AED PRESENTS: Calculating Economic Impacts



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Measuring Economic Impacts

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How Do Local Governments Evaluate Projects?



Economic Impact Applications in Economic Development



Why Do Economic Impact Analysis?

Pubic Relations or Informational

- Impacts of an existing or planned project
- Build local support for new company, justify incentives
- Pursue grant funding
- Support business retention for at-risk company

Return on Investment

- Abatements will be naturally timed to align with revenues
- Other incentives may align with conditions that are not directly related to revenue generation such as number of jobs created

Economic Impacts Can Also Be Applied to ED Organizations

Communicate the value of your business development program

Validate fundraising campaign or strategic plan

Measure return on investment

Showcase major employers in the region

Demonstrate supplier impacts on existing industries

Understand the relative value of different types of companies

Economic impacts are changes in the level of economic activity in a given area in terms of:

Business Output	 Most comprehensive measure of economic activity and generates largest numbers <i>Output or gross revenues = wages +</i> <i>supplies + profits</i> 			
Labor Income	 Employee wages and proprietor income For labor income to benefit the local economy, most workers should live in study area 			
Jobs	 Easiest measure to understand, but does not reflect quality of jobs and cannot be compared to public revenues or costs 			

Economic Multiplier Effects



Multiplier Guidelines



Multipliers usually range between 1 and 3

No "universal" multiplier -varies by industry and location -different for jobs, income, output





The greater the interaction between industries in an area, the more local spending will occur

Detailed Supplier Impacts



Industry Multipliers



2nd Round Impacts by Industry



How Economic Developers Can Maximize Multiplier Effects

• Keep as much wealth as possible from wages and business expenses in your region

Talk to companies to help match their needs to local suppliers
Understand what drives business decisions for companies and how suppliers are chosen

 Know your partners (training provider, real estate brokers, utilities, banks, etc.)

Revenue/Fiscal Impacts

Generally includes major tax revenues (gross receipts, property, income)

Tax revenues generated by the company and by employees Economic impacts show value to private sector while revenue impacts show the value to public sector

Revenue impacts appropriate for measuring ROI for incentives or ED program

Revenue vs. Economic Impacts



What Characteristics of Companies Create Greater Impacts

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Economic Impacts

- Higher average wages
- Industries that are complimentary to existing supplier base and capital – intensive
- Companies located in more diverse economic regions



Revenue Impacts

- Higher average wages
- Larger capital investment (building or equipment)
- Taxable sales or purchases
- Higher percent of employees living in region





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