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LETTER from the CAEDA BOARD CHAIRMAN

December, 2009

Dear Forward Casper Investors and Community Members,

As another year ends, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support of CAEDA's economic development efforts. With so much negative economic news in the media, it's refreshing to see such positive progress being made in our local community.

Workforce development remained a top priority for the Casper Area Economic Development Alliance (CAEDA) this year at both the state and local levels. CAEDA's President, Robert Barnes, was appointed to the Wyoming Workforce Development Council by Governor Dave Freudenthal in May, and he now works with Director Joan Evans, Administrator Jeremiah Rieman and others to help develop and grow Wyoming's workforce. Locally, CAEDA continued to work with Casper College, the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services and the WCA McMurry Training Center to build stronger businesses and create a higher quality of life in the Casper area. As part of this effort, the Workforce Committee hosted a series of lunch meetings with local representatives from the energy, construction, medical and creative arts fields this Summer to talk about training needs, grant opportunities and open the door for future discussions.

Strong local support is moving the Casper Area Business Innovation Center, or incubator, from a concept into a reality. Thanks to our friends at Wells Fargo Bank, First Interstate Bank, Hilltop National Bank, American National Bank, the Wyoming Business Council, the Economic Development Administration (EDA), the Wal-Mart Foundation, the Amoco Reuse Agreement Joint Powers Board (ARAJPB) and the Economic Development Joint Powers Board (EDJPB), the project has reached its \$10.5 million goal. The incubator presents an important opportunity for Casper to grow entrepreneurial companies while diversifying the local economy and creating a more dynamic tax base.

Recognizing that excellent infrastructure is critical to a healthy business climate, CAEDA works directly with the Casper-Natrona County International Airport (C-NCIA), BNSF Railroad and WYDOT highway representatives to meet the community's growing transportation needs. We are pleased that Allegiant Air's flights which began here last year have been such a huge success. And thanks to the Airport's ongoing efforts, Casper residents are now seeing lower air fares on Delta Airlines' flights. BNSF officials reported to the CAEDA Transportation Committee earlier this year that the Casper railyard is still busy while much of the nation has slowed down considerably. They were also impressed with the great private-public partnerships in our community that have led to such



*Dr. Walter Nolte
Chairman*

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ventures as the Casper Logistics Hub. While there are more infrastructure-related needs to be addressed, we appreciate these improvements and look forward to making even greater strides in the coming year.

Marketing our community is another important aspect of CAEDA's mission. The staff has been busy this year representing Casper at various events including the national Windpower 2009 Expo in Chicago and the Governor's Summit on Workforce Solutions in Jackson. CAEDA continues to publish the *Community Data Book*, *Directions* newsletters and *Casper-Natrona County Manufacturing & Industrial Directory* in-house. The staff also contributes articles and advertisements to numerous publications and produces targeted mailings throughout the year. Many of these promotional materials are also found on CAEDA's website, www.casperworks.biz, which is a great informational resource for businesses and individuals who want to learn about the Casper-Natrona County region.

Thank you again for your support in 2009. It's been said before that economic development is a team effort that not only involves CAEDA but also local businesses and community leaders. Please take a moment to browse through this report and see how these partnerships have benefited the area. With the national economy showing signs of improvement, we are already building the foundation for a strong future for Casper and Natrona County in the next decade and beyond.

Sincerely,
Dr. Walter Nolte

LETTER from the EDJPB CHAIRMAN

Economic Development

Joint Powers Board



December, 2009

Dear Community Members and Investors,

It is my pleasure to be addressing you this year as the newly appointed member and elected Chairman of the Economic Development Joint Powers Board (EDJPB). I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Karl Kilmer for his many years of service to the Joint Powers Board. Karl served aptly as Chairman and led the board in its efforts to promote economic development in Natrona County. Karl and the board's accomplishments are numerous and have provided jobs and dollars to the county for many years to come. Thank you, Karl!

Comprised of two Natrona County Commissioners, two Casper City Council members and an at-large member appointed jointly by the commission and council, the EDJPB works closely with CAEDA and other strategic partners to enhance and promote economic development in Natrona County.

