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Regional and Local Development
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Challenges of Development

- Defining development
- Matching residential, business and political scope of responsibility and interest

Defining Development

- Communities—educators, health officials, business leaders, labor unions, domestic workers, politicians, bureaucrats,,,
- Results—revenues, profits, employment, open space, land use,,,

Matching Interest and Responsibilities

Boundaries
Authority
Location

Why Local?

- Most responsive to mixture of interest and demands
- Through collaboration, traverse political, community and economic boundaries
- Efficient users of fiscal, physical and human resources

Tools of Development

- Intergovernmental Service and Tax Agreements
- Fiscal Incentive Packages
- Inter-institutional Collaboration
- Community Based Strategic Planning

Intergovernmental Agreements –Tax Sharing
Financial Incentives
Traverse City, MI --Tax Holidays
Incubator Program Blackwood-Marion, South Australia
Community Based Strategic Development

Allows for:

- Participation of all interest groups
- Prioritize allocation of resources
- Standards by which to measure change and improvement
- Increased accountability and responsiveness

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Governing Partnership