



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACCESS PROGRAM

Botetourt County – Botetourt Center at Greenfield

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### **Economic Development Access (EDA) Program**

- Provides funding to construct new roads or upgrade existing roads that serve new or expanding economic development sites
- Localities submit applications for EDA Funding to VDOT and the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) approves project allocations
- Projects can be Traditional projects (named business) or Bonded projects (speculative with no commitment)
  - Traditional projects: Known business and sufficient capital investment is documented prior to expenditure of Program funds
  - Bonded projects: Funds are made available with provision of appropriate surety by the locality



#### **Bonded Economic Development Access Projects**

- The EDA Program provides allocations to localities, where no establishment is under firm contract to build or when the identity of the qualifying establishment is held confidential
- The locality must guarantee to the CTB that a bond or other acceptable surety will be provided to cover the anticipated cost of the project
- The time limit for bonded projects is five years from the date the CTB approves, by resolution, the project and funding allocation
- The maximum allocation for a Bonded EDA Project is:
  - \$700,000 State Funds (Unmatched)
  - \$150,000 State Funds (Matched)
  - \$150,000 Local Funds (Required Local Match)



## **Project Location: Botetourt County, Virginia**



VGIN, Esri, TomTom, Garmin, SafeGraph, FAO, METI/NASA, USGS, EPA, NPS, USFWS

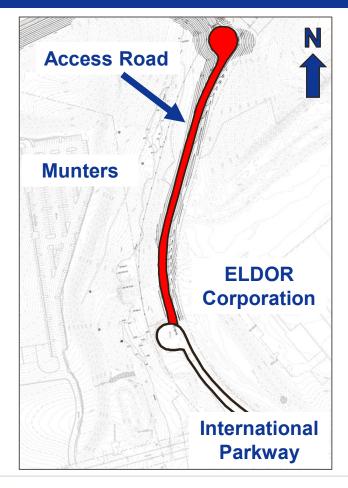


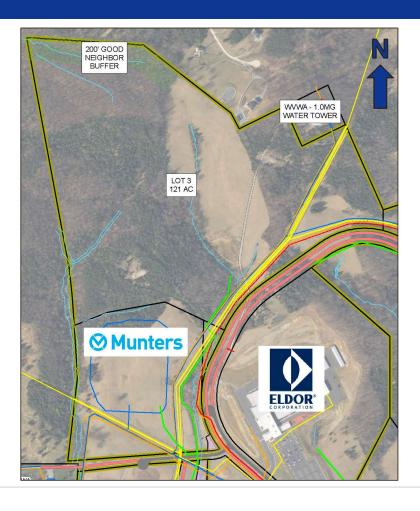
#### New Economic Development Access Project Request

- The proposed access road will extend International Parkway to serve a 121-acre lot in Botetourt Center at Greenfield
- Project details:
  - Project ECON-011-867
  - Construction of a 0.21 mile long, 24-foot wide access road
  - One travel lane each way with shoulders and ditches
  - Botetourt County has provided a total project estimate of \$967,292
  - Proposed Project Allocation: \$833,646
    - (\$700,000 unmatched, \$133,646 matched)



## **Project Location: Botetourt County, Virginia**







## **Bonded EDA Project Scorecard (Speculative Industry)**

Application Evaluative Criteria	Project Score	MAX Points
Total Expected Capital Investment*  3X allocation (only for Double Distressed localities) – 5 points  4X allocation (only for Single Distressed localities) – 10 points  5X allocation or greater – 15 points  *Speculative projects receive points for the minimum expected Capital Investment	15	15
Site's Potential for Capital Investment* Low potential for Capital Investment – 20 points  Medium potential for Capital Investment – 30 points  High potential for Capital Investment – 40 points  *VEDP will provide support with determining the Site's Potential for Capital Investment	30	40
Expected / Potential Full Time (FT) Job Creation*  0-50 FT Jobs Created – 5 points  50-150 FT Jobs Created – 10 points  More than 150 FT Jobs Created – 15 points  *VEDP to provide support with verifying the full-time job creation numbers	15	15
Need for Access Road  Existing roadway to the site needs to be improved – 10 points  Traffic impact analysis supports the proposed project – 10 points  or  No existing roadway provides access to the site – 20 points	20	20
Level of Distress*  Single Distressed locality (unemployment or poverty rate over State average) – 5 points  Double Distressed locality (unemployment and poverty rate over State average) – 10 points  *As defined by the VEDP's Commonwealth Opportunity Fund	0	10
TOTAL	80	100



#### **Next Steps**

- May 2024 meeting, the CTB will be presented with a Resolution proposing to establish a new EDA Project, ECON-011-867
- Following CTB approval, VDOT and Botetourt County will enter into a Standard State-Aid Agreement
- Botetourt County will administer this project



