



State Economic Development Executives

2025-26 Accomplishments to Date

July 1, 2025 - May 1, 2026

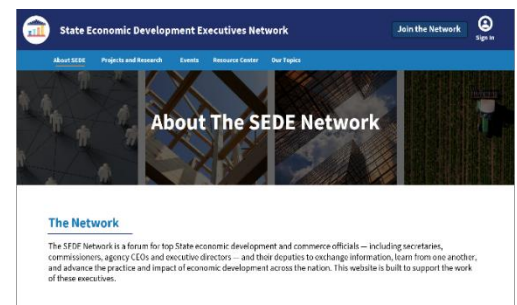
The Center for Regional Economic Competitiveness (CREC), along with 32 state economic development organizations, continues to support the State Economic Development Executives (SEDE) Network. Many SEDE activities, resources, and initiatives as well as related CREC state products are available through the links provided or on the SEDE website at: stateeconomicdevelopment.org.

Meetings and Key Issues

- Hosted two SEDE Network meetings to discuss key issues facing states and featured many opportunities for networking among the state leaders. Attendees discussed topics including:
 - Adjusting to new federal policies and workforce development strategies ([Washington, D.C.](#))
 - Implementing energy projects and workforce solutions ([New York City, NY](#)).
- Held three Steering Committee meetings to plan and discuss SEDE activities.
- Addressed key SEDE issues per meeting discussions:
 - **Webinars:** Accuracy of Labor Statistic (May), Energy Policy (March - May, Midwestern Governor's Association), Leveraging Universities (March and April).
 - **Community of Practice:** (Energy and Economic Development with RMI).

Web Content, Bulletins and Reports

- Redesigned the monthly newsletter [State Developments Snapshot](#).
- Published 8 blogs including:
 - [Strategies to bridge housing gaps](#)
 - [Trends in state incentives](#)
 - [Incentivizing Innovation](#)
 - [Tariffs and State Economic Development Policies](#).
 - Additional blogs can be found on the [SEDE Website](#).
- Posted contact information for the [SEDE Leaders](#) on the SEDE database.
- Revised the [state incentive database](#) reflecting more than 2,500 state programs.
- Updated strategic plans in the [State and Local Economic Development Strategies](#) database.
- Created a state research catalog, building from the database of research previously funded by EDA's Statewide Planning Grants.
- Updating State Economic Development Organizational Structure profiles, which now includes state economic development salary information.
- Revamping the appearance of the SEDE website, including adding a member area to house all benefits in one digital location.



Presentations to Key Audiences and Partnerships

- Worked with partners to host four webinars for the SEDE Network:
 - [*Strategies to Bridge Housing Gaps and Fuel Economic Development*](#)
 - [*Strategies to Attract and Develop Rural Workforces*](#)
 - [*Understanding Opportunity Zones*](#)
 - [*Leveraging University Economic Development Partners*](#).
- Invited SEDE network to webinars hosted by partners and focused on:
 - Energy (Midwestern Governor's Association and Brookings)
 - Opportunity Zones (Economic Innovation Group)
 - Apprenticeships (Apprenticeships for America)
 - Manufacturing Innovation Institutes (DoD/MIIIs).
- Presented SEDE and incentive information at NCSL.
- Partnered with RMI to launch economic development and energy Community of Practice in collaboration with 10+ states.
- Supported Brookings efforts to discuss with state leaders new approaches to state economic development.



Subject Matter Expertise

- Continuing project with DOD's ManTech Education and Workforce Development to ensure defense manufacturers have access to workforce talent. Products include:
 - Series of [*State Intelligence Briefs*](#) to connect state assets to defense needs
 - Industry analysis of critical technology sectors
 - Dashboard of key workforce indicators
 - [*Manufacturing Momentum Summit Report*](#).
- Worked with states to analyze economic development programs and strategies:
 - Developing state CEDS plan,
 - Evaluating state programs related to DOE grant,
 - Analyzing impacts and operations of state incentive program,
 - Assisting states with SSBCI program design and delivery, and
 - Partnered with regional organizations to improve alignment with state.
- Responded to member inquiries related to:
 - Incentive program comparisons
 - National site selection and economic development conferences and meetings
 - State laws relating to the Chinese ownership of land
 - Salary comparisons between states for selected positions.
- Worked with The Pew Charitable Trusts and the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) to transition the State Incentive Evaluators Network to its new NCSL home and ensure an ongoing forum for incentive evaluators.
- Fully transitioned SEDE from grant funding to membership supported.