Interest in projects for Casper and the Natrona County area remain high despite the slowing economy. In the coming months, the Casper area will see many new, expanded or enhanced assets coming on line to continue to drive growth in our area. The McMurry Training Center, the rail transload system, the business incubator, building expansion at Casper College and the expanding medical community to name a few will provide the area with ample assets from which to attract new, expanding or relocating companies.

Energy development has always been a mainstay of the Casper area economy and new technologies to enhance existing energy sources or harness and develop other sources will also provide Casper with opportunities for continued growth.

It is an exciting time to be involved with economic development in Natrona County and the state. Many business leaders point to economic slowing or uncertainty as the prime time to invest in the future. We have the assets, talent base and resources to address new opportunities that ARE coming.

The EDJPB would like to thank the CAEDA investors and community members for the roles they play in providing a strong economic base to foster continued growth in the coming months and years.

Sincerely,
Mark Pepper

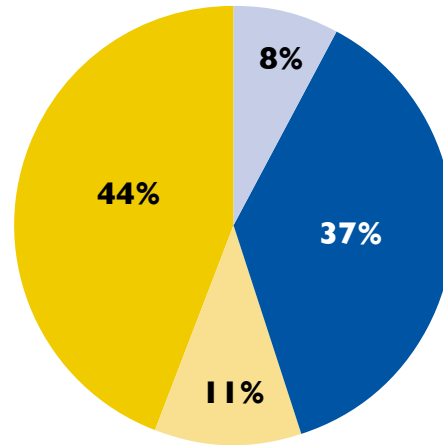
CAEDA FINANCIAL REPORT

FY 2009 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Total Revenue: \$684,737

Corresponding Expenses:

Marketing & Business Development	\$ 53,102 (8%)
Personnel & Administration	\$ 256,748 (37%)
Office & Operations	\$ 75,384 (11%)
Re-Investment (Incentive Acct.)	\$ 299,503 (44%)



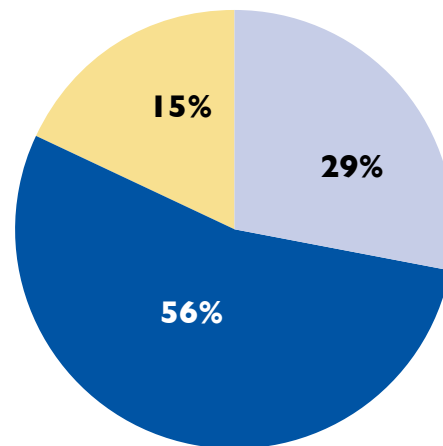
Prudent use of public and private funds continues to be a high priority for CAEDA. In order to maximize the organization's investment in the community, CAEDA focuses on making smart and transparent financial decisions. Leo Riley & Company, CPA performed a thorough and professional audit of CAEDA's financial information at the end of the fiscal year. The CAEDA financial audit has always resulted in a clean, unqualified opinion. We are pleased to report that this year was no exception. The results indicate a strong and stable economic development organization. Good financial management will remain a top objective in 2010 as it is essential to CAEDA's future success in upcoming projects as well as daily operations.

FY 2010 PROGRAM BUDGET

Total Revenue: \$532,950

Corresponding Expenses:

Marketing & Business Development	\$156,750 (29%)
Personnel & Administration	\$295,100 (56%)
Office & Operations	\$ 81,100 (15%)



CAEDA continues working to build and diversify Casper's economy through marketing, business growth and workforce development efforts. This year CAEDA's various projects received press coverage in the *Casper Star-Tribune*, the *Casper Journal*, the *Wyoming Business Report* and industry publications such as the *ToolBox* produced by the Wyoming Economic Development Association (WEDA).

ACCREDITATION AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

CAEDA is in the process of pursuing accreditation by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC). Achieving "Accredited Economic Development Organization" (AEDO) certification is a distinguished achievement and is considered a high mark of professional excellence. According to the IEDC, the goal of AEDO is to provide organizations with "independent feedback on their operations, structure, and procedures and recognize excellence in local economic development efforts." During the AEDO process, an organization receives an evaluation of its operations, document reviews and a site visit from a team of certified economic developers.

