

# Expanded reach, enhanced capabilities

BUSINESS RECRUITMENT PRODUCT
BUSINESS PARKS AND SHELL BUILDINGS
GETTING THE JOB DONE
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### BUSINESS PARKS LAND CONTROL/ACQUISITION

- Why public sector control versus private sector control.
  - Better ability to design to facilitate business recruitment
  - Better control over pricing
  - Better ability to deal with prospects
  - Better incentive capabilities
- Which public sector entity?
  - Local government
  - Non-profit economic development corporation
  - For profit economic development corporation



## BUSINESS PARKS LAND CONTROL/ACQUISITION

- Ways to acquire/control property
  - Cash purchase
  - Option
  - Installment sales
  - Equity participation



### BUSINESS PARKS LAND CONTROL/ACQUISITION

- Sources of funding for acquisition
  - Cash balances
  - Installment financing G.S. §160A-20
  - General obligation bonds G.S. §159-48
  - Public private partnership/equity participation
  - Grant sources
  - Multi-jurisdictional industrial parks



### BUSINESS PARKS LAND CONTROL/ACQUISITION

- Shovel ready (not necessarily certified) site is critical
- Limit internal development of business park
  - Saves money
  - Not advisable footprints of projects is unknown
- Grant funds are proliferating
- Direct legislative appropriations
- Put first project(s) in back of site to leverage job driven grants
- Private investors
- Retain any profits from sales to roll into future product development



#### SHELL BUILDINGS DEVELOPMENT/OWNERSHIP OF BUILDINGS

- Public sector entity same as business park control/acquisition
- But even more important for shell buildings
  - Sell below fair market values
  - Lease below fair market value
  - Maintain equity interest/ownership and realize gain from rental income



#### SHELL BUILDINGS FUNDING SOURCES

- Same as for business parks, in general
- USDA REDLG ("Red Leg") loans and cooperative revolving loans
  - Great source of funding (0% interest, defer payment for up to 2 years)
  - Under-utilized
  - Electric co-ops are conduit and they serve almost all counties in the state
- Strongly consider maintaining ownership, if possible, and use rental revenues to build a war chest for future projects



#### SHELL BUILDINGS PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WITH PRIVATE DEVELOPER

- Number of private developers interested in this
- Typical structure
  - Land into deal from local government or EDO at no cost up front
  - Developer builds building
  - Local government or EDO covers debt service and all costs for an initial period of years (negotiable)
  - Then developer takes over debt service and costs
  - Negotiate better deals than you may be offered.



#### SHELL BUILDINGS GET HELP

- Wide variety of ways to structure these projects
- Get assistance from someone with experience







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