



State Economic Development Executives (SEDE) Network

Summary of Membership Investment and Benefits

The State Economic Development Executives (SEDE) Network is a forum for state economic development leaders to exchange information, learn from one another, and advance the practice and impact of economic development in their states. Hosted by the Center for Regional Economic Competitiveness, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, SEDE seeks to engage leaders to create a national voice for state economic development issues.

SEDE Membership Benefits

- Engage with peer state leaders in facilitated one-on-one and small group dialogue
- Address distinctive state economic development agency challenges cooperatively with peers
- Connect with key federal officials, program managers, and related stakeholders as part of a network of peers
- Generate national and regional visibility for your state economic development efforts
- Showcase your successes through peer meeting/event hosting opportunities
- Access unique insights about peer states' plans, organizational decisions, spending patterns, and incentive policies
- Tap into exclusive member-only web content, databases, and forums
- Receive personalized introductions to key members or resources
- Leverage advice and counsel from subject matter experts
- Participate in exclusive leaders' only SEDE Network meetings for no registration fee

Member FY26 Investment

SEDE has operated since 2015 through generous contributions from The Pew Charitable Trusts, EDA, and additional support from CREC. Philanthropic contributions are no longer available, so we asked states that value the SEDE Network to contribute beginning in FY25 based on investment levels offered in a Spring 2024 survey. Many states invested in FY25, and we welcome what states can contribute as a sign of membership for FY 2026.

If you are uncertain about a fair amount, we recommend the following levels based on state population. We use this statistic as a proxy for your likely ability to pay beginning for FY26:

- Population less than 4 million: \$3,000
- Population between 4 million and 8 million: \$6,000
- Population greater than 8 million: \$9,000

Supplemental contributions are always welcome, especially from **Steering Committee members** or for those interested in **sponsorship** of special SEDE Network activities, projects, or products.

For those unable to contribute at their recommended level, we will offer sponsorships, event-only fees, or an associate membership that adjusts your benefits to your ability to contribute.