

# SCORE

The East Central Regional Development Commission is home to a branch of Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE). SCORE provides one-on-one counseling to entrepreneurs and those wanting to start a business on a variety of topics free-of-charge. SCORE also facilitates business related educational classes to assist entrepreneurs with sharpening their business skills.

### Who are SCORE's business mentors?

SCORE is a non-profit association with over 13,000 volunteers. Our volunteers are successful entrepreneurs and executives who give back by sharing their expert business advice with you.

### Why is SCORE advice free and confidential?

SCORE advice is free because our counselors donate their time. They enjoy sharing their knowledge, expertise and want to see you succeed.

### Is there a limit to how many times I can use SCORE?

Talk to SCORE again and again. There is not limit to any of SCORE's services. Long-term mentoring is a great help.

### Is SCORE for start-ups and companies already in-business?

Yes. Whether you're forming a business idea or planning to sell, we can answer all your business questions.

To get connected with a SCORE Counselor, please call us at (320) 679-4065 #29.



# OUR MISSION

To provide services and resource which enhance the ability of the region's residents and units of government to effectively problem solve and establish a quality of life desired by the citizens of the region.

# ABOUT US

The Commission is a public agency, whose board members are represented by officials appointed by county boards, townships, municipalities, school boards and citizens at large. The ECRDC is funded through a local tax levy and planning/program grants and contracts from state and federal agencies and foundations.



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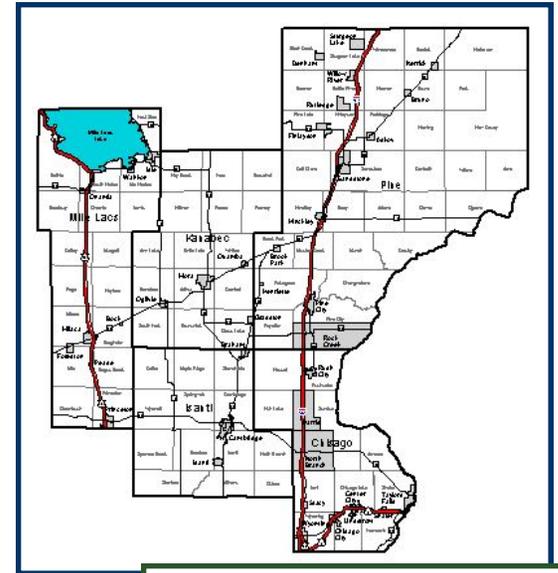
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Regional Development in East Central Minnesota for the counties of Chisago, Isanti, Mille Lacs, Pine and Kanabec.

## Office of Economic Development

- Economic Development Administration
- Revolving Loan Fund
- Professional Services
- SCORE
- Technical Assistance
- JOBZ

## REVOLVING LOAN FUND

East Central Regional Development Commission manages a business development Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)

The RLF aims to provide loans to new, expanding or relocating businesses in Mille Lacs, Pine, Kanabec and Isanti Counties.



Lake Superior Laundry of Pine City, MN They received a start up loan from the ECRDC Revolving Loan Fund.

ECRDC employs the RLF as a tool in recruiting new businesses, maintaining and expanding existing ones, creating and preserving good paying jobs, and strengthening the economic base of East Central Minnesota.



Isanti Retail Meats of Isanti received a start up loan from ECRDC's Revolving Loan Fund.

Historically, our average loan is \$50,000.00, preserves or creates 5 new jobs, and has an annual impact of \$250,000.00 on the region's economy.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

East Central Regional Development Commission's Office of Economic Development is a veritable one-stop-shop for planning and economic development resources.

ECRDC has membership in many regional and statewide economic development groups, and thus have the connections and resources to assist our region's communities, businesses, chambers and other economic development groups

ECRDC's Office of Economic Development assists local communities with business recruitment, business retention, job creation, including workforce development, housing development, financing resources, business recruitment, etc.

We also assist local governments and non-profits with any planning or grants-writing needs including:

*Comprehensive Plans and updates*  
*Zoning Ordinances and updates*  
*Subregional Plans*  
*Community Visioning and Strategic Planning*  
*Needs Assessments*  
*Economic Impact Assessments*  
*Grants-writing and administration*  
*Any other planning documents needed or requested.*

***A few of the services we provide include...***

*Staff support*  
*Business recruitment*  
*Technical Assistance*  
*Workforce information*

## JOBZ

JOBZ (Job Opportunity Building Zone) is a State of Minnesota initiative that provides substantial tax relief to companies that start up or expand in specific locations. Twelve communities in the five-county ECRDC Region are home to JOBZ sites.



Polaris took advantage of JOBZ's benefits when locating their \$25 million dollar / 100,000 square foot ATV/ Personal Watercraft / Victory Motorcycle product development center and testing facility in Wyoming, MN.

ECRDC has already assisted several businesses take advantage of the financial benefits JOBZ affords them by relocating or expanding in our JOBZ sites.

Advance Design & Systems LLC located their new industrial design, engineering and manufacturing facility in Pine City, MN to take advantage of the



***JOBZ benefits include:***

- No property tax on new development
- No sales tax on goods and services
- No corporate income tax or individual income tax on investments
- Minnesota corporate income tax credit or rebate for higher paying jobs