

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

**TOP STATE
FOR BUSINESS
FRIENDLINESS**

2025 CNBC

**NUMBER 1 METRO
INVESTMENT
PROJECTS PER
CAPITA**

SITE SELECTION MAGAZINE 2025

WELCOME

Letter From the Board Chair and President & CEO



Shawn Gaddie
Board Chair



Keith Lund
President & CEO

Thank you for your continued support of the Grand Forks Region Economic Development Corporation. Your investment of time, resources, and leadership makes this work possible, and it's because of partners like you that our region continues to grow with purpose and confidence.

This year's Annual Meeting theme, Groundbreaking Impact, reflects more than progress, it represents a defining moment for the Grand Forks region. Together, we are witnessing transformational projects move from vision to reality, catalytic partnerships take root, and bold ideas reshape our economic landscape. From major capital investments and business expansions to workforce initiatives and entrepreneurial growth, each milestone represents a deliberate step toward long-term prosperity.

Groundbreaking Impact celebrates the foundation we are laying for future generations and the momentum we have built. It highlights the power of collaboration between the public and private sectors, the strength of our regional alliances, and the confidence companies continue to place in Grand Forks as a place to grow and succeed.

As we reflect on the past year, we do so with pride in what has been accomplished and optimism for what lies ahead. Together, we are not simply supporting economic development, we are shaping the next chapter of the Grand Forks region's story and ensuring that our impact is felt for years to come.

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink, one on the left and one on the right, corresponding to the Board Chair and President & CEO respectively.

Mission

The Grand Forks Region EDC expands economic opportunity for the Grand Forks region through industry growth and diversification.

Vision

The Grand Forks Region EDC will work collaboratively to foster an environment that attracts innovative people and business investment to Grand Forks County and the surrounding region, enhancing economic vitality for long-term prosperity and growth.

THANK YOU

GROUND BREAKING **IMPACT**

GFREDC 2026 Annual Meeting

Schedule of Events *March 26, 2026*

Client & Program Showcase with Networking 3:15 pm

Program Presentation Begins 4:00 pm

Welcome from Board Chair

Shawn Gaddie
Board Chair, EDC

Klaus Thiessen Impact Award Presentation

This award honors businesses or individuals who have made a positive and significant impact on economic growth and prosperity in the Grand Forks region.

EDC Impact Panel

Mayor Brandon Bochenski, *City of Grand Forks*
Commissioner Kimberly Hagen, *Grand Forks County*
President Dave Berger, *Grand Forks School Board*
President Andrew Armacost, *UND*
Colonel Alfred 'Slick' Rosales, *Commander, GFAFB*

Closing Remarks

Post-Program Client & Program Showcase with Networking 4:40 pm

Event Structure

New Format Featuring: Clients, Projects, & Programs

Our event this year is featuring clients and their projects and ecosystem partnership programs during a social hour before and after the program. We want our guests to hear directly from our partners about the work they do and how the EDC staff help to support them.

Hosted Cocktail Tables in the Back

Several of the cocktail tables in the back of the room are hosted by representatives from the company. A sign on each hosted table will have the represented company's or program's logo and a quick overview of their project, investment, or programs.

List of Featured Partners

A list of featured clients and program along with an overview of their project, investment, or program from 2025 are highlighted beginning on page six.

Meet The Staff



Keith Lund
President & CEO



Becca Cruger
Director of Economic Development



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GOVERNANCE

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Grimsley Consulting

Kristin Hanson

Edward Jones

Kyle Kvamme

Icon Architectural Group

Brian Kalk

EERC

Tommy Kenville

iSight Drone Services

Kathryn Kester

Xcel Energy

Sandi Luck

North Dakota Coffee Roastery

Mike McLean

JLG Architects

Shari Olson

Northland Community & Technical College

Curtis Regan

Dakota Commercial

Ross Rivard

Rivard's Turf & Forage

Sonia Robertson

The Lighting Gallery

Brock Sherva

Northwood Deaconess Health Center

Alan Silletto

Edgewood Healthcare

Scott Snyder

UND Research & Economic Development

Paul Sproule

Sproule Farms

Justin Stromme

Sanford Health

Steve Thomas

Cirrus Aircraft

Tricia Weber

LM Wind Power

Board Overview

The board of 11 directors serves as the voting body, overseeing EDC operations, providing economic development strategy for the region, and making project funding recommendations. Members are selected to serve three-year terms, with a maximum of three consecutive terms.