AEDO certification also requires that CAEDA's Strategic Plan be updated. As part of this process, an electronic survey containing questions on workforce, economic development priorities, business climate, and existing business and industry issues was sent to Forward Casper members and other community leaders this Fall. The survey results will provide input to the CAEDA Board during the strategic planning process.

OTHER REPORTS

The Strategic Plan is a follow-up to the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT), Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and the Targeted Industry Analysis (TIA) reports published in 2008. Compiled by Jim Bruce, President of Business Facility Planning Consultants LLC, the reports examine industrial, commercial and demographic characteristics that impact economic development in the Casper area as well as data on the economy of the community.

The information in these reports is an essential tool in CAEDA's ongoing economic development efforts and is utilized by site consultants and businesses considering the region. CAEDA distributes the TIA reports to industry representatives in the following industries: Turbine Manufacturing; Medicinal, Botanical & Diagnostic Substance Manufacturing; Materials Handling; and Administrative Office Operations. This type of targeted marketing allows CAEDA to concentrate efforts on specific industries that are more likely to locate to Casper rather than trying to compete for companies that are seeking a different set of costs/benefits in their location search. These publications are also available on the CAEDA's website, www.casperworks.biz, for easy public access.



BUSINESS INNOVATION CENTER

The Casper Business Innovation Center, a business incubator, made major strides forward this past year. Thanks to strong community support, the project reached its \$10.5 million fundraising goal in 2009. The final piece of funding arrived in September with the confirmation of a \$2 million grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA). Wells Fargo Bank, First Interstate Bank, Hilltop National Bank, American National Bank, the Wyoming Business Council, the Wal-Mart Foundation, the Amoco Reuse Agreement Joint Powers Board (ARAJPB), the Economic Development Joint Powers Board (EDJPB) and several public entities also made contributions to the incubator. In October, the CAEDA staff hosted a special reception at the Amoco Administration Building to thank supporters for their involvement and give them an opportunity to tour the facility before the remodel begins. At press time, CAEDA and Casper College were moving into the final planning stages and working to hire an Incubator Director.

A business incubator is a set of programs, services and facilities that collectively support entrepreneurial companies in their start-up stages. An incubator gives companies a significant competitive advantage by providing them with knowledge and skills to operate a successful business. Nearly 80% of new companies fail within five years; however, incubator graduates have a survival rate of 87%. Incubators are proven economic tools that help new businesses grow plus attract and retain existing organizations. Once a business graduates from an incubator, it moves out into the community helping to expand the local economy, provide jobs and broaden the local tax base.

Casper's business incubator will primarily focus on companies with a mix of programs to serve manufacturing, assembly and service businesses. Within five years of operation, the Casper Area Business Innovation Center could create as many as 500 new jobs in the area. It will be housed in the old Amoco Administration Building located in the Platte River Commons Business Park. The facility will be remodeled and expanded while retaining its historical design to create adequate lease space for the new tenants. Leasing the space will provide income to make the business incubator a non-profit entity and a self-sustaining facility.



The Casper Business Innovation Center will be housed in the old Amoco Administration Building.



Allegiant Air

AIR SERVICE



CAEDA continues to work with the Casper-Natrona County International Airport (C-NCIA), the Wyoming Aeronautics Commission and other partners to ensure that Casper has excellent air transportation options.

Allegiant Air began service from Casper to Las Vegas, Nevada in September, 2008. This led to a 4.5% increase in C-NCIA traffic in 2009. Direct flights to one of the nation's most popular destinations is not only a great benefit to local residents, but it also brings in travelers from surrounding areas that contribute to Natrona County's economy. CAEDA and the EDJPB are proud to have partnered with the C-NCIA to help bring Allegiant Air to Casper with a \$50,000 grant for new ground service and baggage equipment.

In addition to the Las Vegas flights, direct flights to Denver, Colorado and Salt Lake City, Utah and next day air package services are also offered. Air service provides critical access to economic opportunities and business relationships in the community. Like most of the nation, Casper has seen some air service cuts recently but remains in a much healthier position than many other communities. CAEDA will continue to be an integral player in future air service efforts for the Casper area.

BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

Natrona County remained a popular area for companies and site selectors to consider as they searched for locations to expand or grow existing operations. CAEDA staff was happy to assist them in their evaluation of the community by researching data, hosting site visits and making introductions to community leaders. Four companies chose Natrona County for expansion of their operations in 2009.

Industrial Piping Specialists, Inc.



Industrial Piping Specialists, Inc. (IPS), headquartered in Tulsa, Oklahoma, is a distributor of pipe, fittings, flanges and valves. It serves energy-related and general construction industries. IPS maintains a complete and comprehensive inventory. IPS's approach to distribution allows their customer base to maintain strict fabrication schedules when

shop hours are important cost drivers. IPS distributes material from high quality domestic and international sources, and their manufacturing capabilities allow them to furnish material cut, threaded, beveled, profiled and machined to a final configuration for manufacturing.

After several visits to the community, a building ideally suited for their needs was located on Robertson Road. A grand opening was held in August, 2009. IPS currently employs three people and plans to expand to ten employees by the second quarter of 2010.

PharmaLogic



PharmaLogic is a high-technology pharmacy providing radio-pharmacy products to most Wyoming hospitals and other healthcare facilities. About 50% of their compounds are used in heart diagnoses. Howard Chatoff, president of PharmaLogic, visited Casper and requested CAEDA's help in locating a suitable building. After several community visits and a day touring potential buildings, they selected a space on Trigood Lane near East Second Street and Forest Drive.

Primarily located in the northeast US, Casper is their first western location. The facility serves hospitals in Cody, Gillette, Riverton, Thermopolis, Lander, Sheridan, Cheyenne, Douglas and Casper. When fully staffed, PharmaLogic expects to grow to 7-10 employees. This will include specially trained radio-pharmacists and delivery drivers.

Insulation Snakes



Insulation Snakes, headquartered in Alberta, Canada, is a division of Gazelle's Group of Companies. The company manufactures and distributes removable, reusable and weatherproof insulation products for a variety of different applications in the oil and gas industry as well as residential, commercial and agricultural fields.

Insulation Snakes contacted CAEDA for assistance in locating a suitable building. A building at 1990 Gypsum was selected and staff began setting up operations in early September, 2009. They expect to eventually expand to 4-5 employees.

Bridger Steel



Bridger Steel, headquartered in Bozeman, Montana, recently announced it will be establishing a branch in Evansville. The company manufactures one of the best

selections of rustic metal siding and roofing products in the US. This 13 year old company was founded on the concept of selling directly to the customer in order to maintain control of quality and price. With three locations in Montana and one in South Dakota, the Evansville location will be its fifth location.

CAEDA will work with management as they move forward with their site plan and identify needed upgrades to the building.

Bridger Steel plans to hire 4-5 people initially, expanding staff to 10-12 employees over the next three years.

MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES



CAEDA investors attend a quarterly breakfast meeting.

The success of CAEDA in local economic development is directly linked to you, the Forward Casper stakeholders. The business expertise, community networking and national contacts you provide are important in Natrona County's economic growth. Staying connected to our investors through special events and publications is a top priority for CAEDA.

QUARTERLY BREAKFAST MEETINGS

The CAEDA Quarterly Breakfast Meetings continue to be popular gatherings for investors, guests and community leaders. Joan Evans, Director of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services, kicked off the year with a look at workforce development programs in the state. The success of the AMOCO Restoration Project was discussed at the Summer Breakfast Meeting with Mike Huston, Chairman of the ARAJPB, and Alice Kraft, Executive Director of the ARAJPB. And finally, University of Wyoming President, Tom Buchanan, addressed education in Wyoming at the Fall Breakfast Meeting.

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTERS

Another popular investor benefit is *CAEDA Directions*, CAEDA's quarterly newsletter. The publication provides informative business articles, tracks local economic progress and highlights community successes throughout the year. CAEDA also submits an article to the Chamber of Commerce monthly newsletter for an even greater local audience.

In addition to the newsletter, CAEDA represents the community by publishing articles, issuing press releases and placing advertisements in a wide variety of media publications. CAEDA's website, www.casperworks.biz, is updated on a regular basis with the latest community data, Targeted Industry studies and other news that is accessible at any time.



CAEDA-FORWARD CASPER INVESTORS

Thank you to everyone who invested in 2009!

