

SOUTH DAKOTA

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



We're excited to share a new chapter in how we serve South Dakota's communities and businesses.

To provide more personalized, region-focused support, we've combined our Partner Relations and Business Development teams into one unified **Development Team**. This team is now organized by region— ***West, Northeast, and Southeast***—with dedicated representatives assigned to each area.

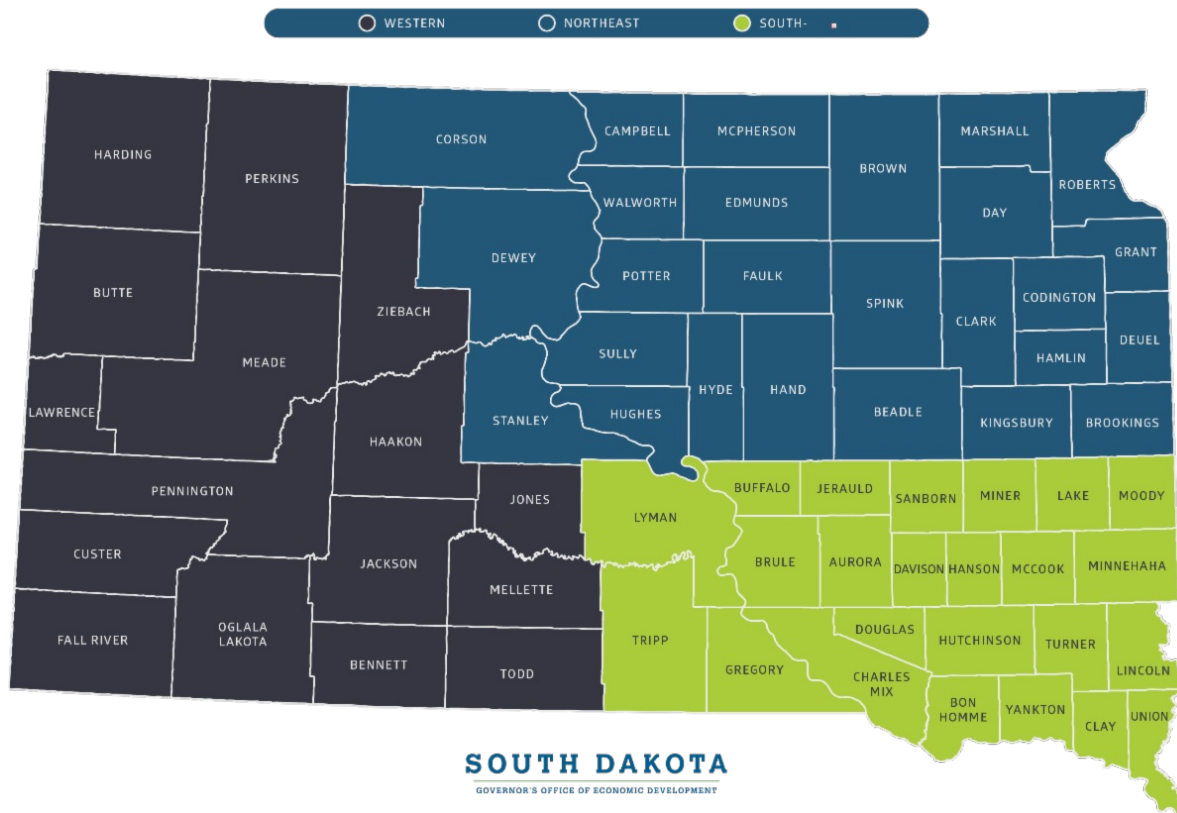
Each region will also have a finance team member working alongside the development reps to provide coordinated, streamlined assistance for your projects and priorities.

This new structure is all about *building stronger relationships, increasing accessibility, and making it even easier for you to get the support you need*—when and where you need it. Whether you're working on a new business project, exploring funding options, or just need guidance, your regional development rep is here to help or connect you with the right resource.

Below, you'll find a map of the regions and contact info for your development team. You can expect to hear from your local reps soon—they're looking forward to connecting and learning how they can best support you.

Thank you for your continued partnership. We're looking forward to working with you in this new structure!

South Dakota BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MAP



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Speaking of the **Development Team**, we've added a couple of new faces we'd love for you to meet. Read a little about them below!

BILL WENDLING

Northeast Region Development Rep

Originally from Cleveland, Ohio, Bill attended

The Ohio State University, where he studied Public Management, Leadership & Policy, and Philosophy. He brings over three years of state government experience in South Dakota, most recently serving as the state's Digital Opportunity Coordinator focused on broadband access and digital equity at DLR.

"I'm passionate about helping communities grow and access new opportunities across the state."
-Bill Wendling



SHELDON JENSEN

Southeastern Region Development Rep

Sheldon grew up in Owatonna, Minnesota, and studied Political Science and Economics at Augustana University. He brings over four years of economic development experience, most recently serving the City of Dell Rapids and Sioux Metro Growth Alliance.

"I'm excited to connect with more businesses and communities throughout South Dakota."

-Sheldon Jensen

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