

RESULTS:

- TELETECH EXPANDS TO 500 EMPLOYEES WITH BENEFITS FOR ALL EMPLOYEES.
- TOTAL LABEL USA INCREASES TO 50 WELL-PAID EMPLOYEES AND EXPANDING FACILITIES.
- AVAIL MEDIA GROWS TO 15 EMPLOYEES AND A PAYROLL OF OVER \$1 MILLION.
- MIDWAY RENTAL EMPLOYEES INCREASE BY 60% OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS, DUE IN PART TO A TRAINING GRANT.
- WESTERN BUILDING CENTER TRUSS AND WALL PLANT EMPLOYS 16.
- THE ATTRACTION, EXPANSION AND RETENTION OF 39 COMPANIES.
- CREATED/RETAINED 1466 PRIMARY JOBS TO OUR REGION WITH WAGES AT OR ABOVE THE COUNTY AVERAGE.
- ADDED 2434 INDIRECT JOBS TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY.
- SINCE 2005, MADE 25 LOANS FOR NEARLY \$3 MILLION TO LOCAL COMPANIES IN COOPERATION WITH LOCAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS.

PROGRAMS:

- ENTREPRENEUR-TO-ENTREPRENEUR SEMINAR-MONTHLY PROGRAM FOR BUSINESS OWNERS
- COUNTY AND STATE DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS-AVAILABLE ON OUR NEW WEBSITE
- ACTIVELY RECRUITING BUSINESSES IN TECH, GUN MANUFACTURING AND OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURING
- SUPPORTING THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF FOREST PRODUCTS IN MANUFACTURING AND ENERGY PRODUCTION
- BIG SKY TRUST FUND GRANTS
- PROMOTE FLATHEAD COUNTY AS A DESIRABLE PLACE TO RELOCATE OR START A BUSINESS

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MISSION OBJECTIVES:

- QUALITY JOB GROWTH
- BROADER TAX BASE
- ECONOMIC DIVERSITY
- REGIONAL COLLABORATION

A PUBLIC/PRIVATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION
SERVING THE FLATHEAD VALLEY AND NORTHWEST MONTANA

STRATEGIES:

MARKETING THE REGION
NATIONALLY

BUSINESS RETENTION,
EXPANSION AND CAPITAL
INVESTMENT

OPERATIONS,
COMMUNICATIONS AND
PUBLIC RELATIONS

The future of Northwest Montana depends upon the health and vitality of the business sector. Montana West Economic Development has made notable accomplishments over the past seven years in pursuing a vibrant business community. Total Label USA, Avail Media and Glacier Stone are among the businesses Montana West Economic Development has assisted recently. In addition to relocation and start up assistance, 25 new or existing businesses have started or expanded with low interest gap financing through MWED's loan fund and training grants since 2005. In addition to our loan programs, the Frontier Angel Fund was cultivated by Montana West and now acts as an independent resource for aspiring entrepreneurs.

Funded primarily with private investment and working in conjunction with the Flathead County Economic Development Authority, Montana West Economic Development supports sustainable economic development—stressing quality jobs, livable wages and a diverse business climate for a robust economy in the Flathead Valley.

Contact Montana West to learn more about how you can support business growth and vitality in Northwest Montana.

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