# **Business Incentive Fund (BIF) Update**& Business Attraction Project Introduction

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- Created in 2005 to strengthen and diversify the local economy and increase our global marketplace through incentive support of catalytic business development projects
- Considered for support are business attraction as well as business retention & expansion projects that:
  - Create and/or retain a significant number of jobs in key, targeted industries (job opportunities)
  - Deliver a catalytic impact in emerging sectors, thus supporting Denver's brand as a leading community for innovation and entrepreneurship (next generation economy)
  - Make significant capital investments resulting in tax base expansion
  - Result in corporate and regional headquarters locating in Denver, generating a significant economic and business impact in other job creation and related investment through their support industries
- Direct financial incentives are tied to job creation/retention, capital investment, and/or establishment of a new or expanded Denver corporate presence; recipients enter into a multi-year contract, with payments occurring based on documented performance
- Funds provided to OED through annual or supplemental budget expenditure through the Mayor's budget, and approved by City Council
- Currently, annual allocation totals \$1.2M, of which \$200K are reserved for retail projects; over the past five years,
   supplemental funding has been sought for three very significant catalytic projects















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12,218

jobs created/ retained

\$1:\$21

OED to private investment

35

companies

\$555M

capital investment

**HQs** attracted







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## 2012

Company	Industry	Project Type
Colorado Premium Foods	Food Processing / Wholesale Trade	Retention and Expansion
Raymond James & Associates	Finance and Insurance	Attraction (Data Center)
Southwest Airlines	Aviation	Expansion (Pilot Center)
Sysco Denver	Food Service Distribution	Retention
Zachry Engineering Corp	Professional Services	Retention

**Job creation: 630** 

**Job retention: 686** 

Capital

Investment: \$49M

**BIF investment:** 

\$394K

## 2013

Company	Industry	Project Type
Johns Manville	Manufacturing	HQ Retention
Kinross Gold USA	Mining	Attraction
KPMG	Professional Services	Retention
Sympoz / Craftsy	Information Technology	Expansion
The Kroger Co.	Manufacturing	Attraction (State-of-the-Art Mfg plant)
Ziegenfelder Co.	Manufacturing	Attraction

Job creation: 506
Job retention: 871
Capital Investment:
\$173M
BIF investment:
\$1.04 M

## 2014

Company	Industry	Project Type	
Birdon America / NAMJet	Manufacturing	Attraction	
Comcast Cable Communication	Information Technology	Attraction	
Coyote Logistics	Transportation/ IT	Attraction	
Federal Express	Transportation / Distribution	Retention/Expansion	
Ibotta	Professional Services	Expansion	
Panasonic Enterprise Solutions Co*	Technology	HQ attraction	
PENSCO Services	Professional Services	Retention	
Signpost	Information Technology	Expansion	
Vantiv	Finance and Insurance	Expansion	
World Remit	Finance/ IT	HQ Attraction	

Job creation: 1,312 Job retention: 698 Capital Investment: \$61.5M

BIF investment: \$2.06 (\*including one supplemental)

## 2015

Company	Industry	Project Type
Costco*	Retail	Attraction
DaVita Inc	Healthcare	Expansion
KPMG Ignite	Professional Services	Attraction
Optiv	Information Technology	HQ attraction
SunRun	Energy	Attraction
Transamerica	Finance and Insurance	Expansion
United Airlines*	Aviation	Retention and Expansion

Job creation: 2,476 Job retention: 1,050 Capital Investment:

\$232.6M

BIF investment: \$7.2M

(\* including two supplementals)

## 2016

Company	Industry	Project Type
2U Inc.	Information Technology	Expansion
BP Lower 48	Energy	HQ Attraction
evo	Retail/ Active Lifestyle	Attraction
BOARDLife	Craft Manufacturing/Retail	Expansion
Mac Acquisition (Macaroni Grill)	Hospitality	HQ Attraction
TIAA	Professional Services	Expansion
"Project Cresta"	Information Technology	Attraction Jo

Job creation: 2,278
Job retention: 1,711
Capital Investment:
\$39M
BIF investment:
\$990K

