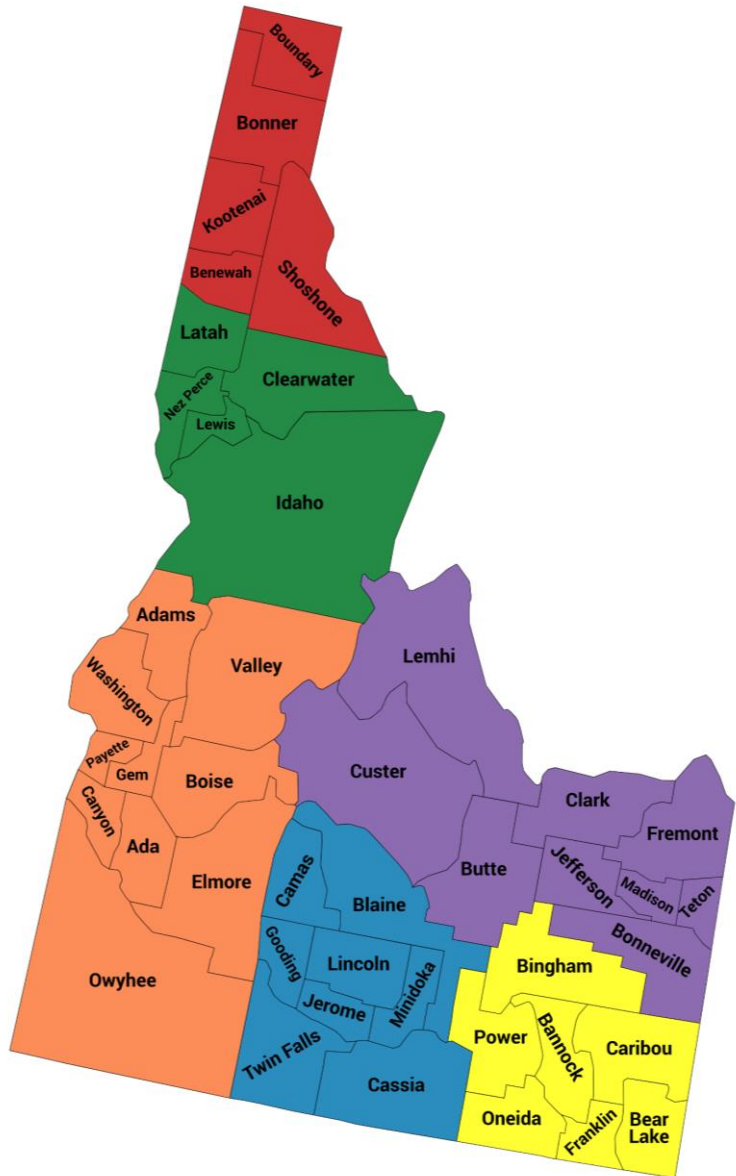


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Economic Development Districts of Idaho

- Panhandle Area Council (Region 1)
- Clearwater Economic Development Association (Region 2)
- TBD (Region 3)
- Region IV Development Association (Region 4)
- Southeast Idaho Council of Governments (Region 5)
- Altura (Region 6)

Team 44Go!

Idaho Department of Commerce*

**Lead Economic Development Agency for the State*

Economic Development Districts

EDA University Center

State Universities

Utility Provider Econ Dev Advisor

Small Business Development Center

Idaho Manufacturing Alliance

A Rural and Urban Econ Dev Pro

Underserved Population Econ Dev Pro

Manufacturing Extension Partnership

44GO! Vision

*representing the 44 great
counties of Idaho*

(What?)

**To formalize and institutionalize
collaborative regional and state
planning processes...**

(Why?)

**...to create an inclusive Economic
Development community within
Idaho.**



Goals

- 1. Create an organization and program Asset Map for Idaho.**
- 2. Develop Common Economic Development Language with Idaho's Home Team.**
- 3. Create a calendar of major planning document deadlines/approvals.**
- 4. Identify a long-term statewide organization to convene stakeholders.**
- 5. Develop a marketing strategy and materials for consistent mission.**

Biggest
Challenge:
Scheduling



Lessons Learned

Disrupt the Status Quo

- **Seek ongoing, long-term collaboration**
- **Transparency**
- **Be informed and consider the priorities of the State with initiatives on a regional and local level**
- **Create a proactive culture**

Prioritize Communicating with Each Other

- **Expand our view of who is “in” our region**
- **Celebrate each other’s wins and mourn each other’s losses**

Sustainability

- Develop an Economic Development Webpage
- Promote and Expand 44Go! Initiative



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