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MISSION

The Juneau Economic Development Council fosters a healthy and sustainable economic climate in Juneau and throughout Southeast Alaska. In collaboration with other organizations, the council implements initiatives to maintain, expand, and create economic opportunities.

GOALS

Strengthen Juneau's economy
 Develop a regionally
 competitive economy
 Bring innovative economic
 development approaches to
 our region and state
 Increase Juneau's desirability as
 a place to live and work



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JEDC PROGRAMS

The Juneau Economic Development Council partners with many federal, state and local organizations and agencies to carry out the following programs:

SpringBoard Programs

Technology Transfer

SpringBoard is an Alaska-based program that helps transfer and commercialize U.S. Department of Defense technologies. SpringBoard staff identify and screen technologies for use in the private sector and look for technologies that can benefit Alaskan industry.

Education in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)

SpringBoard's STEM program provides educational enrichment opportunities for students and professional development for teachers to encourage careers in science and engineering.

Southeast Cluster Initiative

Partnering with the USDA in 2011, JEDC assembled and facilitated the work of four Cluster Working Groups in three established and one emerging industry sector: Ocean Products; Forest Products; Visitor Products; and Renewable Energy. The process was designed to remove barriers and make connections that will allow for growth in jobs and businesses in the specific areas.

Affordable Housing

JEDC serves as the primary point of contact for public and community groups working to make Juneau's housing costs more affordable.

Other JEDC Services

JEDC programming staff work on issues of importance to our community, region, and state. Current efforts include:

- **Research & Analysis** *Economic Indicators, cost of living, etc. ;*
- **Southeast Alaska Revolving Loan Fund**, providing "gap financing" to new and expanding businesses;
- **Business Consulting Service**, giving small businesses low-cost access to highly qualified business experts;
- **Wood Products Development Service**, offering statewide technical assistance for rural small businesses wishing to develop woody biomass fuels;
- **Sunday Market and Local Food Fest**, promoting locally grown produce and handmade products - Alaska Grown;
- **Business Expo**, *Entrepreneur Resource Expo* providing support to small businesses in Juneau and the Southeast;
- **Maritime Festival**, *Celebrating Juneau's History, Culture and Commerce*;
- **Junior Achievement**, empowering Juneau's young people to own their