

It's all about the business.

The Erie Regional Chamber
is designated by Erie County
Government as the lead economic
development agency.

As the County's lead agency, the
Erie Regional Chamber serves
as the gateway to economic
development services for
businesses in our region
through the Pennsylvania
Business Retention and
Expansion Program.

- Since its inception in September 2003, the Chamber's four economic development specialists have held 1,320 face-to-face meetings with the CEOs of Erie businesses—more than any other county in the United States.
- The 1,320 visits have resulted in 1013 Customer Action Plans (CAPs). A CAP is the tracking tool the economic development specialists use to assign service providers to the business. CAPs also serve as the mechanism for the service provider to report back to the economic development specialist, giving Erie County a two-fold metric of accountability.
- The Chamber's unprecedented commitment to our region's existing employer base affirms the industry trend that the most efficient form of job growth comes from assisting our existing base of employers.
- During meetings held between July 2004 and June 2005, the businesses interviewed as part of the free BREP Program projected the creation of over 1,700 jobs over the next year.

*There is no cost to participate in the Business Retention and Expansion Calling Program.
To learn how the economic development system can support your business,
call the Erie Regional Chamber, 814-454-7191.*

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