

REGIONAL SUPPORTERS



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Co-Chair Senator Janeen Sollman
Co-Chair Representative Janelle Bynum
Joint Legislative Committee on Semiconductors

Co-Chairs Sollman and Bynum:

On behalf of a coalition of cities, counties, and educational institutions across Central Oregon, please accept this letter of interest in resources from the CHIPs Act.

This region of nearly 250,000 people is also fortunate to have the leadership and innovative minds at Central Oregon Community College and OSU-Cascades that serve as the backbone for higher education and workforce training.

Redmond is just one city among a well-coordinated array of local government partners that provide Central Oregon with the reputation of being able to turn opportunities into action and results.

Beginning in 2015, the region, the Department of State Lands (DSL), the City of Redmond, the Governor's Regional Solutions team, among others were asked by state officials to consider whether setting aside a large site for technology industry expansion would be possible. Over the last eight years, we have worked closely with those groups to incorporate nearly 900 acres into the city boundaries and invested nearly \$20,000,000 to provide sewer access adjacent to the property on Redmond's eastside.

A prime 200-acre site (surrounded by multiple 50-acre sites), owned by the DSL, is available.

The site is immediately adjacent to an airport with direct connections to LAX, PHX, SFO, SEA, DEN, SLC and others. It is also less than one mile from a major interstate thoroughfare and freight route (Hwy 97), close to OSU's newest higher education campus, and just miles from existing Facebook, Apple, and other industrially developed sites.

A workforce of 120,000 is within 20 miles of each direction. This distance is a typical and quick commute compared to anywhere in the Portland metropolitan area.

There is great ability to grow the semiconductor industry across the cities of Bend, Redmond, Sisters, La Pine, Madras and Prineville and the counties of Deschutes, Jefferson, and Crook. In addition, Redmond owns 40-acres three miles north of the site and is developing a new 450-unit housing development. This initiative is moving advancing the legislatively approved HB4079 (2019 Session) that will help provide housing for workers and their families. Half of the units will be in the workforce housing income range.

This comprehensive set of stakeholders is committed to responding to the semiconductor industry opportunity.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed Fitch', with a stylized, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Ed Fitch
Mayor
Redmond, Oregon