

COMMUNITY UPDATE

JANUARY 20, 2026

KEWEENAW BAY
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BARAGA COUNTY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Bill Menge - Director
Retired



Bob LaFave - Director
Village of L'Anse



Brad Dakota - Director
Baraga County Commissioner



Jennifer Misegan - Director
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community



Koray Inal - Secretary
UP.Net - Baraga Telephone



Mark Massicotte - Chairman
L'Anse Manufacturing



Matthew Lutz - Treasurer
Superior National Bank



Rob Stowe - Director
Baraga Memorial Hospital



Roy Kempainen - Director
Retired



Phil Acciaccia - Director
Acciaccia Forest Products



MISSION

The BCEDC is a private-public-tribal partnership whose mission is to be the conduit for collaboration in the pursuit of economic development and prosperity in Baraga County.



STAFF



Christopher Germain
Chief Executive Officer

BCEDC STAFF LEADS



Mary Myers
Director of Economic
Development Services



Ashley Szczepanski
Director of Marketing



Brooke Quinn
Senior Business
Development Representative



Grace Simula
Controller



Ashley Saari
Marketing &
Communications
Specialist



Diana Sundberg
West End Outreach &
Services Specialist



Rachel Raak
Economic Development &
Community Development
Project Coordinator



Erica Huss
Small Business Support
Hub Project Manager



Travis Horn
Administrative Support
Coordinator

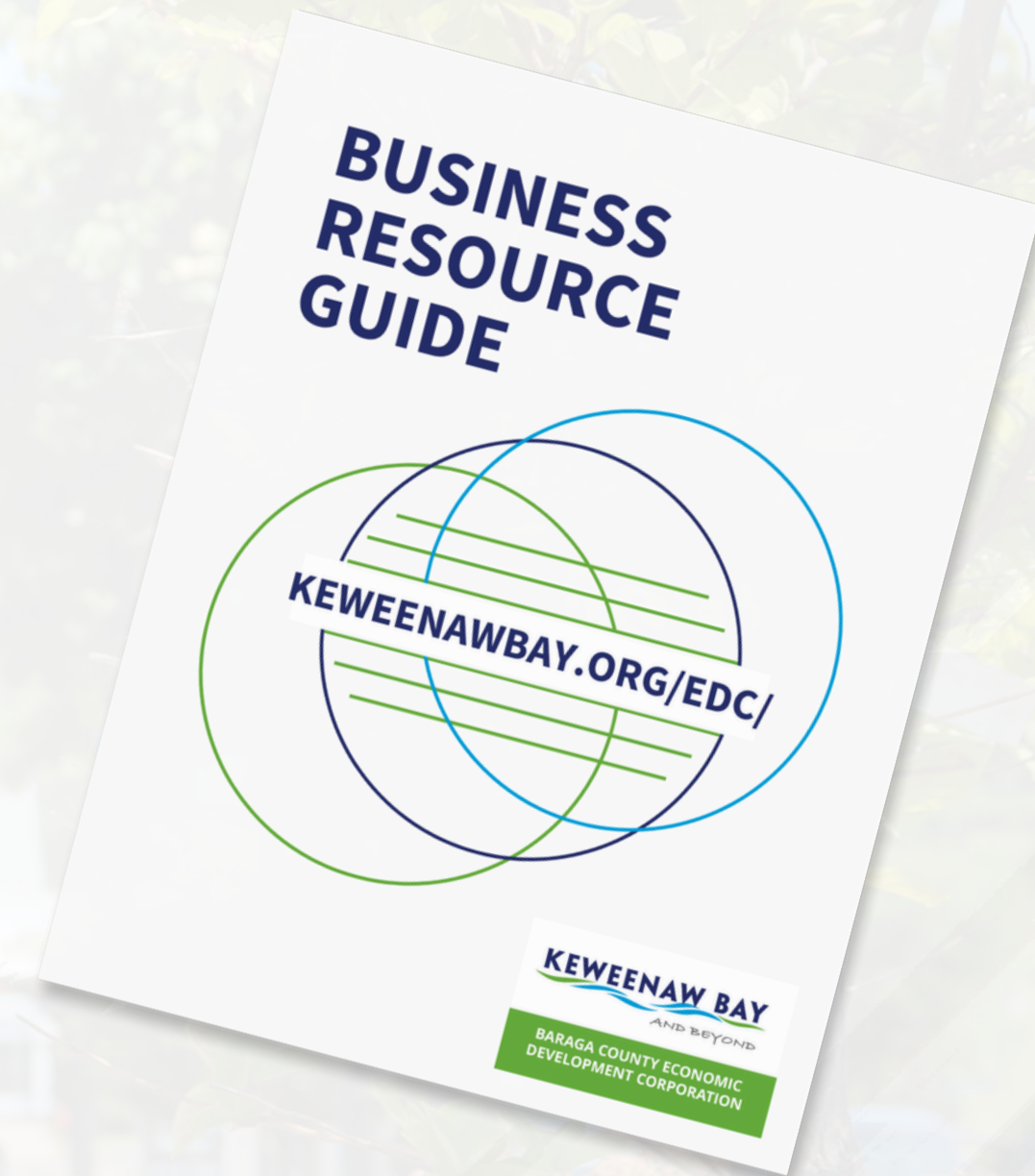


Mindy Meyers
Executive Director
*Dickinson Area Economic
Development Alliance*

SERVICES PROVIDED

The BCED works with all stages and sectors of businesses, from start-up to succession. Services include:

- Business retention & expansion services
- Business planning
- Site location
- Local, state, and federal incentive support
- Legislative network
- Grant writing & research
- Convener/Facilitator
- Economic modeling and industry research
- Economic impact studies
- Workforce development support
- Customized services based on business needs



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Overall Clients	5 Year Total	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Retention Clients	380	86	83	79	67	65
Start Up Clients	29	2	7	7	6	7
Attraction Clients	7	3	1	-	1	2
Jobs Projected	65	19	9	4	15	18
Jobs Impacted	4,318	1,153	625	1,173	744	623

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Multiple workshops completed
- L'Anse Area Community Development Corporation Chair
- Annual Fundraising campaign
- Monthly news articles in 3 publications
- Established BCEDC Project of the Year award
- Reorganization efforts
- Resource Booklet
- Website upgrades
- Developed Small Business Year-End Toolkit
- Baraga County Data Booklet



LOOKING AHEAD

- 501c3 Reorganization
- Small Business Marketing Toolkit
- Task Force Activities
- Workshops/Webinars
- Government Relations
- Business Retention & Expansion

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS & INVESTORS

Acciacca Properties
Baraga County
Baraga County Chamber of Commerce
