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To:

Lane County Board of Commissioners

From: Date:

Milo Mecham July 21, 2003

Re:

Update on the Regional Investment Board / Extension of Contract

Lane County has been a participant in the Benton, Lane Lincoln, Linn Regional Investment Board since its formation. In the nearly four years of its existence, the Regional Investment Board (RIB) has received two disbursals from the state for the purpose of economic development. The RIB has distributed the funds by way of a series of grants to governments and community groups within the area. The RIB has also participated in multi-region grants for programs that have an impact across regions and statewide.

The funds have been used to create jobs, train new workers, fund infrastructure projects and build rural facilities. A break-down of the projects is attached. (Attachment 1). It shows projects and achievements with a wide ranging impact on the region and Lane County.. Despite the fact that funding decreased in the most recent biennium, the RIB was able to use their funds to create more jobs than in the previous biennium.

The future of the RIB is uncertain, because the legislature has not yet indicated how it might fund economic development projects, including distribution of funds to Regional Investment Boards. Because of this uncertainty, we propose extending the current contract between the counties creating the RIB, rather than developing a new contract. (Attachment 2 [Board Order and IGA amendment]) The extension will allow the legislature to act (we hope) and that will then allow us to determine the fate of the RIB.

There will be some activity for the RIB over the next six months. Some projects that were funded have since discovered that they cannot proceed, so there is some money available to be distributed again. The RIB will be meeting soon to discuss whether to distribute the money now, and if so, to whom.

Attachment 1

BENTON-LANE-LINCOLN-LINN Regional/Rural Investment Programs **Outputs, Outcomes, Investments**

Program 1999-2001 Regional Investment 1999-2001 Rural Investment	Lottery Funding \$1,560,992 \$1,076,540 \$2,637,532		
Project 1999-2001 Regional Projects 1999-2001 Rural Projects 1999-2001 Multi-region	Funding \$1,173,969 \$836,818 <u>\$258,777</u> \$2,269,5 64	Matching funds \$3,445,893 \$2,073,407 \$1,094,785 \$6,614,085	Leverage
Program 2001-2003 Regional 2001-2003 Rural	Lottery Funding \$1,167,157 <u>\$656,928</u> \$1,824,085		
Project 2001-2003 Regional Investment 2001-2003 Rural Investment 2001-2003 Multi-region	Funding \$862,295 \$871,380 \$176,763 \$1,910,438	Matching funds \$14,531,123* \$4,911,967 \$2,361,077 \$21,804,167 (\$11,122,4167)	Leverage (\$3,951,123 w/o LCC Fiber)project) 11.4/1 (5.9/1 w/o LCC Fiber project)
Outcomes Jobs created or retained Funding for infrastructure project Successful priority projects in rura Number of rural, community facil Number of people trained	al communities	1999-2001 234 \$3,669,000 26 10 710	2001-2003** 362 \$14,476,013* 19 9 407

^{*} The Lane Community College Fiber Optic Connection accounts for \$10,580,000. **This estimates come from the information provided in the application.

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY OREGON

) IN THE MATTER OF ORDERING
) THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE
ORDER No.) THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE
) INTERGOVERNMENTAL
) AGREEMENT FOR THE
•) CREATION OF THE BL3
) REGIONAL INVESTMENT
) BOARD

WHEREAS, the Lane County Board of Commissioners has formed a Regional Investment Board as a partnership between Lane County and Benton, Lincoln and Linn Counties, and

WHEREAS, the Regional Investment Board of Benton, Lane, Linn, Lincoln Counties (the BL3 RIB) was created by an Intergovernmental Agreement that also included the Cascades West Economic Development District and which has twice been amended, and

WHEREAS, the current Intergovernmental Agreement provides that the Intergovernmental Agreement expires on June 30, 2003, and

WHEREAS the BL3 RIB has certain unfinished tasks that warrant the extension of the term of the Intergovernmental Agreement until December 31, 2003.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Lane County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve of third amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement creating and continuing the BL3 Regional Investment Board and delegates authority to the County Administrator to execute the amendment.

DATED this 12th day of August, 2003

Chair, Lane County Board of Commissioners

Date 8503 lens count

Third Amendment

Intergovernmental Agreement Between

Cascades West Economic Development District

And
Benton County
Lane County
Lincoln County
Linn County

FOR THE CREATION OF THE BL3 REGIONAL INVESTMENT BOARD

The parties agree to amend the agreement as follows:

Section II. <u>Term of Agreement</u> This Agreement shall begin on the date as set out above and shall expire on <u>June 30, 2003 December 31, 2003</u>

Section VII. Termination.

C. This agreement shall otherwise terminate on <u>June 30, 2003 December 31, 2003</u>, unless extended by mutual written consent of all parties.

All other terms, conditions and provisions of this agreement shall remain in effect.

This amendment may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, and all of which shall constitute but one and the same agreement. The Fiscal Agent shall provide each County with a set of all executed counterparts. By the signature of their authorized representatives below, the parties to this agreement acknowledge that they have read this amendment, understand it and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions.

BENTON COUNTY	LINCOLN COUNTY
By: Date:	By: Date:
LANE COUNTY	LINN COUNTY
By: Date:	By: Date:
CASCADES WEST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT By: Date: 6/24/03	