WindsorEssex ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

What We Do

The WindsorEssex Economic **Development Corporation** advances economic development and prosperity in our Region. We are the Region's lead economic development agency and a dedicated catalyst for business growth and expansion. We attract new businesses to our region, help strengthen existing businesses and support entrepreneurship in four key ways:

1. WE Inform and Promote

To be the leading source for economic information and promotion in the Windsor-Essex region.

2. WE Invest and Attract

To promote the Windsor-Essex region as a premier location for business attraction and expansion.

3. WE Innovate and Advance

To diversify the Windsor-Essex region and enable companies to be leaders in innovation and not victims of technology disruption.

4. WE Engage and Collaborate

To lead, inform, guide, connect and leverage the economic development ecosystem in the Windsor-Essex region.

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New Investment Facilitated \$26,439,000

Total amount of new investment to the region, through both public and private investment streams.

Expansions Facilitated

New Jobs Facilitated

Priority Files

Business Startups

Funding Applications and Joint Papers Developed

Business Support Sessions

51 Sessions 729 Attendees



Top Economic Priorities as reported by

Windsor-Essex Businesses

Skilled Trades / Labour Demand and Challenges

Access to training supports for businesses, across key sectors

Regulatory Environment -Cross-Ministry Delays in Application Reviews, Permit Approvals

Business Immigration - Labour Mobility

Uncertainty of Trade Agreements

Regional Economic Indicators[†]



Population 15+ 348,600





215,400





Employment 199,700







Unemployment Rate

7.3%



Participation Rate 61.8%



Employment Rate 57.3%



† Note: The above figures reflect all of Windsor and Essex County, Q2 2019 to Q3 2019. Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey custom tabulation