Baraga County Federal Credit Union
Baraga County Memorial Hospital
CarQuest Auto Parts
Copper Shores Community Health Foundation
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Lake Superior Community Partnership
L'Anse Manufacturing, Inc.

Ojibwa Casino
SEMCO ENERGY Gas Company
Steward Sheridan
Superior National Bank
UPNet - Baraga Telephone
Upper Peninsula Michigan Works!
Village of Baraga
Village of L'Anse

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Investment Pledge

Company Name: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____
Main Contact: _____
E-Mail: _____
Mailing Address: _____ Website: _____
Physical Address: _____ Fax: _____
Telephone: _____ Part-time employees: _____
Number of years in business: _____ Number of Full-time employees: _____

About Your Business

Number of years in business: _____ Number of Full-time employees: _____ Part-time employees: _____

Investment Levels

Commitment Time Period:
 1 Year 2 Years 3 Years
I want to support the Baraga County EDC with my donation in the amount of:
 \$10,000 \$5,000 \$1,000 \$500 \$250 Other \$ _____
Your donation may be tax deductible under our 501c3 fund agreement. Would you like to make a donation under this fund agreement?
 Yes No
Commitment for: _____ Investment Amount: \$ _____
Total Payment: \$ _____ Payment method: Cash Check Credit Card Invoice
Name on Card: _____ 3-digit code: _____ Expiration Date: _____
Account Number: _____ Date: _____
Signature: _____
*Please make checks payable to BCEDC. If making a tax deductible donation please make payments to LSCP Foundation.

Help Us Serve You Better

What do you think are the most important issues for us to focus on in Baraga County?
 Infrastructure Improvements Childcare
 Community Events Work Shops on _____
 Housing New Business Attraction

PO Box 122, L'Anse MI 49946 | www.baragacounty.org/edc | 906.228.6591 ext. 104 | mary@baragacounty.org

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Keep Your Company Informed

Please add key people from your company to our distribution list

1. Name _____ Title _____
Email _____ Phone _____

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Information can be emailed to Mary Myers at
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Questions?

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PROJECT OF THE YEAR

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KBIC L'Anse Housing Infrastructure Project



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- 31+ acre parcel with 20 new residential lots
- \$3.1 million project
- 1 community recreation area
- Improved access to utilities and broadband connectivity
- Reduced housing costs and improved housing availability for Tribal members
- Integration with municipal systems
- Enhanced community infrastructure





ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION OF BARAGA COUNTY

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- 501c3
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PRIZE DRAWINGS