Advisory Board Overview

The advisory board members meet with directors three times per year, providing input into the organization's strategies and reviewing local and state economic development initiatives. Their input helps guide the actions of the board of directors.



FEATURED

Client & Project Showcase

The companies below announced a project in 2025 supported by the EDC. Projects generally encompass an expansion, which could include adding on facility or purchasing equipment that expands capacity, or the establishment of operations in the Grand Forks region. Support provided by the EDC staff varies on a project-by-project basis and can range from informing them about business support programs available, helping get them certified as a primary sector business through the state if applicable, providing guidance on navigating business in the region, connecting them to elected officials and other business leaders, or workforce pipeline programming support, and much more.



The Belgium-based company has sold its products in the U.S. for years. As they planned for the future, the next step was always finding a place in the States to put down roots.

Since announcing plans to build a \$450-\$500 million potato processing facility in Grand Forks, they have continued to make major progress toward bringing one of the largest private sector investments in northeast North Dakota history to life.

The project is expected to create 300–350 new permanent jobs. Initial site work commenced, marking a significant milestone in the facility's establishment.



Cirrus Aircraft is one of the leading aircraft manufacturers in the world, the only certified aircraft with a parachute system. Composite parts for the aircraft are manufactured in Grand Forks, and the assembly is completed in Duluth, MN. The company has a 30-year relationship with Grand Forks since establishing the facility in the mid-1990s.

With increased demand due to shifting consuming interests in consumer travel, Cirrus broke ground on a 30,000-square-foot expansion, which will support increased production and future growth.



Ideal AeroSmith is a Grand Forks-based, multi-faceted company that provides a wide array of industrial products and services to customers in the aviation and defense sectors around the world. The company has been in the region since 1984.

With significant growth in demand for their products, they are expanding operations. The initial expansion plans executed in 2025 include an addition to the main building on South Washington St, creating more inventory and assembly space.



Johnstown Bean Company is located north of Gilby, ND in Grand Forks County. The company processes raw agricultural products like pinto and black beans from local and regional growers into high-quality food products for wholesale and worldwide retail markets.

In 2025, the company invested to enhance the efficiency of bean processing operations through a robotic palletizer, replacing the need to transport heavy product bags manually.

COMPANIES



Northern Plains Rail is a private railroad business headquartered in Grand Forks, assisting with the transport of farming commodities and products for regional grain handlers and elevators. Their work also consists of full-service railcar and locomotive repair, industrial switching, and new track construction.

The company expanded its fleet of locomotives and invested in new equipment to improve the durability of services. The investments will support the continued growth of the company in the region.



Northern Tier Seed Company operates a seed conditioning facility in Thompson, ND. The company conditions approximately 1.5 million bushels of soybeans and wheat for several U.S. companies and places production seed acres throughout ND and MN.

They continue to experience increased demand for seed, and they expanded storage capacity and upgraded current handling systems to increase outputs. The investments increased the company's capacity and efficiency.



Vertical Malt is a malting company that was founded in 2023 in Crookston. The company produces specialty malt from regionally grown cereal grains for craft brewers, millers, and distillers.

With an increased demand and ongoing partnership with the North Dakota Mill, the company expanded operations to Grand Forks. The expansion involved leasing a facility for office and production space, purchasing equipment related to the core milling system, storage equipment, and packaging equipment for the finished product.



Vorbeck Materials is originally a Maryland-based company that recently expanded to Grand Forks. The company will manufacture graphene-related technology used for communication with first responders and defense. They are also developing a PFAS-free foam suppressant for fires for the same market.

They leased and reconfigured a 47,000 square foot facility in the industrial park. In early 2026, they were approved by the City Council for a conditional use permit for the production of the foam system at the facility. The company plans to continue expanding in the region.



