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**EDC BOARD SHARES DRAFT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY-
SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT**

(Davenport, WA, October 5, 2012.) The Lincoln County Economic Development Council (EDC) has completed the first draft of the County's economic development strategy and would appreciate your input. It is available on the Home page of the EDC's website www.LincolnEDC.org and suggestions and corrections are encouraged. The EDC is relying on local stakeholders to be the definitive proof readers.

EDC Director Margie Hall relates that the document has been formatted so that even if you read only the first couple pages, you will grasp the most important part – the Mission and the Goals & Objectives. If you read through page 10, you will know how the EDC proposes they might be achieved. “We want the stakeholders of Lincoln County to read this plan; to work together to implement it on a countywide level; and to use it as a tool when seeking guidance or funding. Not put it on a shelf and never look at it again. We purposely did not bury the important pieces under a ton of data from other resources. Those resources are all right there in the footnotes and are easy to access if someone wants to dig deeper.”

The County Commissioners approved the EDC's request to prepare a strategy on their behalf because state and federal entities are increasingly requiring an economic development plan be in place before they will lend assistance. This strategy is meant to provide a road map for countywide economic growth *and* to be a tool for those seeking government funding.

To comment on the draft strategy, please email the EDC at edcinfo@centurylink.net or send input by mail to P.O. Box 1304, Davenport WA 99122, before October 31, 2012.