

Roger Lee Bio:

Roger Lee is the CEO of Economic Development for Central Oregon (EDCO), the largest private economic development non-profit corporation in the state of Oregon (pop. 4.1 million), which serves a tri-county region of small cities and rural towns. The organization is focused on business development including recruitment, entrepreneurship and growing existing traded-sector employers. Lee has led EDCO's efforts since 1999 and past economic development experience includes work at the Seattle/King County Economic Development Council and heading a public economic development program in a very rural part of northeast Oregon (Baker City/County) . His industry experience includes employment at Hewlett Packard (electronics) and Idaho Power (computer programming). A native of Idaho, he is a graduate of the University of Washington in Economics. Over his 26-year career in economic development he and teams he's led have attracted hundreds of new traded-sector companies, thousands of jobs and billions of dollars (U.S) in new, taxable capital investment to largely rural and off-the-beaten path communities.