## **Local Government Business Affairs Committee Economic Development Policy Statement**

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## **Philosophy**

The Chamber supports aggressive economic development efforts designed to foster high quality primary sector employment growth.

## **Policies**

Consistent with its Economic Development Philosophy, the Chamber will support:

- Growth of new businesses to accelerate economic development and diversification, as well as job creation
- Educational institutions and programs that provide relevant top level training to create a competitive work force
- Appropriate use of economic development incentives for new and existing businesses
- Proactive water and energy policies that achieve our economic philosophy
- Programs that raise the awareness of business opportunities within Greeley area and encourage buyers of goods and services to spend locally
- Efforts to keep students in the area on the weekends to spend locally
- Raising awareness of the services and information offered by the Small Business Development Center to encourage the growth of small businesses
- Efforts to attract conventions and visitors
- Redevelopment of blighted areas

## **Action Items**

Participate in regional economic development efforts when those efforts are likely to have a direct positive impact upon area economic prosperity.

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