Economic Development Districts
CEDS Process & EDA’s Planning Program
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CEDS Process

CEDS are designed to bring together the public and private sectors in the creation of an economic development roadmap to diversify and strengthen Regional economies.
CEDS Process

CEDS as a continuous economic development process:

- Analyzing local economies
- Defining economic development goals
- Determining Project opportunities
- Formulating and implementing an economic development program that includes systematic efforts to reduce unemployment and increase incomes
CEDS Process

1. Where are we as a Region?
2. Where do we want to go as a Region?
3. How do we get there as a Region?
4. How are we doing as a Region in getting there?
CEDS Process

CEDS and Revised CEDS
• completed every 5 years

CEDS Annual Performance Report
• completed annually between revised CEDS
CEDS Process

CEDS

• Summary Background
• Analysis
• Strategic Direction / Action Plan
• Evaluation Framework
CEDS Process

CEDS Annual Performance Report

• Adjustment to the Strategy
• Evaluation of Progress on Action Plan and Goals
• Schedule of the Goals for the Next Year
Planning Program

Partnership Planning
• Planning investments for District Organizations, Indian Tribes and other eligible entities

Short Term Planning
• Short-term planning investments to states, sub-state planning regions and urban areas
Planning Program

Economic Development District (EDD) designation

- Defined region
- Completed CEDS
- Organizational Structure
- State Concurrence
- Distress Criteria
Planning Program

Requirements and Expectations for EDD’s:

- Coordinating economic development activities in the District
- Capacity Building
- Adequate staff support
- Governing Board and CEDS Strategy Committee
- Meeting federal regulatory requirements
Planning Program

EDD Performance Evaluations

• Conducted with a peer evaluator and EDA every 3 years

• Focus Areas
  – The continuing regional eligibility of the EDD
  – The management of the District Organization
  – The implementation of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)
  – Any other areas of assessment deemed necessary by the Chicago Regional Office (CRO).