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American Title Agency
Atlas Reproduction, Inc.
Automation & Electronics
Bailly's Plumbing and Heating, Inc.
Bank of the West
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Broker One Real Estate
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C & Y Transportation Co.
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Wyoming Behavioral Institute
Wyoming Business Council
Wyoming Contractors Association
Wyoming Machinery
Wyoming Medical Center
Wyoming Steel & Recycling



*Robert Barnes, CEcD
CAEDA President & CEO*

MESSAGE from the PRESIDENT & CEO

CAEDA continues to focus on initiatives that will lead the community in more specialized and focused economic development efforts.

Community partnerships and investing in ourselves is a winning combination in economic development. All sectors of our community must be engaged in making positive impacts on our business and economic environment. No single organization working alone can address the myriad of issues before us. Economic development requires a team effort. We must make significant investments in ourselves. Just as success breeds success, investment also attracts investment.

The Casper Area Business Innovation Center is an example of community partnerships and investing in ourselves. The Innovation Center demonstrates the leadership of many community organizations and the commitment this community has for diversifying our job base and growing local jobs with local entrepreneurs.

A business incubator is a set of programs, services and facilities that collectively support the successful development of start-up and early stage companies. The primary goal of an incubator is to graduate successful entrepreneurial companies that are financially viable and primed for success. It is an innovative, entrepreneur-centered, economic development strategy that offers balance to the traditional economic development practice of business recruitment. Please note: the incubator offers a balance, not a replacement to business recruitment.

Following on the heels of a successful development and fund raising campaign, we see the real work beginning. Plans for 2010 include: hiring a professional director for the incubator, developing the building design and construction plans, advertising for bids, receiving bids for construction and celebrating a ground-breaking for new construction and renovation.

The leading driver of CAEDA's business recruitment program is our Targeted Industry Analysis (TIA). CAEDA continues to explore avenues and methods to attract and develop new business sectors. These sectors were identified based upon our community's strengths and opportunities. They are sought for their potential to grow with the economy and also to grow the overall economic base. It is important that we grow our community in our own unique fashion. This requires new economic thinking.

Our marketing efforts target these industry sectors: medical, healthcare, medicinal and botanical products, medical laboratories, conveying and materials handling, turbine generator, specialty tool and die development, office operations and information technology facilities.

Another focus of our economic development efforts is our existing industries. Our local industries provide jobs and support the local tax base. Existing industry growth issues can be the target of other community marketing efforts. Good existing industry programs identify local barriers to industry growth and development, address issues to business growth and survival, and monitor changing marketplace dynamics. This information can be communicated to policy makers and community leaders, so that decisions can be made to decrease threats or enhance opportunities.

CAEDA will continue to host round table discussions and work with our existing industries. An important issue in these discussions is the ongoing “job skills vs. education” gap. The knowledge and skills required by employers are often not produced by local educational institutions and training programs. CAEDA invites our strategic partners to participate in these discussions and will continue to facilitate solutions.

2009 was an exciting and successful year, and 2010 is starting at a full run.

CAEDA will continue to examine new and innovative marketing opportunities. We enjoy telling the Casper-Natrona County story. We are able to respond to prospect requests within the critical 48-hour window. Our community data and marketing materials are professional, up-to-date and refreshed on a regular basis. We have received many positive reviews on our website, and it represents Natrona County as a modern, beautiful, progressive community. Most importantly, we want to build and nourish working relationships across all community sectors.

CAEDA is your professional Economic Development Organization. You can take pride in the quality of our work as we represent this great community to the business world. Thank you for being a part of our organization.

Sincerely,
Robert Barnes

STAFF ACTIVITIES



Windpower 2009

TRADE SHOWS

CAEDA staff members participated in the following trade shows during 2009:

Westpack

In February, CAEDA staff helped the Wyoming Business Council with its booth at the Westpack show in Anaheim, California. This conference and exhibition presented the latest advances in packaging and processing including machinery and machinery components, containers, materials, custom automation technology and robotics. Staff met a variety of companies considering expansion outside of California and discussed the benefits of operating a business in Natrona County.

