

Evaluation Of Oregon Economic Development Public Works Programs



Client

Facts

Period 2005

Project Country

For the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department (under subcontract to ECONorthwest), Economic Development Research Group evaluated the economic impacts of public works projects funded by the Department. EDR Group was responsible for designing the overall study methodology, developing a survey of grant and loan recipients, and analyzing survey results.

The Public Works Fund program supports job creation in Oregon by funding public infrastructure that leads to job creation or retention. This includes infrastructure and public community facilities that support economic development, including land, buildings, telecom, expansion of port and airport facilities, water or sewer systems supporting industry growth.

Results of the study showed that public works investments made in 1999 and 2000 helped to generate 3,200 jobs and \$86 million in earnings throughout Oregon by 2005. By building up their basic infrastructure, the communities were able to provide the urban services that firms need to conduct business.

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