

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING) RESOLUTION NO. 81-261
METRO'S PARTICIPATION IN A)
VOLUNTARY, COOPERATIVE REGIONWIDE) Introduced by the Regional
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION) Development Committee

WHEREAS, Economic development is vitally related to the orderly and efficient development and provision of services within the Metro region; and

WHEREAS, Local governments and others interested in the region's economic development, including the counties of Multnomah and Clackamas, the cities of Portland, Hillsboro, Sandy and Milwaukie, and the Center for Population Research and Census, Center for Urban Studies and Institute for Oregon Policy Studies of Portland State University, have expressed support for a continuing voluntary regionwide economic development forum; and

WHEREAS, The federal government has decided to abolish the Economic Development Administration, thereby relinquishing initiative and responsibility for economic development to state, regional and local governments; and

WHEREAS, A continuing need exists to promote cooperation and mutual assistance among public and private entities involved and interested in the economic development of the region; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Metro Council approves Metro's participation in a voluntary, cooperative regionwide Economic Development Association

and directs Metro staff to work with representatives of the public and private sectors to establish such an Association to consider shared economic issues and activities.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District
this 23rd day of July, 1981.



Presiding Officer

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TO: Metro Council
FROM: Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Approving Metro's Participation in a Voluntary,
Cooperative Regionwide Economic Development Association

I. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. ACTION REQUESTED: Council adoption of the attached Resolution supporting Metro involvement in a voluntary cooperative regionwide Economic Development Association.
- B. POLICY IMPACT: This proposal assures that Metro's voice will be among those heard on regionwide economic issues and also assures that Metro will continue to be involved in and aware of the economic development activities of other jurisdictions throughout the region. This action is consistent with Metro's Five Year Operational Plan.
- C. BUDGET IMPACT: Metro staff support for this Association is available from funds obligated for economic development in the FY 81 budget.

II. ANALYSIS:

- A. BACKGROUND: The Reagan Administration has decided to abolish the Economic Development Administration at the end of 1981. Representatives of local government and other organizations interested in economic development have proposed formation of a voluntary Economic Development Association to share information and experiences on a regionwide basis.

Economic Development Advisory Committees of the City of Portland and Multnomah County are supporting this proposal, along with planning or economic development staff in Clackamas County, Hillsboro and Milwaukie. Portland State's Institute for Oregon Policy Studies has endorsed the project, and the Urban Studies and Population Research and Census Centers are also interested in joining. Membership will be open to all the region when the Association is formed.

- B. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: Metro could choose not to participate. This would leave Metro out of the economic development process in the region, and would deprive the proposed Association of Metro's regional perspective and clearinghouse of data and other information.

Metro participation assures a continuing relationship with the economic development process in the region and promotes the success of this Association as a forum for the exchange of ideas and information on a regional basis.

- C. CONCLUSION: Metro staff recommends approval of the attached Resolution supporting Metro involvement in the proposed Association.

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