LEDCOVERVIEW

MISSION

The Lakeland Economic Development Council (LEDC) is a private, non-profit organization with approximately 135+ member companies. The LEDC's primary role is to help create jobs and capital investment by attracting new companies as well as facilitating the expansion of existing companies in the Lakeland area.

FUNDING

Private sector funding makes up over 75% of the LEDC's \$1,060,000 Budget. The LEDC has three membership categories. Annual dues for General Membership are \$2,500, Board of Governor's \$5,000 and High Skill High Wage \$10,000 and Founders \$50,000.

GOALS

- Retain and grow existing businesses, jobs and investment
- Grow Targeted Industry Sectors
- High Skill High Wage Employment Growth
- Support Entrepreneurialism & New Business Creation
- Promote Infrastructure Development
- Market Lakeland as a Premier Location for Business
- Facilitate Partnerships to Enhance Growth

STRUCTURE

Day to day operations at the LEDC are staffed by five full time employees, and one to two interns at any given time. The LEDC's Board of Directors are made up of volunteer community leaders.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

WHYJOIN

Although we have been successful in attracting new industry and helping existing industry expand, economic development goes far beyond the relocation of a company, an advertising campaign, or a marketing mission. In its truest sense, it's a community commitment. It is a barometer that measures just how serious the community's leaders are about their economic well being.

WE NEED YOU TO BE INVOLVED

Because the LEDC is a community based membership organization, the financial support and investment of its members is the key to its existence and success. Our financial commitment will not only support the operations of the LEDC, but it shows increasing private sector support of economic development. You are invited to join the LEDC and show your support of the economic growth and diversity of Lakeland.

COMPANY NAME:		
PRIMARY REPRESENTATIVE:		
TITLE:		
ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	_ ZIP:
TELEPHONE:		
EMAIL:		
DATE:	_Signature:	

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

- ☐ \$2,500 General Membership
- ☐ \$5,000 Board of Governors
- ☐ \$10,000 High Skill Investor
- ☐ \$50,000 Founders

RETURN APPLICATIONS

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