





National Technical Assistance & Capacity Building Resources

EDA makes investments to support regional economic development. Check out some of EDA's national technical assistance and capacity building resources that are helping regions to capitalize on this historic opportunity to build inclusive, competitive regional economies that work for all.


DIGITAL/GEOGRAPHIC TOOLS

Look through these tools as you are gathering data on distress, industry clusters, and other assets in your region. Data and information from these tools can inform an EDA application or an upcoming CEDS update.

<p>NERDE</p>	<p>The National Economic Resilience Data Explorer (NERDE) consolidates a wide range of publicly available data about local and regional economic conditions. The searchable information is displayed at the Economic Development District (EDD) and county levels in two separate dashboard tools.</p> <p>LEARN MORE: www.anl.gov/dis/national-economic-resilience-data-explorer-nerde</p>	
<p>EDCI</p>	<p>The Economic Development Capacity Index (EDCI) uses publicly available data to assess critical elements that contribute to a county's overall economic development capacity.</p> <p>LEARN MORE: www.anl.gov/dis/economic-development-capacity-index</p>	
<p>STATE AND LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES (SLEDS)</p>	<p>The SLEDS Database compares each state's strategic plan with the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for each local Economic Development District (EDD) in the state to encourage strategic alignment between planning documents.</p> <p>LEARN MORE: crec-apis.azurewebsites.net/edamatrix/</p>	
<p>EDD MAP</p>	<p>This interactive map provides information about each EDA-designated EDD's regional service area, website, contact information, and EDA regional office. Users can identify which EDD serves their location and navigate quickly to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for strengthening local economies and serving as their roadmap toward a more competitive, resilient and equitable future.</p> <p>LEARN MORE: www.nado.org/edmap/</p>	

BEST PRACTICES/TOOLKITS

Looking for ideas of where to start your CEDS planning process or developing projects for future federal applications? Explore these resources to learn what other communities have done and how to structure your planning and implementation activities.

<p>PREDEVELOPMENT TOOLKIT</p>	<p>This report and accompanying data, tools, and resources on the Community Infrastructure Center, are designed to equip a community with a project readiness assessment, data, templates, and resources corresponding to major predevelopment activities, and provides an online platform to find and connect with other communities deploying their projects.</p> <p>LEARN MORE: www.communityinfrastructurecenter.org/eda-engagement</p>	
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BEST PRACTICES/TOOLKITS

CEDS CONTENT GUIDELINES

EDA provides this collection of tools, examples and more resources to assist economic development practitioners with the development or update of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for their community. The guidelines have been updated to incorporate strong principles of equity and resilience, and with new information to address workforce development and climate resilience, including through environmentally sustainable land use.



LEARN MORE: www.eda.gov/resources/comprehensive-economic-development-strategy

EDDS IN ACTION

This case study series highlights the work of practitioners in the Economic Development District (EDD) Community of Practice. These stories demonstrate the wide breadth of programs, projects, and initiatives that EDA-designated EDDs support and implement to improve their regions, making them more resilient, prosperous, and better prepared for the future.



LEARN MORE: www.nado.org/eddcop/

INCLUSIVE RECOVERY TOOLKIT

The Inclusive Recovery Toolkit is intended to support regional economic development leaders in elevating equity within their organization, planning and comprehensive economic development strategy (CEDS) development, and strategy and implementation as they approach recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.



LEARN MORE: www.recovery.newgrowth.org

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION ROADMAP

Many energy communities have faced economic uncertainty, closures, energy transitions, and other challenges stemming from hosting energy-generating infrastructure. This roadmap has compiled step by step resources, case studies, and strategies to help communities meet the challenges and opportunities associated with plant closure, energy transition, and economic diversification.



LEARN MORE: smartgrowthamerica.org/nuclear-closure-assistance/community-economic-diversification-roadmap/

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE/TRAINING

Interested in connecting with other communities that are catalyzing economic development in their region? Find support and learn from peer communities and issue experts through the opportunities below.

COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

EDA's Communities of Practice offer economic developers a mix of peer-to-peer learning, issue-specific trainings and targeted coaching. Members shape promising practices across the industry, connect with peers, and bolster their capacity to advance effective economic development strategies. Our current Communities of Practice Support:

- [Build Back Better Regional Challenge Coalitions](#)
- [Coal Communities](#)
- [Economic Development Districts](#)
- [Good Jobs Challenge Grantees](#)
- [Indigenous Communities](#)
- [Manufacturing Communities](#)
- [Revolving Loan Fund Operators](#)
- [Technology-Based Economic Development Practitioners](#)



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