Cities and Businesses Growing Economic Strengths

Breakout Session C:
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Moderator: Stuart Clason
Wasatch Choice 2050
Who Are We?

› Private, non-profit organization founded in 1987 with a mission to act as a catalyst for quality job growth and increased capital investment in the state

› Statewide economic development organization (EDO) specializing in corporate recruitment, economic research, site selector marketing, and community development

› Supported by the private sector, state (GOED) government, and local governments

› Partner to the Governor’s Office of Economic Development (GOED) for corporate recruitment
What Do We Do?

› Corporate Recruitment Project Management
› Lead Generation and Business Development
› Economic Research and Reporting
› Site Selector Marketing
› Public Development
UTAH ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT
State of Utah’s Economy

› Job Growth Rate: 2.7% (National = 1.5%)
› Unemployment Rate: 3.1% (4.1%)
› Population 5-Year Growth Rate: 11.8% (5.3%)
› Labor Force Participation Rate: 70.0% (65.9%)
› Net Migration Rate (2016-2017): 7.3% (3.4%)
› Change in Real GDP: 3.34% (2.3%)
› GINI Coefficient: 0.419 (1st)
› Economic Diversity (Hachman Index): 96.3 (2nd)
EDCUtah Current Project Pipeline
New Projects – FY 17-18

- Projects: 77
- Jobs: 100,879
- Square Footage: 376 M
Site Selector Decision Drivers

This data comes from an EDCUtah survey of nearly 200 site selectors completed December, 2017.

WORKFORCE = #1

Labor factors make up three of the top five most important considerations in a corporate relocation project.

Graph explanation: Site Selectors were asked to rank these factors on a scale of 1 to 5, where “1” was “not important, and “5” was “extremely important.”
What Makes for a Great Workforce?

› Educational assets
› Labor mobility
› Housing options
› Arts and culture amenities
› Employers of choice

› What do these have in common?
THANK YOU
Clint Betts
How should cites change their approach to growing and attracting business?

• Understanding the relationship between
  • Product development
  • Planning the City to produce revenue and for the future needs
  • Wealth development
There are only so many strategies. The focus on product development

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<td>Transportation</td>
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What is Ogden and Boyer different to make it successful.

• The right product
• Priced right
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<td>• Do our values align?</td>
<td>• What are the core issues that we all have interest in?</td>
<td>• Is there a practical method that can get us to work together.</td>
<td>• What are the facts behind the core issues?</td>
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<td>• Can we have a collective vision?</td>
<td>• How will we structure working together?</td>
<td>• Imperatives needed for our competitive success</td>
<td>• The most impactful strategies first</td>
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- 1. Values, Culture, & Organization.
- 2. Business Model Assessment
- 3. A “Pragmatic” Model for Strategic Planning.
- 5. Vision & Mission Alignment
- 8. Strategic Initiatives Portfolio Formation & Management Strategic Initiative Execution.
The Primary Objectives-2007

1. Creation of a reliable economic base to sustain the downtowns viability over time
2. Creation of a wealth building community
3. Creation of a system that represents simplified governance
4. Develop governance that is not afraid to take the consequences of leading and taking risk
5. Develop a community with integrated and comprehensive people moving
6. Control of External Planning Environment—ED Development First then a General Plan
7. Creation of a community that matches its environment with focus on the aesthetic
8. Focus on the aesthetic with a companion healthy environment
9. A self promoting environment
10. Develop a Leadership Legacy that establishes consistent and sustained economic and community development.
11. Design long term strategic plan for economic competitiveness
12. Value those that help create the economy stability and consistency
Panel Time!!!

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