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### 1st Quarter 2014

Jobs created in Great Falls metro area January 2013 to January 2014: 1,056  
Local number of job openings at Great Falls Job Service: 744  
Number of jobs Moody's predicted Great Falls metro area would lose 2012-2014: 200  
Jobs gained so far: 1,241  
Cascade County population growth 7/1/12-7/1/13: 600  
Primary sector expansions/attraction deals announced during quarter: 4  
Amount of GFDA loan commitments issued during quarter: \$1,250,000  
Investment that will be leveraged by GFDA loans: \$16,650,000  
GFDA delinquent loan rate: 0%  
Number of small businesses coached: 114  
Number of coaching sessions: 147  
Business Start-up Kits given to budding entrepreneurs: 33  
GFDA targeted industry trade show exhibits: 2  
National site selection consultant events networked at during quarter: 4  
Great Falls pitch presentations at national events: 2  
Number of states visited to pitch Great Falls during quarter: 8 plus DC  
States: CA, CO, FL, MO, ND, TX, UT and VA  
Great Falls AgriTech Park lots put under agreement: 1  
Percentage of land in phase 1 of AgriTech Park now sold or under agreement: 46%  
Increase in participation in The Fire Within event celebrating women-owned businesses: 25%  
The Fire Within Inspire award winners who have also won SBA Montana awards: 75%  
Downtown Great Falls' volunteer hours in 2013: 19,383  
Number of new businesses opened in downtown Great Falls in 2013: 14  
New jobs created by these businesses: 185 full-time, 35 part-time  
Estimated number of construction workers that will be on site  
for Calumet Montana Refining expansion: 500  
Annual property taxes paid by Montana Refining before \$400 million expansion: \$1.6 million  
Energy related capital investment made or under construction  
in Great Falls trade area in last 6 years: \$2.3 billion  
Great Falls metro area manufacturing earnings growth 2010-2012: 7%  
Cascade County median home sales price rise 2008-2012: 7.2%  
Number of inches of snow at Showdown Ski Area this season: 291  
Amount of Brownfield cleanup grant GFDA awarded to  
Easter Seals Goodwill for 4400 Central Avenue renovation: \$237,600  
Weekly distribution of GFDA Top 10 at end of quarter: 2,162  
Increase in distribution since beginning of quarter: 639  
Increase since first Top 10 was emailed on 2/11/11 to 177 people: 1,985

University of Great Falls student enrollment growth in last 5 years: 59%  
Number of countries represented in UGF student body: 17  
Number of cities with direct flights to GTF this summer: 7  
River's Edge Trail system total miles: 57.5  
Trail breakdown: 20.8 paved, 29.2 dirt and 7.5 gravel  
Visitors to First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park 2009-2012: 50 states, 46 countries  
Number of deployed nuclear warheads Russia increased from 9/1/13 to 3/1/14: 112  
Number U.S. cut during same period: 103  
Montana self-employment rate: 9.7% (2nd highest in U.S.)  
Montana residents' Achieving the American Dream survey ranking: 5th  
Well being ranking: 1st  
Healthy environment ranking: 2nd  
Home ownership, job environment, freedom of expression, fruits of my labor  
and entrepreneurial spirit rankings: 3rd  
Economic conditions ranking: 5th  
Montana 8th grade math test scores ranking against 47 countries: 4th  
Science test scores: 6th  
Montana state ranking in highest % of high school graduates: 2nd  
8th grade reading scores: 3rd  
Montana University System graduates finding jobs within state in 2012: 78%  
Montana increase in dry edible pea production in 2013: 64%  
Montana ranking for states with lowest obesity rate: 1st  
Montana ranking of most beer friendly states: 1st

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