



Common Acronyms used by LSCP

AEDO- Accredited Economic Development Organization

The AEDO Program was created by the International Economic Development Council, based in Washington, D.C. as means of recognizing the professional excellence of economic development entities.

AEDO status signifies a distinguished achievement for an economic development organization.

BRA- Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, sometimes BRFA Brownfield Redevelopment Finance Authority

A brownfield is an abandoned, idled, or underused industrial or commercial facility in which redevelopment is burdened by real or potential environmental contamination. The redevelopment of brownfields can provide many benefits to a community, including an increased tax base, the creation of new jobs, the utilization of existing infrastructure, and the removal of blight.

CDBG- Community Development Block Grant

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs.

CDC- Collaborative Development Council

The Collaborative Development Council (CDC) has 17 members, each representing the 10 regions throughout the state, as well as the Michigan Economic Developer's Association. These 10 regions were developed and defined by local partners in an effort to align state service providers. The goal of this alignment is to streamline services from statewide agencies, reduce duplication of outreach to communities and businesses, and better coordinate information and resource sharing among economic development professionals.

CUPPAD- Central Upper Peninsula Planning Development

CUPPAD serves Alger, Delta, Dickinson, Marquette, Menominee, and Schoolcraft Counties, Cities, Townships, and Villages in providing general planning support in the areas of: grant writing, community surveys, land use planning, recreation planning, economic and community development, transportation, hazard mitigation planning, mapping services, and providing demographics information and more.

DDA- Downtown Development Authority

The Downtown Development Authority (the DDA) was established by City Ordinance in 1976 under the authority of Michigan Public Act 197 of 1975. The DDA Board is comprised of a board of 8 members who are appointed by the Marquette City Commission to serve a four year term and the City Manager. The purpose of the Authority is to "halt property value deterioration and increase property tax valuation...to eliminate the causes of that deterioration, and to promote economic growth."



EDA- Economic Development Administration (Federal Agency)

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) is an agency in the United States Department of Commerce that provides grants to economically distressed communities to generate new employment, help retain existing jobs and stimulate industrial and commercial growth.

EDC- Economic Development Corporation

The Economic Development Corporation of the County of Marquette (EDC) meets monthly to administer a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) and to address economic development issues of importance to the County.

EDO- Economic Development Organization

EMSI- Economic Modeling Specialist, INC.

Economic Modeling Specialists Inc. (EMSI) provides high-quality employment data and economic analysis via web tools and custom reports.

EUPRPDC- Eastern U.P. Regional Planning & Development Commission

Eastern U.P. Regional Planning & Development Commission (EUPRPDC) assists EUP Counties, Townships, and communities with a variety of mapping needs. From developing maps for Master Plans and Recreation Plans to specialty projects like Zoning Districts and Addressing Maps. In addition to map creation, EUPRPDC also maintains a vast library of digital Geographic datasets.

IEDC- International Economic Development Council

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to helping economic developers do their job more effectively and raising the profile of the profession. When we succeed, our members create more high-quality jobs, develop more vibrant communities, and generally improve the quality of life in their regions.

LARA- Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) promotes business growth and job creation in Michigan by streamlining and eliminating unnecessary or burdensome regulations.

LOIS- LocationOne Information System

LOIS is the oldest, largest and most affordable economic development building, site and community database system in the country. With LOIS, community information will be live on the internet in just a few days.



LSCPF- Lake Superior Community Partnership Foundation

Established in 2000, the Lake Superior Community Partnership Foundation (LSCPF) is a 501(c)(3) corporation whose primary mission is to promote and advance economic and workforce development in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. As an outgrowth of the Lake Superior Community Partnership, the Foundation Board is comprised of a diverse group of active community leaders.

LSLA- Lake Superior Leadership Academy

The Lake Superior Leadership Academy brings together potential leaders from the area to address pertinent community needs, strengthen individual leadership abilities and encourage participants to personally commit to assuming new leadership roles in the community.

MARESA- Marquette-Alger Regional Educational Service Agency

Marquette-Alger Regional Educational Service Agency (MARESA), an education all service organization, provides visionary leadership and promotes life-long learning opportunities for all individuals.

MDARD- Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

MDARD's mission is to, "assure the food safety, agricultural, environmental, and economic interests of the people of the State of Michigan are met through service, partnership, and collaboration."

MDOT- Michigan Department of Transportation

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is a constitutional government agency in the US state of Michigan. The primary purpose of MDOT is to maintain the Michigan State Trunkline Highway System which includes all Interstate, US and state highways in Michigan with the exception of the Mackinac Bridge. Other responsibilities that fall under MDOT's mandate include airports, shipping and rail in Michigan.

