The Wyden, Smith, Kulongoski Seven-Point Economic Plan

First Steps: State-Federal Agreement to Restore Oregon's Economy

1. Within the next two months, we will form a joint task force to identify and evaluate federal research appropriation and grant opportunities to review their relative potential for job creation and business spin-off. The task force will include representatives designated by each Senator and the Governor-elect.

2. We will seek a new Federal-State partnership on natural resources that allows for Oregon-driven solutions to critical Federal resource issues.

3. We will make the creation of an Oregon-trained, world class engineering workforce a top Federal funding priority.

4. Within two months, we will create a business recruitment strike force to better coordinate recruitment strategies and maximize Oregon's political assets. The strike force will include representatives of the Governor-elect's office, congressional offices, and OECDD.

5. Our offices will meet regularly to discuss trade promotion opportunities and coordinate our efforts to create new markets for Oregon products.

6. Within two months, we will form a joint education funding team to begin immediately identifying untapped Federal education grant opportunities. The funding team will consist of representatives from the Governor-elect's office, the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and congressional offices.

7. We will work to obtain federal funding to assist the Oregon Self Employment Assistance Program, the Oregon Microenterprise Network, job training efforts, and other programs that help the unemployed get back on their feet.

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden

U.S. Senator Gordon Smith

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