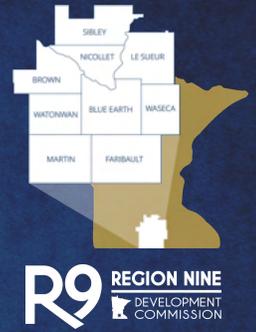


LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CEDS



A REGIONAL PLAN FOR SOUTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA'S FUTURE

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is South Central Minnesota's five-year plan for jobs, businesses, housing, childcare, broadband, infrastructure, economic growth and overall quality of life.

Led by the Region Nine Development Commission (RNDC), this effort brings together voices from across the nine counties.

The CEDS acts as a shared roadmap for the region.

WHAT IS THE CEDS?

The CEDS is a locally driven plan that helps guide economic growth and long-term stability in our region.

Supported by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA), the CEDS:

- Serves as a roadmap for future growth
- Identifies challenges and opportunities across the region
- Positions Southern Minnesota to compete for state and federal funding
- Brings together residents, businesses, schools, local governments, and partners

Why Is It Important?

A strong CEDS helps South Central Minnesota:

- Attract funding for local projects
- Support businesses and workers
- Strengthening small towns and rural communities
- Prepare for economic changes and unexpected shocks
- Create and grow quality jobs

What Does the CEDS Include?

The CEDS answers four key questions:

- Where is the region now?
- What are the region's strengths and challenges?
- Communities vision for the future of the region?
- How will the region get there?



WHY YOUR VOICE MATTERS

This plan is shaped by the people who live and work here. We want to hear from:

- Community members and young professionals
- Small business owners, manufacturers, farmers, and producers
- Healthcare and education leaders
- Workforce & training providers
- Nonprofits and faith communities
- Local elected officials
- Students

Your perspective helps ensure the plan reflects real needs and real opportunities across South Central Minnesota.



HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

- Complete a short survey
- Join a focus group or strategy meeting
- Partner with us and co-host a roundtable in your town
- Share this with neighbors, colleagues, boards, and councils
- Learn more at www.rndc.org/ceds/

WHAT WE'RE FOCUSING ON NOW: PEOPLE & TALENT (HUMAN CAPITAL)

It is the people who drive the region's economy. If you live, work, or attend school in South Central Minnesota, use the links or QR codes below to share your thoughts.

Educators & School Staff: surveymonkeys.com/r/mneducation2026 – English
surveymonkeys.com/r/educadores2026 – Spanish

Students: surveymonkeys.com/r/mnstudent2026 – English
es.surveymonkeys.com/r/estudiantes2026 – Spanish

Workers & Residents: surveymonkeys.com/r/humancapital2026 – English
es.surveymonkeys.com/r/trabajores2026 – Spanish

Questions or ideas?

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SCAN A QR CODE BELOW TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

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