FEATURED PROGRAMS

Ecosystem Partnerships

The Grand Forks region has a vast ecosystem of business support entities. The EDC regularly partners with ecosystem partners to support primary sector business growth in the region. This includes partnering to facilitate programs that help retain and attract talented workforce to Grand Forks. While a broad range of partners could be featured, the ones featured below worked directly with the EDC in 2025 to facilitate and implement a program.



The Career Impact Academy is an important partnership for the EDC. The Career and Technical Education Center provides opportunities for 10th-, 11th-, and 12th-grade students to complete their high school diplomas and obtain credentials or credits toward a college degree. EDC staff serve on the work-based learning advisory committee and continue to involve industry with the center. The EDC actively works on regional workforce impact program grants to add summer camps to introduce youth in the region to advanced manufacturing and UAS career opportunities in the region.



The Northern Valley Career Expo is a partnership with several other agencies in the region, including the City of East Grand Forks, Grand Forks Public Schools, East Grand Forks Senior High School, Job Service North Dakota, Construction Engineers, Northland Community and Technical College, Minnesota Deed, University of North Dakota, and the EDC. The mission is to introduce 10th graders in the northern valley to high-wage, in-demand careers through hands-on exhibits and classroom style career presentations. The expo hosts around 2,000 students annually.



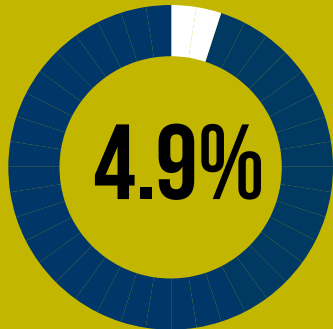
InternGF is a partnership program with the UND Center For Innovation, CFI. It is designed to increase the number of local internship offerings, aiding employers' workforce recruitment, and retention efforts. The program offers up to \$3,500 to offset an intern's salary. CFI staff provide one-to-one coaching for students throughout their internship while the EDC works alongside employers on wage reimbursement.



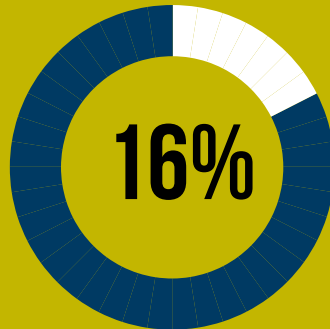
The InternGF Summer Internship Cohort Experience is a collaboration program with the UND Center For Innovation, UND Experiential Learning Center, and EDC. Together, the group facilitates six programming sessions throughout the summer that focus on specific topics and features of the Grand Forks region. The topics include introduction to the community and leaders, volunteering, industry tours, sports and recreation, as well as arts and culture. The program concludes with a graduation celebration where regional leaders are invited to network with the student participants.

EDC CLIENT DATA

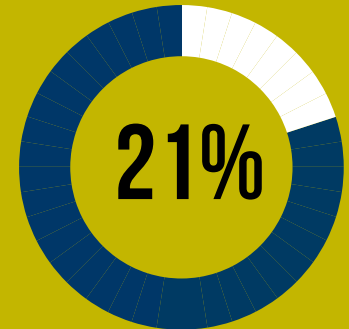
5-Year Look Back From Q2 2020 to Q2 2025
Source: North Dakota Job Service



Increase in the number of jobs added to the region by EDC clients



Increase in average salary of annual wage paid by EDC clients



Increase in total payroll paid by EDC clients to their employees

In 2025 Source: North Dakota Job Service, Annual Client Survey



\$669 MILLION

Total Payroll Amount Paid to Employees by EDC Clients in 2025

\$71.4 MILLION

Total Expenditures in the Grand Forks Region by EDC Clients in 2025

\$740.4 MILLION

Total Amount Added To the Regional Economy by EDC Clients in 2025

Interpret the Numbers

The EDC client data shows positive growth in the number of jobs added to the region, strong growth in average salary paid, and very large growth in the total payroll. This data also encompasses the impacts of the global COVID-19 pandemic. This economy, rooted in agriculture, diversified with advanced manufacturing, and expanding with unmanned and

autonomous systems, continues to be a testament to the strength and resilience of the Grand Forks region. The sustained growth positions the region favorably on a trajectory for success.

