

**2017 Community and Regional Economic Development Survey for
2018-2022 CSDED Comprehensive Development Strategy Plan**

This questionnaire is part of an effort to identify the community/economic development needs of central South Dakota (Haakon, Hughes, Hyde, Jackson, Jones, Stanley, and Sully counties). Also being surveyed are Corson, Dewey, and Ziebach counties (although these counties/communities are outside of the district boundaries, they have been served by CSDED). The survey is part of the Central South Dakota Enhancement District's (CSDED) update to its 2013-2017 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). Information gathered from the survey will assist CSDED further refine strategies and a work plan to address the region's community and economic development needs and for the provision of services to the members of the CSDED. It will also help CSDED better assist entities outside the District.

You will note this survey is longer than those of the recent past, but should take no more than 15-20 minutes and will help us do a five-year plan instead of an annual plan. Please answer each question based upon your personal perspective. The first section pertains to information about the survey respondent. The second part deals with issues/needs of your community or county. The third section pertains to the local economy. Your cooperation will help us do a better job of assisting our members in making the region a better place to live and work.

It is not necessary to answer all the questions.

If completing a paper survey, please scan and e-mail your completed survey to enhancement@csded.org;

Or mail to: Central South Dakota Enhancement District, PO Box 220, Pierre, SD 57501;

Or simply fax completed survey to 605-773-2784.

If you wish to complete the survey electronically, please go to www.csded.org and click the survey link on the CSDED home page. **Please complete the survey by September 12, 2017. If you have questions, please call 605-773-2780.**

Part 1 - Background

1. Please note the sector you are representing in your answers (mark only one response).

- County Government
- Municipal Government
- Economic Development Corporation
- Tribal Government
- Business Owner/Operator
- Non-Profit/Community Organization
- General Public/Other

2. How many years have you lived in your community/county?

- Less than 5 years
- 5 to 10 years
- More than 10 years
- Entire life

3. What is your age?

- 19 and under 50 to 59
- 20 to 29 60 to 69
- 30 to 39 70 to 79
- 40 to 49 80+

4. Please select the county you reside in.

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Haakon | <input type="checkbox"/> Jones | <input type="checkbox"/> Corson |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hughes | <input type="checkbox"/> Stanley | <input type="checkbox"/> Dewey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hyde | <input type="checkbox"/> Sully | <input type="checkbox"/> Ziebach |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jackson | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

5. What is your household annual gross income, minus business expenses, but before personal deductions?

- \$0 to \$24,999
- \$25,000 to \$49,999
- \$50,000 to \$74,999
- \$75,000 to \$99,999
- Over \$100,000

6. Which industry best describes the main focus of your place of work or business?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Retired | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No current place of work or business | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit | <input type="checkbox"/> Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism/Leisure | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional/Business Services/Consulting | <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant | <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Other_____ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Dining/Lodging | |

Part 2 - Issues/Needs of Community/County Services

7. When it comes to the availability and quality of infrastructure and community services, how would you rate the following?

	Meets Our Needs	Improvements Are Necessary	Serious Problems Exist	Not Applicable	No Opinion
Utilities/Communications Systems					
Drinking water system					
Sanitary sewer system					
Garbage/recycle services					
Drainage system/storm sewer system					
Natural gas/propane service					
Telephone service					
Cell phone service					
Electric services					
TV/Cable services					
Internet/Broadband services					
Transportation					
Federal/state highways					
County/township roads					
City streets					
Passenger air service					
Freight transportation (rail)					
Freight transportation (truck)					
Public Transit system					
Bike and Pedestrian Infrastructure (trails/paths)					
Quality of Life Facilities					
Park/recreation/trail offerings					
Retail and shopping services					

	Meets Our Needs	Improvements Are Necessary	Serious Problems Exist	Not Applicable
Entertainment, nightlife, and dining				
Community center/meeting rooms				
Senior citizen center				
Daycare options				
Healthcare services				
Library services				
Arts/cultural programs/facilities				
Overall community appearance				
Citizen involvement				
Public Safety				
Law enforcement				
Ambulance service				
Fire department				
Emergency sirens				
911 Dispatch/communication systems				
Educational Opportunity Resources				
Pre-school opportunities				
Elementary school opportunities				
Secondary school opportunities				
Post-secondary school opportunities				
Housing				
Overall condition of housing stock				
Availability of single family homes				
Availability of apartment units				
Number of buildable lots				
Contractor/builder availability				
Nursing home units				
Assisted living units				
Overall affordability of housing				

