



THE RESOURCES YOU NEED FOR THE BUSINESS YOU WANT

MEMBER INFORMATION

WORK LIVE PLAY



Montana West Economic Development harnesses local resources, skilled workers, and business benefits to promote growth for entrepreneurs who want to relocate, start a business, or expand existing operations.

From loans and getting deals done to shovel-ready sites, Montana West's team connects businesses and entrepreneurs with opportunities to develop and grow their operations.





"Montana West Economic Development has been a pivotal part of us being here and being successful in this project. Our business is thriving. Their ability to provide us with answers when we have questions is a huge resource even beyond their economic abilities to help small businesses. Hat tip to MWED!"

~Craig Koontz,
Owner of Sunrift Brewing Company



"Our connection to MWED is very important. It allows us to maintain important business connections and make sure that our facility reflects the community's needs."

~Rob Ratkowski,
Airport Director,
Glacier Park International Airport

Why Join?

The Flathead Valley of Montana is the Last Best Place to live and work. Like us, you care about the health and success of the entire region. MWED is the only organization of its kind in the Valley that is dedicated to directly assisting businesses of all sizes and types with loans, referrals, connections, promotion, grant-writing, government-contracting, job creation and planning assistance, business attraction and relocation help.

Having the support and participation of organizations like yours allows us to help new and existing businesses to thrive. Your organization will benefit from our programs and services and you'll be contributing to the future success of the entire community. In true Montana spirit, Investor-Members are ever ready to roll up their sleeves and work together to bring growth and strength to our area.



All Investor Levels Enjoy these Core Benefits:

- Priority business assistance
- Connection with businesses throughout the Flathead Valley
- Listing & referrals in the MWED Business Directory
- Free seminars
- Monthly business bulletin e-newsletter
- Free job listings on our job board
- Social media promotion
- Opportunity for featured video
- Promotion on website
- Free use of MWED Conference Room
- Discount pricing for PeerSpectives Roundtables and events
- Access to local economic data
- MWED representation through speaking engagements and presentations at business and industry events

Membership Levels & Benefits

					
Investor Level	Ponderosa Pine	Douglas Fir	Larch	Aspen	Cherry
Annual Investment	\$7500+	\$5000+	\$2500+	\$1500+	\$500+
Annual Benefits					
Company logo displayed on website	◆				
Annual email distributed to MWED's contact list	◆				
Logo displayed in MWED Conference Room	◆	◆			
Monthly newsletter recognition as top sponsor	◆	◆			
Annual Meeting recognition as top sponsor	◆	◆			
Event recognition as top sponsor	◆	◆	◆		
Video feature	◆	◆	◆		
Access to member contact list	◆	◆	◆	◆	
Annual social media feature	◆	◆	◆	◆	
Opportunity to introduce company at board meeting	◆	◆	◆	◆	
Nominate, vote and serve as a board member	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Opportunity to serve on committees and task forces	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Annual Report recognition	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆



Endpoint Utility Corp

“You can’t have a strong enough local business ecosystem. That is truly a journey and not a destination. You should continue to support Montana West because what they are already doing, and what they will continue to do is just something we will all get to build upon for the success of our businesses as well as each other.”

~ David Mayer,
Founder and CEO
of Endpoint Utility Corp.





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Investor-Member Application

Application

In order to foster entrepreneurship, business investment, job creation and growth in the Flathead Valley, we support Montana West Economic Development.

Business Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Website _____ Phone # _____

Primary Contact Name _____ Job Title _____

Email Address _____ Phone # _____

Billing Contact ☐ Same as primary ☐ Other (complete below)

Billing Contact Name _____ Job Title _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Phone # _____

Special Billing Instruction _____

Investor Level

- ☐ Ponderosa Pine (\$7,500+)
- ☐ Douglas Fir (\$5,000+)
- ☐ Larch (\$2,500+)
- ☐ Aspen (\$1,500+)
- ☐ Cherry (\$500+)

Annual Contribution

\$ _____

Initial Payment Procedure

☐ Invoice Payment day of \$ _____

Frequency of Invoice

☐ Quarterly ☐ Annually

Delivery Method

☐ Email to billing contact ☐ Print ☐ ACH

Print name _____

Authorized Signature _____ Date _____

Investor-Members

Thank you to the following MWED Investor-Members for their generous support and partnership.

