

Greater Eastern Oregon Regional Solutions Regional Priorities and Outcomes (draft)

Regional Priorities:

Support for current and emerging businesses

Support for traded sector, small business, and entrepreneurial job growth and retention.

Natural resources utilization

Support forestry, agriculture, mining, and recreation sectors.

Water management and development

Secure agricultural, industrial, and municipal water supply.

Workforce to meet current and future industry needs

Increase regional workforce availability.

Workforce housing

Increase housing availability across types and values

Attractive Communities

Access to community amenities (sewer, water, roads, bike/ped facilities, broadband and other amenities to attract growth and development).

Infrastructure for marketable industrial lands

Increase availability of sewer, water, roads, and other investments to be competitive in attracting business development opportunities.

Expected Outcomes:

Priority: Support for current and emerging businesses

Expected Outcomes:

1. State agencies provide technical assistance and access to resources to assist businesses interested in expanding or locating in the region
2. State agencies support regional Workforce Investment Board sector strategies
3. State agencies partner with local stakeholders to support small businesses and entrepreneurs and help remove barriers for business expansion and location

Priority: Natural resources utilization

Expected Outcomes:

1. Job retention and expansion in the forestry, agriculture, and mining sectors
2. State agencies partner with local and federal stakeholders to provide certainty of access to resources for natural resource utilization

Priority: Water management and development

Expected Outcomes:

1. Long-term plans to increased water availability and delivery infrastructure to support growth in agriculture and associated value-added processing
2. Long-term plans to secure municipal and industrial water supply
3. State agencies coordinate with local stakeholders to provide technical and financial assistance on water management, development, and conservation opportunities

Priority: Workforce to meet current and future industry needs

Expected Outcomes:

1. Regional employers have access to skilled employees for existing business retention and expansion and new business attraction
2. Increased opportunities for youth employment to assist transitioning into the workforce
3. State agencies support regional Workforce Investment Board sector strategies
4. Availability of technical programs (at the caliber of Perry Tech)

Priority: Workforce housing

Expected Outcomes:

1. Increased workforce housing supply to expand the regional workforce
2. State agencies will partner with local stakeholders and coordinate resources for additional housing development

Priority: Attractive Communities

Expected Outcomes

1. Communities in the region will increase quality of life infrastructure (sewer, water, roads, walking and bike paths, broadband, etc.) to attract and retain workforce
2. State agencies will partner with local stakeholders and coordinate resources for quality of life improvements
3. Community needs assessments (restaurants, arts, recreation, schools)

Priority: Infrastructure for marketable industrial lands

Expected Outcomes:

1. Marketable industrial land will attract new businesses to the region
2. Each county will have industrially zoned land served with infrastructure (sewer, water, roads, etc.) to be competitive in attracting development opportunities
3. State agencies partner with local stakeholders and coordinate resources for infrastructure improvements