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## **LCDC adopts rule amendments to promote economic development**

SALEM - The Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) adopted administrative rule amendments last week designed to enable the state's cities and counties to better plan for a variety of economic development opportunities.

The amendments were adopted during a regular LCDC meeting, which was held Nov. 30-Dec. 2 in Medford. The amendments go into effect on Jan. 1, 2007, but local governments can, at their option, implement them earlier.

The changes represent more than a year's work by the Department of Land Conservation and Development and the department's Economic Development Planning Advisory Committee. The amendments to the Statewide Planning Goal 9 (Economic Development) rules are part of a broad effort regarding the state's industrial land supply required by House Bill 2011 (2003) and Governor's Executive Order 03-02 on industrial lands. The amendments respond to recommendations made by the Governor's Industrial Lands Task Force and the Industrial Conversion Study Committee.

"These amendments streamline and clarify existing requirements under the rules," said Lane Shetterly, Director of DLCD. "They also provide needed guidance to cities and counties to make certain local land inventories are up to date and suitable for job creation."

Shetterly said Governor Kulongoski has directed the department to strengthen the connection between the state land use planning program and the Governor's agenda of economic development.

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