

Good morning Lamar,

*Economic Development Organizations (EDO), Local Communities, and Regions, local communities, municipalities and regions will conduct their own BRE surveys and manage their own program activities.*

Conducting the surveys was what we had discussed potentially having the students or the college do. This would require some bandwidth from them, but aside from time, it would not cost the college any funds.

*Communities requesting a local BRE initiative will each provide a local coordinator and a local task force to help with delivery and implementation of the BRE program.*

This is really the role that we were having trouble landing on for Valdez. There is no lead organization to be a center point for this effort – which there really needs to be. Who connects the dots and moves the effort forward? Who is looking at the trends, successes and barriers and making the effort to connect those to the resources needed to address them? Typically this has been a local EDO, chamber of commerce, or municipality – this is a role that a number of ARDORS have been playing.

Regarding other costs – the division is currently paying for the software. I will continue to support doing that as long as feasible. In the event that the state is no longer able to pay for this – it would cost a community the size of Valdez just under \$1000 to maintain the license to the software. I am not 100% sure what the training costs would be to have the University Center for Economic Development provide the training, but I think that Melissa or Nolan Klouda could provide you an estimate for that.

I hope this is helpful – give me a shout if I can answer any questions.

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