While these numbers only represent the EDC client companies, there has been overall strong growth since the pandemic

in manufacturing, corporate headquarters, and professional services. The growth, coupled with being ranked the number one metro for projects per capita in tier three metros, displays that Grand Forks is prioritizing the right areas. Regional leaders and the EDC are prioritizing business growth for a brighter economic future.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Grand Forks Region Ranked No. 1 for Investment Projects Per Capita in 2025

The Grand Forks region has been ranked number one in the country for corporate facility investment projects per capita in 2025 among tier three metros! The Grand Forks metro also finished number two among tier three metros in total project count. The ranking is from Site Selection Magazine and is based on the publication's analysis of corporate facility investment projects tracked in their proprietary database during calendar year 2025.

Site Selection Magazine is a respected publication in the economic development industry with a broad business-based audience. Its annual Top Metros rankings are based on a rigorous, independent tracking methodology that counts new locations and

expansions by private-sector employers, excluding retail, infrastructure, and speculative development. This closely aligns with the EDC's focus on supporting primary sector certified businesses. The magazine's research team identifies projects year-round from corporate newsrooms, regulatory filings, state commerce documents, and news sources, making the ranking a credible, third-party measure of a region's economic activity.

"This recognition reflects the incredible impact our region has had through years of strategic investment, strong partnerships, and a community that welcomes growth," said Keith Lund, President & CEO of the Grand Forks Region EDC. "Being ranked number one in the nation per capita is a powerful statement about what makes the Grand Forks region competitive. This ranking represents impactful jobs, groundbreaking capital investment, and real investor confidence in our community."



Top Highlights

Agristo Progress

Since announcing their \$450 million potato processing facility, Belgium-based Agristo has moved quickly. In August, Agristo formally signed the development agreement with the City of Grand Forks, and started construction. They expect to be operational by 2028.

Cirrus Groundbreaking

Cirrus Aircraft broke ground in June on a 30,000 sq. ft. expansion of their facility, supported by a 10-year Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) approved by the Grand Forks City Council. Every composite component for every Cirrus aircraft is manufactured in Grand Forks. Their continued investment is a testament to the long-term value our region offers growing manufacturers.

UAS: Investments & BVLOS Expansion

US Senator John Hoeven made several large announcements about the UAS industry in Grand Forks. The Federal Radar Data Enclave was unlocked for Vantis, the state's UAS beyond-visual-line-of-sight network, unlocking more frequent BVLOS flights in the state. Over \$200 million has been announced for several UAS programs including Project ULTRA and the Space Development Agency.

Air Service Expansion

Expanding air service options at the Grand Forks International Airport continues to be a priority for the EDC. After receiving the \$1 million Small Community Air Service Development Program grant, conversations continue with United Airlines. With secured funding, an added daily flight to Denver, Colorado announcement is anticipated within the 2026 calendar year.

Cruger Transitions to Director of Economic Development

Becca Cruger transitioned to the Director of Economic Development in January. The transition reinforces the EDC's priority of expanding economic opportunities. Business retention and expansion are leading priorities and Cruger's new responsibilities further focus efforts to support business investment.

EDC Launches Interactive Site Selection Tool

The tool features real-time commercial and industrial property listings powered by the Grand Forks Area Association of Realtors. Users can browse through an interactive map or a detailed property list, and filter results by type, size, zoning, and other criteria, making it a one-stop resource for site selection and investment opportunities.

By The Numbers

9

Companies connected to the Growth Fund and Jobs Development Authority

43

Businesses supported by EDC staff in 2025

\$33,758,211

Amount of local and state support secured by EDC clients

\$486,346,763

Total amount of expected investments leveraged from local and state support

Project Pipeline

\$1,393,271,000

Dollar amount of projects in the EDC project pipeline

720 JOBS

Number of jobs that would be created from projects in the EDC project pipeline



WORKFORCE QUALITY OF LIFE

Workforce attraction and retention continue to be a top priority for businesses in the region. This economic development strategy continues to evolve and has become a multi-prong approach. From pipeline programming initiatives like the Grand Forks Career Impact Academy, Northern Valley Career Expo, InternGF, and Greater Grand Forks: Way Cooler Than You Think! talent attraction, to quality of life enhancements like the Altru Sports Complex and the Grand Forks Children's Museum.

