The Good Jobs Challenge is part of a suite of American Rescue Plan programs developed by EDA to equitably distribute its \$3 billion allocation to assist communities nationwide in their efforts to build a better America by accelerating economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic and building local economies that will be more resilient to future economic shocks.

These Washington apprenticeship and technical training programs are a significant part of the state's efforts to connect students to work-based learning programs that lead to paid work experience and good-paying jobs. The Good Jobs Challenge grant will help CCW and its partners immediately serve 5,000 workers whose jobs were impacted by COVID-19 and fill a minimum of 3,000 jobs.

The Washington Jobs Initiative builds upon CCW's efforts in six high-demand sectors: advanced manufacturing and aerospace; construction; energy and clean technology; financial services; healthcare; and information technology and cybersecurity. Several of the sectors include training for union membership jobs. Examples of jobs in the program include software developer, machinist, energy engineer, nursing assistant and construction manager.

The Washington Jobs Initiative also includes a detailed focus on equity and diversity. Through targeted outreach in partnership with 200 community based organizations, the

initiative hopes to achieve more equitable outcomes for workers of color, indigenous workers, low-income workers, rural workers, workers experiencing homelessness, English language learners, and workers with disabilities. Their goal is for participation rates to match or exceed each group's representation in the state's population.

State leaders estimate more than 70 percent of jobs created in Washington state require some kind of post-secondary credential, but only about 40 percent of young people have one. Governor Inslee launched Career Connect Washington in 2017 to help more students pursue good-paying jobs after high school by enrolling in registered apprenticeship and technical training programs. Since its launch, CCW has created more than 100 registered apprenticeship and Career Launch programs for more than 21,000 students in every region of the state. CCW anticipates expanding its program to serve an anticipated 60,000 students each year. The program is supported through state and federal funding, philanthropy and employer investments

Representatives from Career Connect Washington and the Washington Student Achievement Council will provide an update on the grant award and the program. Students or employers who are interested in the Career Launch program can visit careerconnectwa.org for information.

For more information, contact Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager, at ithibedeau@psrc.org or (206) 389-2879.

INFORMATION ITEM

September 28, 2022

To: Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board

From: Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager

Subject: Staff Report

Arts & Culture Recovery Strategy completed

PSRC released an Arts & Culture Economic Recovery Strategy to support recovery and resiliency for the region's arts and culture sector. PSRC leveraged funding from the CARES Act to develop strategies to help the arts and culture industry and workforce recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Strategy was developed under the guidance of an advisory group of representatives from across the region and informed by interviews; secondary workforce data analysis; a cultural workforce survey and focus groups; and online research of national and global strategies. This strategy is a guiding document for regional partners to align efforts in support of organizations and workers in the arts and culture industry. Visit the project webpage to view the strategy.

Keeping focus on workforce development

Earlier in the year, PSRC developed a final report and a set of occupational profiles as part of a Workforce Recovery Planning Project. To build upon this, the agency continues to spread the word about growing employment opportunities in key sectors. Recent write ups highlight opportunities in the <u>Construction</u>, <u>Manufacturing</u>, <u>Information</u>, and <u>Healthcare</u> industries. Occupational Profiles were developed that describe the job characteristics and outlook, pay information for each occupation, as well as education, training, and skills required to pursue them. <u>Visit the project webpage</u> to view the final report and occupational profiles.

Technical Assistance to local jurisdictions

Industrial Lands Analysis update

Staff is continuing work to update PSRC's <u>Industrial Lands Analysis</u>, last performed in 2015. Data on industrial employment, land use, and transportation is being analyzed and preliminary findings will be released this fall. A final report, including data and subregional profiles is scheduled to be completed in early 2023. The project aims to provide an updated outlook of conditions and trends for the region's industrial lands and to inform local industrial lands planning efforts.

Housing Incentives and Tools survey

PSRC adopted a Regional Housing Strategy in February 2022. The strategy calls for PSRC to develop a framework to track performance and outcomes over time and identify challenges or barriers. To help implement the strategy, PSRC recently fielded a Housing Incentives and Tools Survey to local jurisdictions to better understand what housing tools are being used and which are having the biggest impact on increasing housing development and affordability. Staff are analyzing results of the survey which will be shared later in the year.

America's Competitiveness Exchange

Staff have been working with representatives from the Organization of American States and the U.S. Economic Development Administration to secure an America's Competitiveness Exchange (ACE) program in the Greater Seattle region in spring of 2023. This week-long program would bring up to 60 senior-level government, business, policy, and economic decision-makers from across the Americas to experience first-hand the diverse range of projects, strategic investments, public-private partnerships, and best practices from the region's economic, innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem.

Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission

PSRC has a non-voting seat on the Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission, which is tasked with identifying sites for potential commercial service facilities. At its September 23 meeting, the commission approved a recommendation to pursue the development of a greenfield site option for a two-runway airport, analyzing options in Pierce and Thurston counties.

INFORMATION ITEM

September 28, 2022

To: Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board

From: Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager

Subject: Save the Date - Wednesday, November 30, 10:00 - 11:30 AM - Joint

Board Session on Institutional and Structural Racism

Attachments:

Save the Date - Wednesday, November 30, 10:00 - 11:30 AM - Joint Board Session on Institutional and Structural Racism

