

Portland Development Commission Distribution & Logistics Cluster Submission

- **Key Cluster Participants:** The distribution and logistics industry is made up of companies engaged in the wholesale trade, transportation, warehousing, and storage of commodities along with the logistics involved in the movement and distribution of goods. Included in this industry are operations involving trucks, trailers, containers, inter-modal transportation, warehousing, air carriers and reloading facilities. Companies include Schnitzer Steel, Hanjin Shipping, CNF, Toyota and Fujimi Corporation. Public sector participants in the cluster include the Port of Portland and City of Portland's Department of Transportation.
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- **Geographic Location:** Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties
- **Structure:** The Portland Development Commission plays a support role to the distribution and logistics by promoting industry initiatives, supplying financial assistance and by participating in business outreach efforts.
- **Mission:** The primary goals of strategy implementation are job retention and expansion, wealth creation and business support. Throughout the next fiscal year, the PDC will work with its partners in helping to foster a positive business climate for the distribution and logistics industry in Portland and throughout the State of Oregon.
- **Background:** The distribution & logistics cluster was identified as a locally concentrated cluster in 2002 as part of a citywide economic development strategy.

Oregon's Overall Business Climate

Areas to Address: Financing, Land Use, Permitting, Rising Real Estate Costs, Roadway & Transportation Infrastructure, Technical Training of Workforce

Top Core OBP Initiative Priorities

Increase Return on Investment in PreK-20 Education, Workforce Development, Make Land Available for Traded Sector Development, Simplify & Streamline Regulations & Permitting

Specific Cluster Priorities

1. Support the Port of Portland's efforts to recruit additional container shipping service to Portland
2. Develop a workforce training initiative with Worksystems, Inc for distribution and logistics jobs, specifically focusing on technology training and IT professional development
3. Support and help implement the Portland Freight Committee's *Strategic Freight Initiative* and develop and support an economic development subcommittee with the Portland Freight Committee