Windpower 2009

Thousands flocked to Chicago, Illinois the week of May 4th to attend one of the largest wind conferences and exhibitions in the world. CAEDA staff represented Natrona County at the Wyoming Business Council booth. It is estimated that approximately 23,000 people attended the show. Having a presence at the show enabled CAEDA to emphasize the benefits of turbine manufacturing to a receptive target audience and learn more about the burgeoning wind industry.

Wyoming Economic Development Association (WEDA) Conferences

CAEDA staff members attended two WEDA conferences: the Winter Conference held in conjunction with WEDA/WCCE's 4th Annual Economic Development Legislative Reception in Cheyenne, February 9-11, 2009, and the Fall Conference in Jackson, September 14-15, 2009. Our President and CEO, Robert Barnes, was a presenter at the Fall Conference addressing Public Policy and Economic Development issues. State and national economic development issues were discussed at both conferences.

FUTURE VISIONING

Governor's Conference: "Building the Wyoming We Want"

CAEDA staff attended the second annual conference designed to encourage people to consider the future growth of Wyoming and begin discussions regarding the treatment of land and how its development should be managed in the future.

2020 Vision: See Your Future

This comprehensive plan is a joint effort between Natrona County, the towns of Mills, Evansville, Bar Nunn and the City of Casper. Created by engaging citizens, an overall vision for the future and action plan will be developed. CAEDA staff has participated in initial planning discussions as well as attended several public input sessions.

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING

On-going employee training is an essential element in the success of CAEDA. This year staff members attended a variety of courses specifically selected to enhance their understanding of economic development and to reinforce the high standard of excellence and professionalism embraced by CAEDA. These programs ranged from economic development certifications to computer technology trainings.

Kim Rightmer attended the IEDC: Business Retention and Expansion training course in Missoula, Montana as well as the IEDC Web Seminar: Building Resilient Manufacturing Economies. Jennifer Scott attended the Marketing on a Shoestring course at Casper College and the Conference for Adobe Photoshop Users in Casper. Robert Barnes attended the IEDC Leadership Conference in Tempe, Arizona and the IEDC 2009 Annual Conference in Reno, Nevada.

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING continued...

Casper College and CAEDA made a joint presentation to the American Community College Trustees (ACCT) Congress in San Francisco, California. The presentation focused on cooperation between community colleges and economic development organizations. The highest example was the business incubator that resulted from a partnership between Casper College, CAEDA, the ARAJPB, the EDJPB and other community organizations.

CAEDA also maintained its presence in the area by making presentations to a number of professional associations, local businesses and educational facilities such as Casper College.

US REPRESENTATIVE LUMMIS VISITS

US Representative Cynthia Lummis took time to visit the CAEDA office in April. During her visit, Rep. Lummis met with the CAEDA staff and board members to discuss economic development activities in Natrona County and learn more about projects in the area.

AFFILIATIONS & PROGRAM SPONSORSHIPS

- Casper Area Chamber of Commerce
- CoreNet Global Corporate Real Estate Network
- International Economic Development Council (IEDC)
- Kiwanis International
- Rotary International
- Wyoming Economic Development Association (WEDA)
- Wyoming Technology Organization

Robert Barnes, President and CEO of CAEDA, was appointed to the Wyoming Workforce Development Council (WWDC) earlier this year by Governor Dave Freudenthal. Barnes officially joined the Council on May 1, 2009, and immediately began working on a number of important issues with the WWDC. The mission of the WWDC is to help recruit, develop and grow Wyoming's workforce, creating a stronger economy and higher quality of life. The Council works directly with the Governor's Office and the Department of Workforce Services.

COMMITTEES

CAEDA's Board of Directors established the following committees in 2009: 1) Project and Real Estate Readiness Committee; 2) Technology and Telecommunications Committee; 3) Forward Casper Investor Committee; 4) Transportation Committee; and 5) Industry Partnership Workforce Development Committee. These committees actively research and discuss relevant issues, making recommendations to the CAEDA Board.



US Representative Cynthia Lummis's visit

the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION



CAEDA Staff Members

From left: Jennifer Scott, Community Services
Kimberlie Rightmer, Economic Development Services
Robert Barnes, CEcD, President & CEO

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