Number of jobs FCR plans to create in new downtown Great Falls call center: 325+
Estimated private investment in West Bank Landing riverfront development: $65 million
Estimated private investment in new Montana Eggs processing facility: $7 million
Square feet of new FedEx distribution hub in Great Falls AgriTech Park: 58,000
New employees at facility: 20
Number of new units being added to Talus Apartment Homes: 72
Great Falls metro real GDP growth in 2015: 3.7%
Great Falls metro national ranking of Best Small City for Prime Workforce: 4th
Cascade County (GF metro) workers who work within county of residence: 97.6%
Mean commute time: 15.3 minutes
Retail square feet that Hobby Lobby, PetSmart and Ulta will occupy: 77,000
Projected dollars Americans will spend on pets this year: $63 billion
Per capita income growth in Great Falls MSA in 2014 & 2015: 7.3%
Increase in creative sector jobs in GF metro from 2011-2016: 15.3%
National ranking of GF metro as best location for First Responders: 25th
Ranking for law student graduates: 4th
GFDA gap and bridge loan commitments issued during quarter: $4,445,610
Projected private investment to be leveraged by these loans: $68 million
Number of active clients in GFDA pipeline: 129
Percent of clients that are existing businesses: 51%
Entrepreneurial startups: 32%
Business attraction leads/prospects: 17%
Number of agricultural/food processing business cases issued by GFDA during quarter: 4
Percentage of Montana barley production grown in Great Falls region: 73%
Amount grown last year: 30.94 million bushels
Percent of nation’s organic durum wheat produced in Montana: 52%
Number of entrepreneurs and local businesses coached by GFDA during quarter: 70
Number of business training sessions offered during quarter: 6
Number of business participants: 61
New private capital secured by small business clients during quarter: $17,696,938
New contracts won by PTAC clients during quarter: $1,757,806
Number of businesses started or bought by coaching clients: 4
Current SBA 504 loan 20 year fixed interest rate including all fees: 4.62%
Equity required on SBA 504 loan deals: as low as 10%
Heavy industrial rail-served acres available for immediate construction
in Great Falls AgriTech Park: 31.5+
Next decade Alberta oil sands est. capital investment at current energy prices: $40.6 billion
Pounds of dry peas produced in Montana in 2015: 324,573,200  
Percent of national total: 42%  
Pounds of chickpeas produced: 55,837,500  
Pounds of lentils: 40,953,500  
Number of fallow farm acres in Montana each year: 4.6 million  
State economic benefit if just 25% of fallow land planted with pulse crops: $240 million  
Additional annual income for MT farmers who added peas to wheat-fallow: $70/acre  
Opportunities for pulse crop processing and food production in Golden Triangle: Endless  
Houses under construction by Great Falls high school students this year: 38th and 39th  
Number of states smaller than the Golden Triangle (Great Falls trade area): 10  
Comparable size state to Golden Triangle: South Carolina  
Comparable country: Austria  
Estimated economic loss caused by daylight savings time in Great Falls MSA: $155,815  
Estimated national cost: $433,982,548  
Downtown renovation and construction permits issued during quarter: 13  
Value of permits issued during quarter: $371,990  
Downtown Great Falls volunteer hours during quarter: 7,166  
Number of RN’s graduated from Great Falls College MSU’s first class: 25  
Montana ranking for entrepreneurial startups for 4th year in a row: 1st  
Montana rank for fastest growing median income in 2015: 1st  
Montana community college ranking: 5th  
Ranking of Best State for Families to Live a Richer Life: 4th  
Business tax climate: 6th  
Montana ranking for least expensive energy costs: 9th  
For lowest industrial electricity rates: 3rd  
Montana rank for percentage of adults owning guns: 6th  
Percentage: 52.3%  
Number of Americans who did some form of freelance work in 2015: 54 million  
Percentage of U.S. population that will be participating in YouEconomy by 2020: 50%  
Estimated daily cost to every American household due to inefficient infrastructure: $9.30  
Inflationary decrease of Montana gas tax since last adjusted in 1993: 41%  
Annual infrastructure funds raised for every 1¢ increase in Montana gas tax: $8 million  
Estimated number of unmanned aerial vehicles in U.S. by 2020: 7 million  
Commercial UAV’s: 2.7 million  
Number of American deployed nuclear warheads as of September 1st: 1,367  
Number of Russian deployed nuclear warheads: 1,796  
Russian increase in one year: 148  
U.S. decrease in same year: 171  

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