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# **Economic, Community, and Business Development Services**

# **Regional Planning**

- Representation of regional interests at the State and Federal level
- Preparation of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the GPCOG service area
- Implementation of regional priorities associated with GPCOG's Corridor Coalitions, including the Metro, Route 113, Lakes Region, Central, and Coastal corridor coalitions

# **Business Development**

- Single point of contact for State incentive programs related to business attraction, retention and expansion
- Revolving Loan Fund providing gap financing for business expansion
- Distribution of site search requests from businesses, developers, and brokers

## **Economic and Community Development**

- Regional and municipal plans and studies related to economic impact, downtown revitalization, tourism, affordable housing, and other issues
- Organizational support to municipal and regional committees
- Project development for EDA, CDBG, USDA Rural Development, and other grant programs
- Brownfields Assessment program to redevelop commercial and industrial properties

#### **Data Center**

- State affiliate for Maine Census data
- Regional and municipal profiles
- Population, employment, and housing projections for PACTS and other regional studies
- Demographic data requests from member communities

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