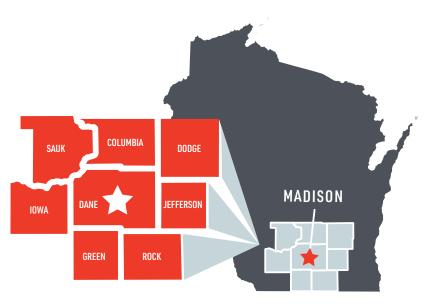
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The Madison Region Economic Partnership (MadREP) is the economic development agency for the eight-county Madison Region.

In 2012, MadREP developed and undertook a five-year comprehensive economic development strategy called "Advance Now" to grow and sell the region. At the close of those five years, the Region exceeded growth targets across the board and an even more ambitious follow-up strategy was required and Advance Now 2.0 was developed to guide the Madison Region into the future. It is a plan that challenges us to compete at a higher level. Having recently topped Brookings Institution's list of innovation hotspots, the stakes will only get higher.

This moment in our region's history calls on us to invest in our future and blaze a trail for the next generation.



OUR MISSION

Through a comprehensive regional approach, the strategic pursuit of job creation and business growth in target clusters, and the development of a coordinated talent pipeline, the Madison Region Economic Partnership will lead the development of a dynamic economy where people and business thrive.

ADVANCE NOW 2.0 STRATEGY UPDATE

| GROWTH CAPACITY & COORDINATION Work Together to Accommodate Future Growth | AWARENESS & DIFFERENTIATION Become Known as a Competitive Location for Business & Talent | OPPORTUNITY, ACCESS & EQUITY Ensure All Residents Have Equal Opportunities for Success | BUSINESS EXPANSION & ENTERPRISE CREATION Foster Economic Growth Through Targeted Support of Existing Employers & Innovators |
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| Collaborated on 35 applications for federal CARES and ARPA funding with regional partners. Delivered nearly \$2.4 million in Main Street Bounceback Grants to 238 regional businesses. Continued to promote the early career development of high school students in high demand/high earning potential occupations via the Regional Career Pathways and Inspire Madison Region initiatives. | Managed 25 site searches and requests for information. Hosted or participated in eight site selection and FDI engagement activities including the 2021 WEDC Ryder Cup event. Launched a new, streamlined MadREP website, increasing web traffic. Multi-channel promotion of the Madison Region to site selector audience. Collaborated with Livability Media on their announcement and promotion of Madison, WI as their 2021 #1 best place to live. | Launched and promoted crowd- sourced broadband speed test tool to map regional internet access more accurately. President Fields completed 76 speaking engagements on economic equity. Continued eight-year partnership with the Urban League of Greater Madison to present Wisconsin's only Economic Development & Diversity Summit. Conducted 6th annual Workplace Diversity & Inclusion Survey, revealing incremental improvements in Madison Region business' DEI | Launched rural revolving loan fund to serve rural entrepreneurs. Provided business technical assistance to 22 start-up businesess this year, including Forage Kitchen, Landmark Creamery, eGenesis, Lost Boys, Acme Nerd Games, the Dane County Sustainability Campus and the Stoughton Innovation Center. Five Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation fabrication laboratory program awards to Madison Region school districts. |

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MADISON REGION **ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP**

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