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FRANCES SAKAGUCHI is the Economic Development Integrator for the US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA), Seattle Regional Office. EDA is the only federal government agency whose mission is exclusively focused on economic development through various grant assisted programs.

As the EDI, Frances expands and enhances EDA's capacity to create jobs and build economic capacity through building partnerships, coordination and collaboration with various federal partners, their programs as well as look at other opportunities for community and regional economic growth.

The interagency collaboration assists the public and community stakeholders to identify and leverage federal resources and tools, best suited to address local needs and achieve regional economic prosperity. Frances's EDI works also includes outreach and referrals, disaster program coordination efforts, cross agency priorities and regional plan alignments.

Her region covers eight states including WA, OR, CA, ID, NV, AZ, AK, HI and the US Pacific Islands. Prior to EDA, Frances has worked for multiple federal agencies working in diverse sectors from land resource managing, biological and environmental work, recreation planning, and overseeing various federal funding programs. She has also worked in the non-profit and private sector focused on cultural landscapes and nontraditional users of natural resources. Prior to her current position, Frances lead the University Center Program, as well as the Planning Partnership and Local Technical Assistance program for EDA's Seattle Region.