

Ingredients of a Successful Economic Development Plan

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# Pillars of a High Growth Economy

- Business friendly government
- Abundant educated workforce
- Abundant and inexpensive land, water, energy, transportation and communications
- Cooperative financial institutions
- Quality of life
- Innovation
- Revenue growth opportunities
- Anchor industries



# Other Utah Strengths

- Great People
  - Community and service oriented
  - Educated
  - Excellence
  - Multilingual
- Collaboration
- □ Region of growth
- Location





## History

## Demographics

- □ Population 2.9 M
- Young
  - Youngest median age
    - Utah 29.9, US 37.4
  - □ Utah ranks 1<sup>st</sup> for % under 18
  - □ Utah ranks 50<sup>th</sup> for % 65+
- Rapidly growing
  - Utah ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> for % change (2000-10)
    - Utah 23.8%, US 9.7%
- Healthy
  - Utah ranks 10<sup>th</sup> for life expectancy



Credit: University of Utah School of Medicine

Sources: National Vital Statistics Reports; U.S. Census Bureau; The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation. Data from 2012 unless noted. Compiled by the Utah State Data Center, David Eccles School of Business.

# Philosophy

- Conservative values
- □ Fiscally prudent
  - ■Balanced budget
  - Rainy day fund
- □ Right to work state
- Republican



### Vision

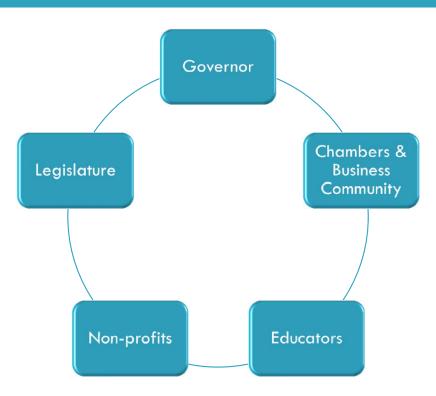
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- Governor Gary Herbert

## Governance

Working Together

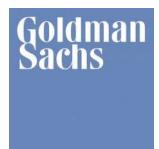


#### Successes

- Olympics
- Transportation
- Centers of Excellence Clusters
- USTAR
- UTC
- □ NSA
- Growth Businesses coming to Utah





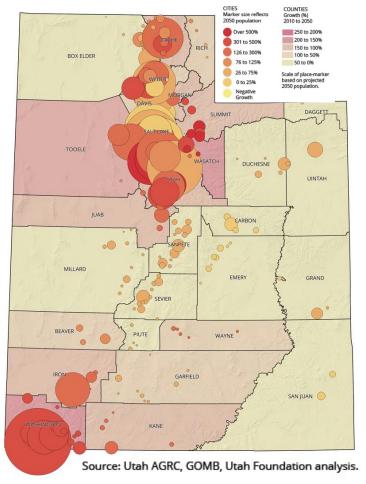




## Challenges

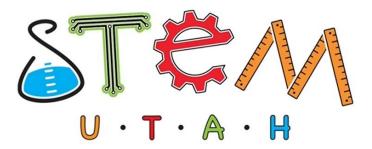
- □ Growth
- Increased urbanization
- Diversifying population
- Competing demands for limited resources

#### Heat Map of Population Growth Through 2050



### **Future**







# **Future**









Jobs & Economy



Education



**Energy & Infrastructure** 



Housing & Cost of Living





**Open Space** 



Transportation & Communities



Water

## Summary

- Utah people and community values
- Quality of life
- Best managed state
- Business friendly government
- Cooperative financial institutions
- Educated workforce
- Innovation
- Collaborative planning for future





UTAH – The world is welcome