PONDEROSA PINE INVESTORS



DOUGLAS FIR INVESTORS

Snyder Construction Group

LARCH INVESTORS

BNSF Railway
Greenway Development Group
InterBel Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
NorthWestern Energy
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ASPEN INVESTORS

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Freedom Bank
Glacier Stone Supply
Lemontree Montana
LSW Architects
Merit Financial Advisors
Morrison-Maierle, Inc.
Nomad Global Communication Solutions, Inc.
Peach State Roofing
The Rancher's Daughter/KRose Company
Take 5 Oil Change
TrailWest Bank
Wells Fargo

CHERRY INVESTORS

A&E Design	Flathead Lake Alpine Coaster	Northwest Imaging
Advanced Engineering & Environmental Services	Flathead Valley Community College	NW MT Association of Realtors, Inc.
Backslope Brewing	Glacier Bank Park	Northwest Drywall & Roofing
Basecamp Coworking	Glacier Park International Airport	Park Side Credit Union
Big Sky Public Relations	GL Solutions	Sonesta International Hotels
City of Columbia Falls	The Homestead	SmartLam LLC
City of Kalispell	Insured Titles	Sókn Engineering
City of Whitefish	J Martin Builders	Stampede Packing Company
Creative Sales	J2 Business Products	State Farm Insurance, Lyle Mitchell
Crowley Fleck PLLP	Iron Star Construction	Stockman Bank
Cushing Terrell	Jackola Engineering & Architecture	Swank Enterprises
D.A. Davidson	Jewel Basin Center	The ZaneRay Group
Dorsey & Whitney	Jordahl & Sliter PLLC	Three Rivers Bank
Elevated Accounting	Junkermier, Clark, Campanella, Stevens, P.C.	Turner Askew & Associates
Endpoint Utility Corp	KLJ Engineering LLC	U.S. Bank
Express Employment Professionals	LC Staffing	Valley Bank of Kalispell
First Montana Bank	Lone Pine Media	Western Building Center of Kalispell
Flathead Beacon	Mann Mortgage	WGM Group
Flathead County Board Of Commissioners	MontanaSky Networks	Whitefish Mountain Resort
		Wood's Lodge

BEARGRASS INVESTORS

Bigfork Chamber of Commerce	Kalispell Chamber of Commerce	RTM Bros.
Caerleon Group	Kalispell Downtown Association	State Farm Insurance, TJ Wendt
Columbia Falls Chamber of Commerce	Lakeside/Somers Chamber of Commerce	TreeLine Creative
Evergreen Chamber of Commerce	Law Office of Vincent G. Rieger	Waatti Engineering
Glacier Distilling Company	Murphy Business Sales	WaterStreet
Glacier Insurance Strategies	PayneWest Insurance	Whitefish Chamber of Commerce
Glacier Precast Concrete	Pintler Billing Services	
Glacier Wholesalers	Raymond James Financial Services	
Kalispell Center Mall	River Meadow Ranch LLC	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Flathead Valley Community College

Pam Holmquist

Flathead County

Connie McCubbins

Evergreen Chamber of Commerce



Christy Cummings Dawson | President & CEO

Christy has an MBA and a BA in Political Science. She brings years of experience in both the public and private sectors and has worked on a number of projects that bridged the two. Her experience includes wildland firefighting, local economic development, and planning/community development.

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Jill Duval | Government Contracting Advisor

Jill has dedicated most of her professional career to working with non-profit organizations. With over three decades of service to the communities she has lived in, she is committed to utilizing her knowledge and experience to enrich the area in any way possible. When not working, Jill enjoys traveling (both domestically and abroad), spending time exploring the outdoors, reading, writing, photography and engaging in genealogy research.

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Jayn Gove | Accounting Assistant

Jayn brings in years of accounting background to her role. Jayn was born and raised in the Flathead Valley. When she not working, Jayn spends her free time coaching her son's baseball teams, her softball team, umping and being outside in the beautiful Montana weather.

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Carrie Johnson | Hazardous Fuels Program Manager

Carrie earned a B.S. in Forestry from the University of Montana and served on the front lines of wildland fire as both a hotshot and smokejumper for 20 years, she now manages the Hazardous Fuels Program as a Community Forester. Carrie grew up in Alaska but has called Montana home for the last 2+ decades. She has a passion for fire/fuel mitigation practices and connecting with landowners throughout the valley.

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Mark Johnson | Loan Officer

A Great Falls native and a Montana State University graduate, Mark brings a broad range of experience from nearly 30 years of experience in the financial industry. His skills are enhanced by his passion to serve his communities. Mark serves on the boards of the Columbia Falls Food Bank, Columbia Falls Lion's Club, Columbia Falls Community Foundation, Columbia Falls City Board of adjustments and St. Richard's Parish Finance Committee. He is excited to bring his skills and talents to help business grow in order to make our communities strong and resilient.

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Ben Thiem | Director of Development & Partnerships

Ben brings two decades of non-profit experience to his role of Membership Director at Montana West Economic Development. Ben has Midwestern roots, growing up in the Red River Valley of northern Minnesota. Before joining MWED Ben served as the Director of Member Services at the League of Chicago Theatres for 17 years. He is a graduate of DePaul University in Chicago. Ben is a board member of Code Girls United, the Board Treasurer for the Rotary Club of Kalispell Daybreak, and a member of the Leadership Montana Flagship Class of 2023 and Leadership Flathead Class of 2023.

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