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About TRIDEC

Formed: 1963

- By the publisher of the local newspaper and a local community leader, Sam Volpentest
- Originally named Tri-City Nuclear Industrial Council (TRICNIC)
- Regional approach

Purpose: Maintain Federal Funding, Diversify Economy

- Private not-for-profit organization
- 1994 MOU with DOE established TRIDEC as the community voice and Community Reuse Organization

Members: 300+

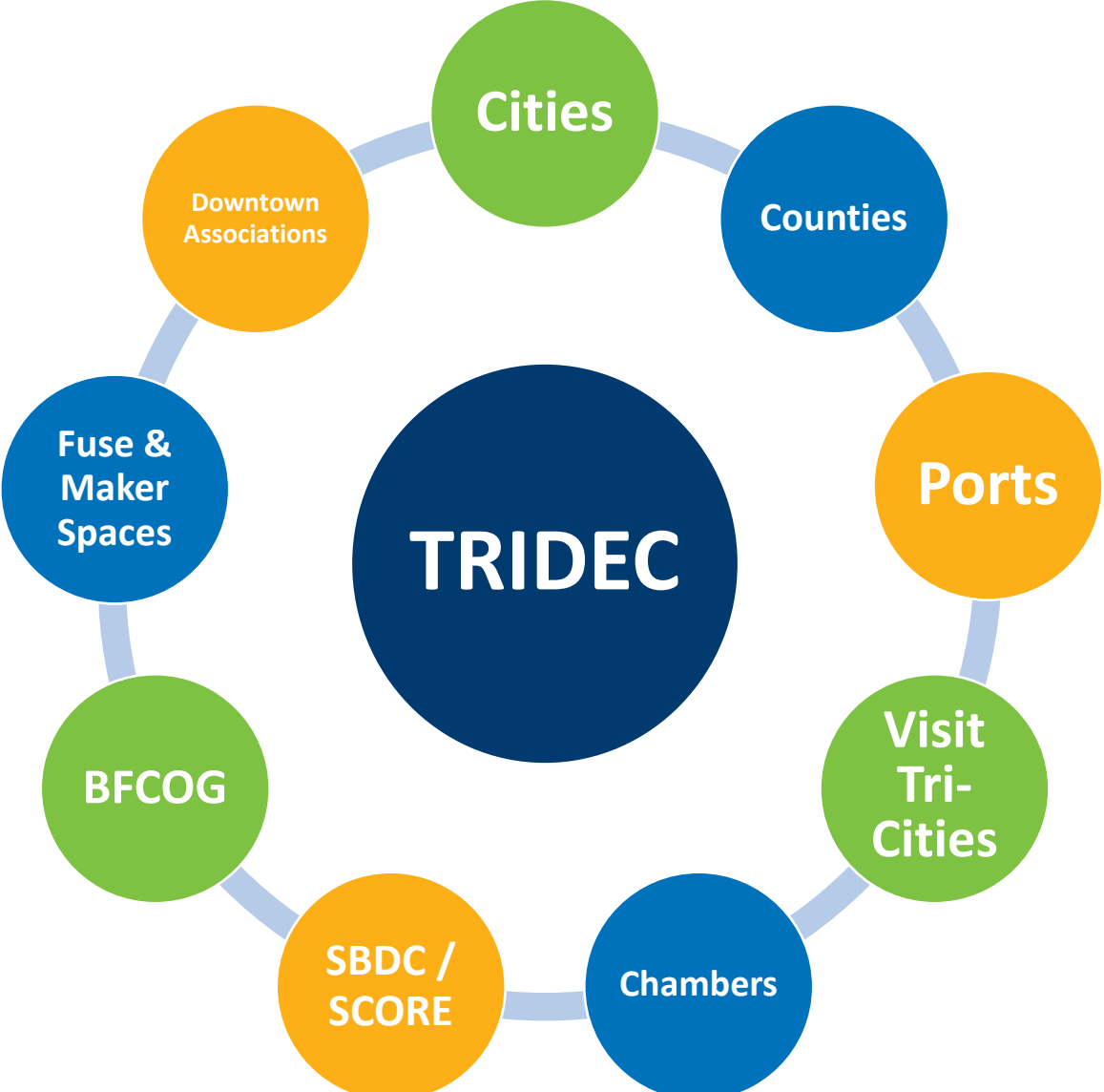
Contracts: 4 Cities, 2 Counties, 3 Port Districts

Advocating Together: TRIDEC Board

Governed by 42-Member Board of Directors

- 3 City Managers & 1 City Mayor
- 3 Port Commissioners, 3 City Councilmembers & 2 County Commissioners
- Department of Energy (DOE) Site Office Managers
- Hanford/PNNL Prime Contractor Presidents
- Major Employers
- Industry Leaders
- Higher Education
- Health Care

Advocating Together: Partnerships



Successes – Team Effort

- Transportation
 - Interstate 82 to the Tri-Cities, Interstate 182 between Pasco and Richland
 - Tri-City Regional Airport expansion, additional destinations
- Science and Technology
 - Fast Flux Test Facility (FFTF)
 - Growth and diversification of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL)
 - Bioproducts, Sciences and Engineering Laboratory (BSEL)
- Hanford
 - Hanford cleanup progress
 - Volpentest Hazardous Materials Management and Emergency Response Federal Training Center (HAMMER)
- Education
 - Washington State University Tri-Cities expansion to 4-year campus
 - Establishment of workforce training programs
- Business & Industrial Growth
 - Columbia Generating Station
 - Significant growth of the food processing industry
 - Framatome (then Areva) expansion
 - AutoZone distribution center
 - Transfer of 1,641 acres of federal (Hanford) land to community
 - Support for business incubator facilities
- Community Enhancement
 - Establishment of the Manhattan Project National Historical Park
 - Hanford House Hotel, Richland

Contractor Engagement

- “Community Commitment Priorities” document
 - 4 cities, 2 counties, 3 ports, 6 business organizations, MPO
- Workforce development
- Support for STEM education
- Small business subcontractors – “meaningful work”
- Technology transfer and commercialization

Government Partnerships

Hanford Workforce Education and Training Initiative: 5-year, \$4.5 million grant (2011-2016)

- Partnership with Columbia Basin College (CBC) and Washington State University Tri-Cities (WSU-TC)
- Development of Nuclear Technology and Project Management programs (CBC)
- Health Physics Certificate (WSU-TC)
- Numerous mentorship, internship and educational outreach programs
- Lasting/evolving benefit to DOE and the community

Tri-Cities Asset Revitalization Company (TARC) – sale of excess property

- Over \$4 million in loans and grants to companies that located or expanded their operations in the Tri-Cities
 - Funds also used to leverage an additional \$775,000 in Washington State incentive funds
- Creation of 1,625 permanent jobs in the Tri-Cities
- Cost saving to DOE/contractors

Government Partnerships

Land Reuse

- City of Richland
- Tri-Cities Research District
- 1100 Area, 3000 Area, Richland Airport
- 1,641 acres – Clean Energy Park



Thank You

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