8. What are the four most important resources or strengths your community/county has to attract or encourage community/economic development?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

9. What are the four biggest challenges your community/county faces in attracting or encouraging community/economic development?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

10. Please list three specific community/economic development projects or opportunities that should be addressed over the next five years.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

11. Over the next 12 to 36 months, will you need assistance from the Central South Dakota Enhancement District in any of the following technical services?

	Yes	No	Maybe
Annexation Studies			
Capital Improvement Planning			
Census/Demographic Information			
Comprehensive Land Use Plan Development/Update			
Disaster Mitigation/Emergency Planning			
Environmental Review/Assessments			
Geographic Information System Assistance (Map Creation, Site Analysis, Parcel Database Management)			
Project Financing (grant/loan applications and administration)			
Grants.gov/SAM Registration			
Housing Needs Analysis			
Low Interest Loans for Business Creation/Expansion			
Nuisance Ordinance Development			
Personnel Policy/Human Resource Assistance			
Recreational Facility Planning			
SD GOED Certified Ready Site Analysis			
Strategic Planning			
Subdivision/Development Site Review			
Survey and Survey Analysis			
Tax Increment Financing			
Utility Rate Analysis			
Zoning Administration Assistance			
Zoning Ordinance Development/Update			
Ordinance Codification/Review			
Other? _____			
Other? _____			

Part 3 – The Local Economy

12. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the statement about your community/county economy?

	Agree	Neutral	Disagree
All residents have equal access to economic opportunity			
Wages and salaries make it possible to maintain my standard of living			
Everybody who wants a job can get a job			
Education and job training is available to residents who want or need it			
Businesses are growing			
Entrepreneurs can succeed			
The community/county attracts businesses or is seen as a business destination			
The community/county attracts visitors or is seen as a visitor destination			
Local government and business cooperate on development projects			
There is regional cooperation on economic development projects			
The overall mix of employers (manufacturing, professional, retail business, etc.) is adequate			

13. When it comes to your community's/county's business climate, how would you rate the following?

	Has a Disadvantage	Neutral	Has an Advantage
Labor costs			
Utility costs			
Availability of qualified employees			
Availability of local development professionals			
Availability of "spec" buildings or developable land			
Availability of industrial space			
Availability of office space			
Availability of retail			
Regulatory environment affecting business			
Availability of development professionals for economic /community development			
Support from regional organizations for economic/community development			
Support from federal government for economic/community development			
Housing costs			
Funding availability to start a new business			
Funding availability for business expansion			
Funding availability for community and infrastructure projects			
Overall business climate			
Distance and isolation from markets			
Population base			

14. How do the following economic factors compare to five years ago?

	Worse	Same	Better
My household's economic circumstances			
My business' economic circumstances			
My community/county's economic circumstances			

15. In no particular order, which of the following do you view as the top five economic/community development priorities for your community/county over the next three to five years? (Mark no more than 5)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Access to technical assistance and planning for community/economic development | <input type="checkbox"/> Improving access to capital for businesses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attracting new companies and/or workers | <input type="checkbox"/> Improving access and availability of affordable housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attracting retaining youth and young families | <input type="checkbox"/> Improving access to quality healthcare |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Developing land and/or buildings for industrial and business parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Improving education opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Developing manufacturing businesses | <input type="checkbox"/> Improving government cooperation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Developing retail/service businesses | <input type="checkbox"/> Improving workforce skills (workforce education and training capabilities) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Developing/promoting tourism | <input type="checkbox"/> Improving public infrastructure (water, sewer, roads, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diversifying the economy | <input type="checkbox"/> Improving telecommunications (broadband, cell phone, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enhancing environmental protection | <input type="checkbox"/> Investing in renewable energy projects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expanding opportunities for value-added agricultural development | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing & promotion of the community/region |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forming regional partnerships for economic development purposes | <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of life enhancements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Growing existing local companies | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping entrepreneurs start new companies | |

Thank you for your cooperation in completing the survey!