MEDA-Michigan Economic Developers Association

MEDA exists to advance economic development in Michigan by providing a range of services and programs to enhance economic development skills. By offering programs, education classes, public relations, and networking opportunities, MEDA makes it possible for economic development professionals statewide to be up to date/educated on the most successful economic development practices.

MEDC- Michigan Economic Development Corporation

The Economic Development Corporation of the County of Marquette (EDC) meets monthly to administer a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) and to address economic development issues of importance to the County. The EDC has a nine-member, volunteer Board of Directors appointed by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners and is staffed by employees of the Lake Superior Community Partnership.



MEDF- Michigan Economic Development Foundation

MEDF is in the business of making things happen for small business. MEDF helps originate, close and service SBA 504 Loans.

MEGA- Michigan Economic Growth Authority

The MEGA Board was created by P.A. 24 of 1995 and has the broad authority to promote economic growth and job creation and to redevelop brownfield sites in Michigan.

MIRS- Michigan Information and Research Service

MIRS provides comprehensive news and analysis of state government delivered in written reports detailing the activities of the House, Senate, Judicial and Executive branches of Michigan state government. The reports include a written component (Capitol Capsule), and action reports which list the bills dealt with during each legislative session day in each chamber of the Legislature.

MI-SBTDC- Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center

The Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center (SBTDC) has four teams of consultants to provide services to Michigan's existing, second stage, technology-based and start-up companies. The SBTDC provides a full range of services to second stage companies that includes not only strategic needs assessment (SNA) and market analysis but also ongoing strategy development, financial analysis and access to capital.

MMTC- Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center

Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center (MMTC) helps develop more effective business leaders, promote company-wide operational excellence and foster creative strategies for business growth and greater profitability.

MSHDA- Michigan State and Housing Development Authority

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority provides financial and technical assistance through public and private partnerships to create and preserve safe and decent affordable housing.

NMRCA- Northern Michigan Regional Chamber Alliance

The partnership of the Northern Michigan Regional Chamber Alliance was established based on the premise that many legislative issues impact Michigan's northern Lower Peninsula in similar ways. These issues should be addressed regionally to maximize the political influence of this 11-county chamber alliance and it's over 5,500 members.



OAUP- Operation Action Upper Peninsula

Operation Action U.P. is unique—it is the only private-sector economic development organization in the state, which embraces all types of industries and serves a 15 county area.

Operation Action U.P. brings together interested industrial corporations, financial institutions, utilities, institutions of higher learning, businesses and concerned citizens in a coalition that will work to create a favorable economic climate and a strong employment base for Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

PTAC- Procurement Technical Assistance Center

Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTACs) and regional Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) procurement offices are your first step in getting government contracts.

RLF- Revolving Loan Fund

A revolving loan fund is a source of money from which loans are made for multiple small business development projects.

RPS- Renewable Portfolio Standards

A Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) is a regulation that requires the increased production of energy from renewable energy sources, such as wind, solar, biomass, and geothermal.

TIF- Tax Increment Finance

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) is a public financing method that is used for subsidizing redevelopment, infrastructure, and other community-improvement projects in many countries, including the United States.

UPCC- Upper Peninsula Construction Council

The UPCC is a private, nonprofit corporation established to facilitate communication and foster teamwork between contractors and unions.

UPCDC- Upper Peninsula Collaborative Development Council

The UPCDC is made up of local economic developers, as recognized by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), from the 15 counties across Upper Michigan which make up Region 1 of the MEDC's Collaborative Development Council.

UPEDA- Upper Peninsula Economic Development Alliance

The Upper Peninsula Economic Development Alliance (UPEDA) is a non-profit 501(c) 3 economic development organization, incorporated in 1999. The membership consists of private companies, utilities and local and regional economic development agencies throughout the Upper Peninsula. UPEDA provides a forum for its members to connect, to accomplish economic development activities in their region.



WUPPDR- Western Upper Peninsula Planning & Development Region

Western Upper Peninsula Planning & Development Region (WUPPDR) office has been providing general planning support to the western six counties of Michigan's Upper Peninsula through its many programs, projects and services and serves as a regional clearinghouse for federal and state funded programs.

YP- Young Professionals

40 Below: Marquette County Young Professionals was created by the Lake Superior Community Partnership and is a professional development organization designed to engage and introduce young professionals to the County's business community and help them expand their networking opportunities.