A highlight of the strategy for 2025, a vision years in the making, was the official ribbon-cutting ceremony and community celebration for the Career Impact Academy. The new \$30.5 million career and technical education facility welcomed students for their first day of classes on August 28th. The facility was supported by nearly 100 industry partners to provide training in high-paying, high-demand careers to students and adults seeking knowledge and skills to start or advance their professional careers. Thank you to everyone who made this vision a reality!

Thanks to the City of Grand Forks Mayor Brandon Bochenski and City Council quality of life investments to attract and retain the workforce have been a top priority. His forward-leaning leadership produced several ongoing community enhancements such as The Altru Sports Complex which is underway, adding a dual-purpose amenity with value for the citizens of Grand Forks and beyond. The complex allows the community to host large state or regional sports competitions, infusing the economy with dollars from visitors around the region, boosting the tax base.

The Grand Forks Downtown Greenway is also slated for rehabilitation announcing enhancements including increasing the connectivity of the greenway space with downtown and the town square. Additional proposals identify various outdoor amenities like a pergola, pavilion, swings and motion play, town and play structure, nature promenade, and much more. The Grand Forks Children's Museum is another important investment providing a creative space that enriches lives through exploration. The museum construction is slated to begin in 2026.

Top Highlights

Career Impact Academy Opens Doors

Grand Forks celebrated the opening of the \$30.5 million career and technical education center, Career Impact Academy, backed by nearly 100 industry partners. Students began classes in August with programming designed for high-paying, high-demand careers across the region's key industries. This investment in workforce development directly supports the talent pipeline our business community depends on.

New UAS Jobs Board

In August, a new Grand Forks is Cooler UAS workforce page was launched to showcase available career opportunities in the region: grandforksiscooler.com/uas-jobs. The page uses a job-scraping tool that automatically pulls open positions from EDC client and member companies. Member companies are featured on the landing page, all UAS firms are included in the listings, and the site links to job service resources for trailing spouses.

UND Hits Enrollment Milestone

UND had a record-breaking fall 2025 enrollment of 15,844 students! This is a 5.49% increase from the fall 2024 enrollment. President Andrew Armacost shared that the growth is a result of attractive programs, affordability and scholarship offerings, modernized learning and living spaces, and an environment cultivated for student success. There is an over 30% increase in military-affiliated students in the freshman class. The enrollment dashboard for the North Dakota University System places UND as the top destination for North Dakota Students.

NCTC Realizes 15% Growth in Enrollment

NCTC in East Grand Forks experienced a 15% increase in student enrollment from fall 2024 to 2025. The increase directly results from the strategic initiatives taken to increase enrollment, expand access, strengthen partnerships, and enhance the student experience. President Shari Olson stated that there is a strong demand for programs that lead directly to the workforce and meaningful careers, and they are committed to providing this and transforming futures through innovation and excellence.

Altru Sports Complex Breaks Ground

The complex hit a major milestone with a groundbreaking ceremony in June! The complex is anticipated to cost around \$110 million and will include a 50-meter competition pool, a 25-yard instructional pool, full-sized indoor turf facilities, pickleball courts, and an elevated walking track.

By The Numbers

23%

Increase of young professionals ages 25-39 in GF county from 2014-2024, compared to 11% nationally

Source: US Census ACS 5-year, B01001

3,537

Career and Technical Education Course Enrollments in 2025

72,000

Unique GrandForksisCooler.com visitors over the past 12 months

2,200,000

Impressions of Grand Forks is Cooler digital content and advertisements to people in 2025

InternGF Impact

172 INTERNSHIPS

Internships awarded funding from 2018 to 2025

\$243,688

Total award dollars reimbursed for internship wages in the region

\$646,915

Total wage impact for InternGF participants

INVESTORS

Public Partners

Grand Forks County
City of Grand Forks

Emerald

(\$20,000+)

Alerus
Altru Health System
Nodak Electric
Northern Tier Ventures LLC
Old National Bank
Xcel Energy

