

Ohio Basic Economic Development Intro to Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) April 11, 2018

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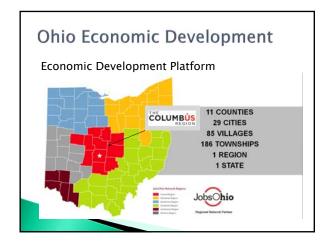
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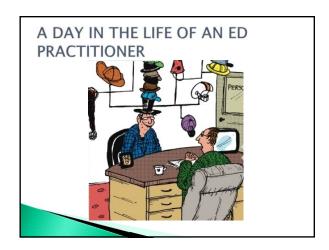


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IEDC definition

- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**
 - A program, group of policies, or activity that seeks to improve the economic well-being and quality of life for a community, by <u>creating</u> and/or <u>retaining</u> jobs that facilitate growth and provide a stable tax base.





ROLES OF ED PRACTITIONER

- Analyst
- Catalyst
- ▶ Gap filler
- Advocate
- Educator
- Visionary
- ▶ Ethics champion



ource: Introduction to Economic Development, IEDC, September 201

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Business Retention and Expansion
 - What is it?
 - Why do we do it?
 - Who does it and who do we target?
 - How is it conducted?
 - When is it done?
 - What do we do with what we learn?

WHAT?

- Business retention and expansion
 - Retain and grow the existing employers
 - Basic vs non basic
 - Relationship building
 - Surface opportunities and challenges
 - Referrals
 - Collect and **apply** business intelligence
 - Marketing
 - Business development
 - · Analysis and trending
 - Advocacy

Business retention programs that fail to gather predictive data are less than 25% effective

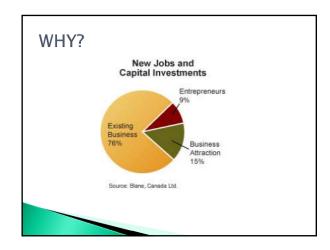
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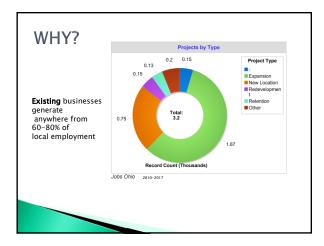
GE to move headquarters to Boston

Follows expected to be completed by 2018

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BUSINESS RETENTION & EXPANSION

- Core component of <u>all</u> economic development programs
- ▶ Basic rules:
 - 80% of business from existing clients
 - 10% from referrals
 - 10% new business development
- Are your ignoring 80% of your marketplace?

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- ▶ Who performs BRE?
- Which companies should be targeted for visits?

WHO?

- Types of local economic development organizations (LEDO)
- A. Community Improvement Corporation (CIC)
- B. Port/Finance Authority
- c. Local Government
 - A. County
- B. Municipality
- C. Township
- D. Chamber of Commerce
- E. Private non profit
- Other

WHO?

- ▶ LEDO staff
- Volunteers private industry, community leaders, etc
- Elected officials
- Specialty partner organizations, i.e., trade resources, manufacturing, HR/workforce orgs
- Collaborations, i.e., LEDO, REDO, JO Managing Director

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WHO? Referral network Workforce Financing Foreign Trade Policy/regulatory Marketing/sales Entrepreneurship/management Information technologies Local government services Operations/production Product development State government JobsOhio JobsOhio Managing Director Utility

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- Which companies should be visited?
 - Major employers
 - Industry segments
 - Geographic
 - Ownership
 - Indicators of change

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- Declining sales / declining employment
 Larger non-local corporate ownership
 Recent product, ownership or leadership change;
 Leased property, lease expiring
 Other company facilities provide the same product or service;
 Negative attitudes about the community
 Union contract expirations
 Expanding employment / expanding sales
 Facility and site expansion plans
 Obsolete or land-locked facility
 Location in a problem neighborhood
 Older product lines or production technology
 Contentious labor-management relations
 Lack of export/international focus
 Family-owned firms w/ aging owner and no succession plan
 Cradual corporate downsizing over time
 Relocation of top managers and corporate officers to another location
 Loss of longstanding supplier contracts/relationships

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ECONOMIC BASE THEORY

- Basic
- Export and import of goods and services
- Examples
- Manufacturers
- Headquarters
- Major logistics and distribution facilities

Source: Introduction to Economic Development, IEDC, September 2015

jobs in local non export sector

Non basic

- Recirculate wealth and income within the local economy
- Examples
- Restaurants
- Service companies
- · Small consulting
- companies

Convenience stores

HOW?

