

About the DCEDA

The Delta County Economic Development Alliance is a private non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation which serves as the central point of contact for assistance in the retention and expansion of existing business in Delta County, and in the attraction and development of new businesses. This alliance includes local and county government, the Chamber of Commerce, private business, utilities, financial institutions, workforce development, and many other interested community leaders. It is governed by a local board of directors.

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The mission is "to promote economic development through the attraction, retention, and expansion of business and industry."



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CORE SERVICES

Core services are useful to a wide variety of users of the DCEDA.

- ◆ Demographic information
- ◆ Site information and assistance
- ◆ Walk-in availability
- ◆ Counseling services
- ◆ Interface with regional economic and workforce development entities
- ◆ Assistance with financial resources/options
- ◆ Personalized assistance
- ◆ Referrals
- ◆ Professional development activities and events (Uppertunities, Spirit of Entrepreneurship, etc)

INFORMATION

The Alliance can customize information as needed. Specific information is readily available regarding: demographics of the area and UP, workforce data and statistics, sites available, services, education and training, business climate and quality of life. We also have a growing library of pamphlets, magazines, books, websites, and computer programs.

CONNECTIONS

The Alliance keeps in regular contact and can help make positive contacts with many local resources including: municipalities, DEQ and other governmental agencies, Michigan Economic Development Corp, First Step/CUPPAD, Michigan Works!, Northern Initiatives, Bay College, Escanaba's Revolving Loan Fund and Gladstone's EDC, Escanaba Industrial Foundation, USDA Rural Development, Upper Peninsula Economic Development Alliance, Escanaba's and Gladstone's DDA, area banks, schools, ISD, unions, and many others.

The Alliance co-sponsors educational and training events to keep everyone current, including the locally renowned "Uppertunities" series. It also serves as a core sponsor of the Bay Area Economic Club.

DCEDA offers confidential services to new, existing, and relocating business and industry.

We want to
make it easy to
do business in
Delta County.

SITE VISITS

The Alliance has a visitation team made up of members of staff, the board, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, and the community. The team visits existing businesses to determine how the community can best meet the needs of that business to retain their current level; to train or expand their workforce; expand or improve their physical plant or upgrade machinery; and/or to help alleviate problems which impede their ability to do business in the area. The team will vary based on the individual needs of the company.

NEW BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

Whether starting with a referral to First Step or by using our in-house computer, start-up businesses can write their business plan, search information over our internet, use our business planning software, get referrals to resources, or use our handouts of useful information and phone numbers.

Counseling from staff is available to both new and existing businesses. Businesses can take advantage of our variety of networking groups.

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