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Grant County EDC Welcomes Joseph Akers!

The Grant County Economic Development Council would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest staff member, Joseph Akers!

Joseph has lived in the Moses Lake area of Grant County for over thirty years. Of those thirty years, he has been happily married for twenty-eight of them and also has three grown children!

Living in Grant County has enabled Joseph to get a wide view of the challenges that come with growth in the business sector. His time here has been spent as an industry leader with 23 years spent as the Site Manager for Chemi-Con Materials as well as two years as the Head of Operations for SGL.

This experience makes Joseph a prime candidate as our new **Director of Business Retention and Expansion**. This job will put Joseph in a unique position to reach out to other industry leaders and partners of the Grant County EDC to help our wonderful county grow and thrive to its fullest



potential.

Joseph says he is excited for this opportunity to connect to these businesses and entrepreneurs and see how the Grant County EDC can further help our community and our businesses!

He says he loves our community and can't wait to start engaging with it on a broad, county-wide scope.

Please join us in welcoming Joseph Akers to the Grant County Economic Development Council, we are very excited to have someone so qualified on our staff and we are certain he will be a strong fit for the position.

Welcome to the EDC, Joseph! Glad to have you!

Grant County EDC Board Members Update

The new year has brought about changes to the Grant County EDC's board member roster! Please join us in thanking those who have participated with wonderful effort in this previous, quite difficult year while also welcoming the new members coming on to help us to strengthen our community!



Gregg Fletcher is our new President, which makes William Coe now our Current Past President. Thank you for all of your hard work, both of you!

Brian Kuest and Theresa Sullivan have termed out as Directors and replacing them will be Cash Brown of Brown Farms, Scott Freidig of General Dynamics and Curt Morris with the Port of Quincy.

We are excited for a new year with our board members and look forward to a strong and creative development going forward as we all work to make Grant County even more successful than it already is.

Thank each and every one of you for your ongoing support in our work and your dedication to your community does not go unnoticed!

We at the EDC are proud to display our past and current board members, armed with the knowledge that we are each of us enamored with Grant County and can work together to better our community.

Grant County Cost of Living Index Update 2021

The Grant County EDC's website has been updated with new COLI information for 2021, as well as updated statistics for each information page.

These new statistics were only just released and we urge you to take a look on our website to see all our changes at <http://www.grantedc.com/business-resources/cost-of-living/>

With our COLI work, we also have updated information on how Grant County compares to areas around the country as well as the surrounding areas of Washington State.

For instance, Grant County's Cost of Living Index for housing is at 79, while Seattle's rating is up to 233—the national average for these ratings is 100.

These differences coupled with our growing areas and businesses make Grant County a prime area to consider when developing a business!





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