The Portland Development Commission’s leadership in economic development resulted in City Council’s adoption of Portland’s first Economic Development Strategy in more than 15 years in June 2009. Guided by that strategy, the agency focuses on explicit investments in the fundamentals of economic development: business expansion and retention, workforce training, innovation, catalytic projects and an ecosystem that nurtures entrepreneurs and small businesses. Progress depends on developing predictable funding for economic development and advancing regional competitiveness through a variety of partnerships.

In the sustainable economy to which Portland aspires, people live and do business in ways that are good for the economy, the environment, and for communities. Businesses are more efficient, innovative and competitive internationally. The local talent pool is deeper. And social and environmental vitality creates healthy communities and opportunities for residents to prosper.

This map shows the Average Annual Employment Change between 2009 and 2015. The data was derived from the Oregon Employment Department’s Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages for the respective years.