

**Economic Development Administration
Planning Performance Awards
Second Quarter of Fiscal Year 2009**

The week of March 27, 2009, Sandra R. Walters, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer, announced two EDA Planning Performance Award recipients for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2009.

Recipient: **Bear Paw Development Corporation of Northern Montana (Bear Paw)**

Location: Havre, Montana

Planning Performance Award Amount: \$2,650

EDA Original Investment Amount: \$53,000

Investment Description:

In 2008, EDA invested \$53,000 in Bear Paw to support the development and implementation of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

Description of Performance Award Achievements:

Bear Paw successfully achieved the three planning performance award criteria. It actively participated in the economic development activities of the five counties in the Economic Development District (EDD). It implemented the CEDS to achieve the EDD's regional objectives, including reducing outmigration and business closures, raising low commodity prices, and addressing years of sustained drought. In addition, Bear Paw developed exceptionally collaborative relationships with federal, state and local entities, which advanced Montana's economic development opportunities and the professionalism of the region's economic development practitioners.

Recipient: **Southeast Missouri Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission (SEMOEDC)**

Location: Perryville, Missouri

Planning Performance Award Amount: \$2,750

EDA Original Investment Amount: \$55,000

Investment Description:

In 2008, EDA invested \$55,000 in SEMOEDC to support the development and implementation of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

Description of Performance Award Achievements:

SEMOEDC successfully achieved the three planning performance award criteria. It actively participated in the economic development activities of the seven counties in the Economic Development District (EDD). It actively implemented the CEDS to achieve the EDD's regional objectives, including the development of business infrastructure critical to the region's competitiveness. It developed exceptionally collaborative relationships with federal, state and local entities to advance regional economic objectives.