



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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RE: Acceptance of CEDS Equivalent Development Strategy

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Dear Derek:

EDA Seattle Regional Office staff have reviewed and accepted the County's most recent development strategy. The review checklist, with comments, is attached for your reference in preparing a future revision and interim updates. As an equivalent or alternative (i.e. non-EDA-funded) Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), your document meets the following basic requirements:

- It is current (developed within the past five years and shows relevancy through actions such as public posting and/or active use).
- Its preparation and contents address EDA's regulations (13 C.F.R. § 303.7).
- The plan is consistent with EDA's CEDS Content Guidelines in force at time of preparation.
- It defines the area served by the plan and provides evidence of a public participatory process.

As your development strategy has been prepared using your own resources, there are no special requirements or due dates set by EDA for updates and revisions. However, if you intend to use your development strategy in support of an application for EDA funding, it will be necessary to ensure that the document remains current, revising or updating it within one year of the grant application date.

We commend your organization for its good efforts, and we look forward to working with you as you continue to address the economic development planning and implementation needs of San Bernardino County.

Sincerely,

JEFFREY A. HAYS
Economic Development Representative- Arizona
Seattle Regional Office