Siting Clean Energy Facilities in Washington State

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Washington Business Attraction – Current Status

• Washington attracts investment for large manufacturing facilities
  • Cheap power, quality of life, workforce

• Most large investors understand general process but not specifics
  • Consultants play a big role in helping investors evaluate different site options

• WA requires more effort than some other states
  • Site readiness and longer timelines
  • Outreach to tribes
  • SEPA, perceived lack of transparency of the permitting process
  • Infrastructure investment. Abundant energy but no infrastructure to accommodate new large clients
  • Very limited grant incentives or tax incentives
Washington Business Attraction – Current Status

• Current Programs
  • Statutory Tax incentives. Some targeted at clean tech.
  • Governor’s Strategic Reserve Fund. Typical range: $100,000-$300,000
  • Projects of Statewide Significance
  • Clean Energy Fund
  • Workforce Development Programs

• Proposal Generation and Marketing Support

• Site Selection Assistance
  Our property database managed by local partners:

• Local stakeholder assistance via a network of Commerce partners (ADOs)
Business Attraction Moving Forward

- **Permit streamlining.** Perceived lack of transparency. Competing with states that are willing to go above and beyond and cut corners to attract new investors
  - Multiple efforts to bring more transparency to the permitting process

- **Pre-site development.** Our sites require substantial investments compared to other states.
  - Initiative to bring more resources to local communities to invest in environmental and engineering studies as well as infrastructure.

- **Marketing our premier properties.**
  - Competing with “Megasites”, highly developed, heavily promoted properties in states with significant economic development resources. See Rivian’s investment in Georgia.
  - Shovel readiness program. A marketing and investment tool that can help us compete.
Thank you.

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