Diamond

(\$10,000 - \$19,999)

AE2S
Choice Bank
Cirrus Aircraft
GE Vernova
J.R. Simplot
JLG Architects
McGough Construction
Minnkota Power
Cooperative
Northrop Grumman
Sanford Health
University of North Dakota
UND Division of Research
and Economic
Development

Platinum

(\$5,000 - \$9,999)

Acme Tools
Agristo
Alerus Center
Black Gold Farms
Blue Cross Blue Shield
Border States
Brady Martz
Construction Engineers
Crary Real Estate
Custom Aire
Dakota Commercial &
Development
First International Bank &
Trust
Gate City Bank
General Atomics
Grand Forks Herald
Hugo's Family
Marketplace
ICON Architects

ICS
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PCL Community
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PS Industries
Rydell GM Auto Center
Simonson Station Stores
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Gold

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Company
Camrud Maddock Olson
& Larson
Countrywide Sanitation
Dakota Business Lending
Dakota Supply Group
Doherty Staffing
Downtown Development
Association
EERC
Express Employment
Solutions
Florian & Sons
Grand Forks Park District
Grand Forks Public
Schools
Grand Forks Regional
Airport Authority
Integrated Steel Solutions
IronHide Equipment
Lumber Mart
Mak Construction
MarshMcLennan Agency
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Northland Community
Technical College
Northridge
Paragon Pro
Red River Land Co
Red River Potato
Ron & Nick Adams Farms
SafetySpect
Smiley Hotels
Sproule Farm
Steffes Corporation
Swingen Construction

The Title Team
The Vidar Group
Toasted Frog
TruWeather Solutions
UND Aerospace
Foundation
Vorbeck
Widseth

Bronze

(\$500 - \$999)

Abra Auto Body
Aethero
Assurity Finance &
Development
Canad Inns
Community Foundation
Cooper Commissioning
Grand Forks Housing
Authority
Grand Forks Scheels
Grand Forks Subaru
Greater Grand Forks
Young Professionals
Greenberg Realty
H&S Electrical
KodaBank
North Dakota Mill &
Elevator
Northwood Deaconess
Health Center
ODRA
Probitas Promotions
Rivard's Turf & Forage
Steamatic of Grand Forks
The Chamber GF/EGF
UND Alumni Association &
Foundation
UND Center for
Innovation
UND College of
Engineering & Mines
UND Nistler College
of Business & Public
Administration
Wallwork Truck Center

**As of March 9, 2026*

INVESTMENT IMPACT

Service Driven

The Grand Forks Region EDC focuses its efforts to recruit, retain, and expand primary sector businesses to increase the number of good-paying career opportunities for residents. A growing primary sector ensures our local economy remains strong. Primary sector companies sell goods and services primarily outside our trade area bringing new resources to the community which impacts other sectors and contributes to the overall economic vitality of the region. Economic development success happens when the public and private sectors collaborate. Invest in the Grand Forks Region EDC and support a shared vision for a vibrant regional economy.

Your investment means:

- New customers and/or new suppliers for your service or product
- New residents, which may become new employees for you and new families for your neighborhoods
- A growing tax base, which supports community improvements

Investments are used to:

- Recruit, retain, and grow primary sector businesses that bring new resources into the region
- Coordinate local and state programs to customize support for companies considering expansion or relocation in the region
- Market the region's assets to potential clients
- Support workforce training and recruitment initiatives
- Educate and inform the region's residents about economic development activity and impact
- Drive key initiatives within the region and state

Benefits of Investing

Make an Impact: You will directly support the region's economic growth & prosperity and have the opportunity to be an active member with full voting rights and consideration for positions on our boards and committees.

Connect with Leaders: EDC investors have increased opportunities to connect with our business network and elected leaders.

Stay Informed: Receive news on projects, invitations to EDC-sponsored events, and opportunities for individual briefings from EDC leaders.

Recognition: We appreciate the opportunity to recognize your partnership on our Investor Wall in the EDC lobby, at events including our annual meeting, and in marketing channels like our website and via social media.

Key Issue Engagement: Be part of important issues that impact the region like the Air Service Expansion.





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