- Goal is to sustain the 16<sup>th</sup> St Mall as a great experience and marketplace for Denver residents, downtown workers, and visitors – from the region, US and internationally
  - Continue to invest in improving the retail, dining, and cultural mix to ensure
     Denver's downtown is an attractive, fun, social and cultural place
  - Leverage Denver's and the private sector investments in the 16<sup>th</sup> Street mall, parks, amenities, safety and other public improvements
  - Attract and retain leading businesses, new residential and commercial developments, and hospitality and meeting venues
- Business development successes attracting and retaining leading businesses, including DaVita, Gusto, Optiv, and Johns Manville
- A vibrant shopping and dining experience targets for downtown include leading apparel (H&M and Uniqlo), restaurants, and locally focused retailers (Cook's Market)
- TARGET, a leading mass-merchandiser, has been a focus of our attraction efforts – as identified in our 2013 Denver Retail Study



- Sixteen Cal LLC is working to finalize a lease for a potential urban TARGET for the corner of 16<sup>th</sup> and California.
  - Estimated project gap is \$4M+, due to required tenant improvements and rent provision
  - Base building space improvements are required to meet "vanilla" expectations:

New Elevator \$200K	Floor openings \$200K	Freight Elevator \$200K
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HVAC upgrade \$240K	Fire/Safety \$250K	Upgrade Escalators \$10	0-350K
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Signage/Exterior \$225 Demo/Floor \$175K Contingency \$200K

- Owners would forego property redevelopment opportunity for up to 20 yrs
- Discussions are favorably progressing for a potential TARGET. The store would be a catalytic tenant in both this rehabbed building and in this central 16<sup>th</sup> Street mall block
- Store would be located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors, in 28,130/sqft, with a 16<sup>th</sup> Street mall entrance at ground floor
- Store product mix would vary to other stores, with a focus on urban households and downtown workers

(Note: The two existing Denver TARGETs are much larger: Northfield is 180,000 sqft, Hampden is 134,500 sqft)

#### **Area Factors** – easy walking distance

Population: 20,000 residents (25-44 years old just below 50%)

Housing Units: 14,000 (Avg Hhold 1.4, 96% Multifamily)

Avg Hhold Income: \$100,800

Employment: 125,000 (65% are higher wage positions)

Downtown Visitors: 10M +/- (Conventions, business visitors and tourists)

Auraria Students: 25,000

#### **Store Metrics**

Estimated Sales (Target Urban Store) \$400-450/sqft

• Gross \$11-\$14MM

Employment 50-60 FTE employees

Annual Wage/Salaries \$14.50+/hr (avg 25hr workweek)

Store Construction Value

Landlord Improvements

Tenant FFE

\$2M+

\$500-\$700K

#### **Fiscal Benefits**

Sales/Use Tax Annual \$370-460K

20 Year Sales Tax \$8.2-13.7M

Other Taxes (OPT, BPPT) \$260K

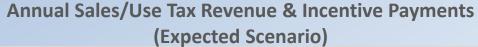
#### **Recommended Business Incentive**

#### ✓ Total Incentive of \$4M over a period of 20 years

- Maximum incentive will be the lower of either 50% of Denver Sales/Use Tax collected for the tenant space or \$4M during the performance period
- \$2M Advance Incentive payment will be due after store opening (to offset tenant required building improvements)
- \$2M in Quarterly Incentive payments until \$4M of total Denver Sales/Use Tax is collect from the tenant space, based on a 50% rebate share
- As the next \$4M in total Denver Sales/Use Tax is collected, the 50% rebate portion will paid down the outstanding portion of the \$2M Advance Incentive payment
- Thus the first \$8M of Denver Sales/Use tax payment will be used as the performance standard for this contract (creating a 50/50 split), after which no additional incentive will be paid

#### ✓ The Advance Payment will be secured by a Deed of Trust and will be repaid in full.

- Repayment through retained earned incentive (after first \$4M in S/U tax is collect), until all \$2M is credited <u>and</u> any remaining uncredited portion of the Advance Payment will be due and payable at the conclusion of the performance period
- The Lien (DoT) will be subordinate only to independent/3<sup>rd</sup> party debt
- Maximum Debt Loan to Value Ratio set at 80%
- Equity coverage ratio 1:1.5







## DISCUSSION



