

Application for Membership in the Future Forward Economic Alliance

Membership Benefits

- Work together with leaders and thinkers from 12 Western North Carolina counties in order to create a sustainable economy for the future
 - Advocate for public involvement in key education, transportation, business development and environment issues
 - Provide tools to help improve local job and employment prospects, such as
 - Access to a JobLink, a powerful job search engine linking job openings in both the private and public sectors
 - Futures for Kids, a career exploration program for non-university bound high school students
 - NC Department of Commerce certification of 8-12 sites to promote local economic development
 - A feasibility study that explores options for developing two large regional economic development projects (mega-sites)
 - Improve the quality of development on the region's most visible transportation corridors, based on successful, real-world examples from the region
 - Developing leadership committed to regional collaboration at all levels in order to strengthen your community's economy and attract more federal and state investment
 - Provide a forum for discussing issues of shared concern, as well as exploring possible solutions with many of the region's key decision-makers and experts
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_____ Yes, we want to join the Future Forward Economic Alliance and would like to receive an invoice.

_____ We would like to speak with someone to discuss membership.

_____ We would like someone to speak to our governing board about membership. When?

_____ We are not interested at this time but keep us informed of the Alliance's progress.

Name and Title: _____

Local Government/Institution/Agency: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone No: _____ Email address: _____

Please return to Future Forward Economic Alliance, c/o WPCOG, PO Box 9026, Hickory NC 28603. For more information call Dana Lingerfelt at 828-485-4221 or visit www.future-forward.net. The Future Forward Economic Alliance is administered through a contract with the Western Piedmont Council of Governments. Eligible members include organizations and entities in 12 western NC counties: Alexander, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Iredell, Lincoln, McDowell, Mitchell, Rutherford, Watauga and Wilkes.