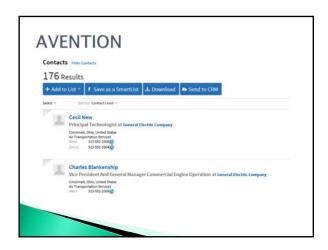
- Research resources
 - CRM Historical information
 - Google alerts
 - Avention
 - D&B Hoovers
 - LinkedIn
 - Other City/County Departments
 - Trade publications

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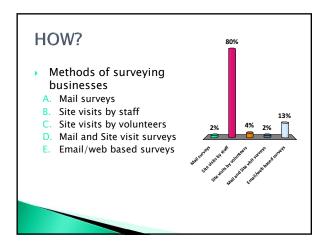
- Research
 - Develop target list
 - Conduct pre-meeting research (exercise) CRM, internet,
- Coordinate
- If multiple participants, conduct a pre-meeting planning call
- Meeting/interview always early, business cards, gift, introductions, LISTEN, ask questions
- Post meeting follow up connect the dots!











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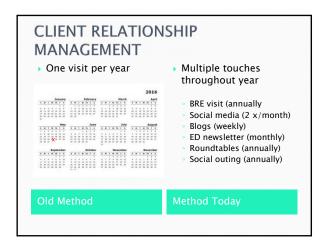
- ▶ The Visit
- Always arrive early
- Be prepared with business cards
- Should you or shouldn't you give a gift?
- Cultural Training
- Do intros especially if there are new people at table
- LISTEN
- As questions (interview portion next)
- Tour etiquette

HOW?

- Interview
 - Company background
 - Business climate
 - Labor and training needs
 - Marketing and trade
 - Financing needs
 - Regulator issues
 - Barriers to growth
 - Local community satisfaction public services, facilities, quality of life
- Prior assistance satisfaction

HOW?

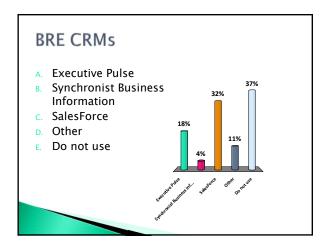
- ▶ Post Meeting Follow Up
 - CRM
 - Share data appropriately
 - Referrals (tracking)
 - Follow up, next meeting, add to communication campaigns
 - Data analytics
 - Ongoing engagement business appreciation events, social media, unique tactics, be REACHABLE
- DO WHAT YOU SAY YOU ARE GOING TO DO!



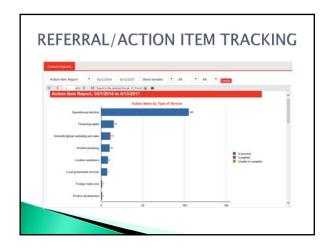


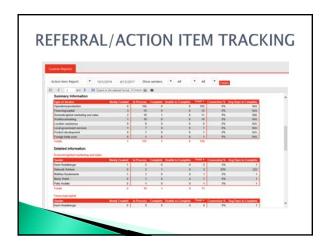


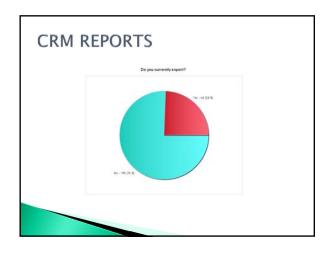


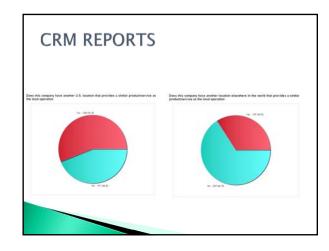






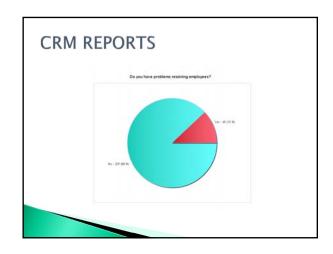


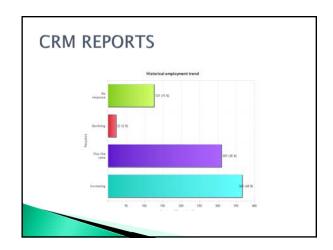














EXERCISE

- ▶ BRE visit roles
 - Pre visit -
 - Visit -
- Post visit –
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- Patty Huddle, HR Manager

Questions?

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