Economic Development: Action Plan

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Facilitate investments in infrastructure and incentives that support the economic vitality of the region.

- Organize a new regional Economic Development District (EDD) for the San Joaquin Valley. The EDD will advance the concerns and promote opportunities in the eight-county region and serve as a powerful engine to promote private sector investment and job creation.
- Establish and promote regionwide incentives.

Align regionwide economic development efforts in support of target industry clusters: (1) agribusiness, including food processing, agricultural technology, and biotechnology; (2) manufacturing; (3) supply chain management and logistics; (4) health and medical care; and (5) renewable energy.

- Work with PreK-12 Education Work Group on the Sector-Based Articulation deliverable of the WIA grant for high school career and technical education (CTE) programs in high priority industries in three high schools in Kings, Fresno and Stanislaus Counties. Each high school will engage students in two of the target industry career education areas.

Create a dynamic, entrepreneur-producing economic climate in the San Joaquin Valley.

- Work with the Lyles Center on the entrepreneurial deliverable of the WIA grant to establish a San Joaquin Valley network of Entrepreneurship Centers (E-Centers). Located at Reedley College, Bakersfield College, and the University of Pacific, the E-Centers will enable the launch of new businesses and the creation of new jobs within Central Valley communities.

Accelerate the deployment and adoption of renewable and clean energy in the San Joaquin Valley.

- Continue to work with sitting renewable energy companies and cluster industries.
- Work with state officials to remove administrative barriers to clean energy deployment.

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