

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2012 BUSINESS READY COMMUNITY GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM FOR A COMMUNITY READINESS PROJECT APPLICATION

The Wyoming Business Council is seeking grant and loan applications for counties, incorporated cities, towns, joint powers boards, and tribes for the 2012 Business Ready Community Grant and Loan Program. The intent of this program is to ready a community for new business development through economic or educational development projects which may include, but not limited to, water, sewer, streets and roads, telecommunications, airports, purchase of rights of way, purchase of land, buildings, facilities, industrial and business parks, industrial site or business district development, amenities within a business or industrial park, landscaping, recreational and convention facilities, and or other physical projects.

The rules governing the BRC Grant and Loan Program are available through the Wyoming Business Council or http://www.wyomingbusiness.org.

The City of Laramie intends to submit an application for a Community Readiness Grant for the Cirrus Sky Technology Park on the Northern boundary of the City of Laramie, bounded by the Laramie River and 45th Streets on the West and East, and is seeking citizen input regarding this project. Those wishing to comment on this project are encouraged to attend a public hearing(s) on this subject on August 7, 2012 at 6:30pm or August 22nd, 2012 at 6:30pm, in the Laramie City Council Chambers at 406 Vinson Avenue. Citizens can also submit written comments to:

City of Laramie  
Attn: Grant Writer  
PO Box C  
Laramie, WY 82073  
Or,  
jguerin@cityoflaramie.org

All written comments must be received no later than 5pm on August 22, 2012. The City of Laramie will take all comments made at the public hearing and written comments submitted on or before the deadline into consideration before considering a resolution in support of submitting an application for a 2012 Community Readiness Award.

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I, Tara Foller, do solemnly swear that I am one of the publishers of the Laramie Boomerang, a newspaper of general circulation published six times each week at Laramie, State of Wyoming; that the notice attached hereto, and which is a part of this affidavit and a part of the proof publication, was published in said newspaper for 3 consecutive days, the first publication having been made on the 19 day of August, 2012, and the last one on the 19 day of August, 2012, that said notice was published in the regular and entire issue of every number of the paper, during the period and times of publication, and that the notice was published in the newspaper proper, and not in the supplement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 19

day of August, A.D. 2012.

[Signature]



SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before this

August, A.D. 2012

[Signature]

Notary Public

**LARAMIE CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
2012 Business Ready Community Grant and Loan Program  
August 7, 2012**

Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Scott Mullner at 6:33 p.m.

City Council present: Dave Paulekas, Lee Kempert, Joe Vitale, Eric Molvar, Karl McCracken, and Scott Mullner.  
Absent: Roger McKinley, Joe Shumway, and Klaus Hanson.

The City Clerk read the notice:

THE WYOMING BUSINESS COUNCIL IS SEEKING GRANT AND LOAN APPLICATIONS FROM COUNTIES, INCORPORATED CITIES, TOWNS, JOINT POWERS BOARDS, AND TRIBES FOR THE 2012 BUSINESS READY COMMUNITY GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM. THE INTENT OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO READY A COMMUNITY FOR NEW BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT THROUGH ECONOMIC OR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

THE CITY OF LARAMIE INTENDS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A COMMUNITY READINESS GRANT, FOR THE CIRRUS SKY TECHNOLOGY PARK ON THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF LARAMIE, BOUNDED BY THE LARAMIE RIVER AND 45<sup>TH</sup> STREETS ON THE WEST AND EAST, AND IS SEEKING CITIZEN INPUT REGARDING THIS PROJECT.

David Derragon, Assistant City Manager, gave an overview of the project.

Randy Hunt, Community Development Director, gave the details of the project.

Paul Harrison, Parks and Recreation director, provided information on trails, green space, ridgeline views, park area, and open space in project.

Jodi Guerin, Grant Writer, detailed the grant application.

Megan Goetz, Chair of the Board of Directors of Laramie Economic Development Corporation (LEDC), commented that this development would be an asset and would be an asset to the City of Laramie.

Gaye Stockman, CEO of LEDC, discussed the economic impact of this park

Dave Coffey, Vice Chair of LEDC, spoke of the vision of growth to shape the future of Laramie, and stated that fiber optics were part of the design when queried. He also addressed the stages of planning involved in this project.

Guerin explained that conduit for the fiber lines with the utility conduit.

Mayor Mullner asked if there were any public comments.

There were no comments.

Public Hearing was closed at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Sue Morris-Jones, MMC,  
City Clerk

**LARAMIE CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
Original Ordinance 2012 International Fire Code  
August 22, 2012**

Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Scott Mullner at 6:35 p.m.

City Council present: Dave Paulekas, Roger McKinley, Lee Kempert, Joe Vitale, Eric Molvar, Klaus Hanson, Joe Shumway, Karl McCracken, and Scott Mullner. Absent: None.

The City Clerk read the notice:

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THE RULES GOVERNING THE BRC GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE WYOMING BUSINESS COUNCIL.

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Jodi Guerin, Grant Analyst, gave background information regarding this project.

Randy Hunt, Community Development Director, gave the details of the project.

Mayor Mullner asked if there were any comments.

Brett Glass was concerned at the expense and degree of the City's commitment to this project, with little benefit to local businesses, community, or resident; the additional tax strains citizens coping with a poor economy and increased utility rates, and encourages shopping elsewhere. He encouraged the Council to abandon the project.

Tim Hale stated that competition could be good. He was concerned that an outside firm could settle in the Park and get assistance that others at a different location would not get, that LEDC should do more to help local businesses versus helping new businesses with ventures, and objected to using public funds to support private businesses.

Megan Goetz, Chairperson for LEDC, wanted to thank the City for their help on this project, which is beneficial to the businesses inside of Laramie as well as potential business development from outside of Laramie, enhancing the vision for the future of the City of Laramie.

Public Hearing was closed at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Sue Morris-Jones, MMC,  
City Clerk

**CITY OF LARAMIE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING August 22, 2012**



**Agenda Item: Resolution**

**Title: Resolution 2012-50 Supporting submission of a Wyoming Business Council Grant application to develop the Cirrus Sky Technology Park.**

**Recommended Council MOTION:**

That Council approve Resolution 2012-50 authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Wyoming Business Council in an amount not to exceed \$5.4 Million for the development of a technology park located on the Northern boundary of the City of Laramie between 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Streets.

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**Administrative or Policy Goal:**

Goal 2.a Provide Advocacy and Adequate Support to ensure a Mega-Data Center locates in Laramie.

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**Background:**

For many years, the technology sector in Laramie has quietly been growing and employing local people. From 1994-2011, the Laramie Economic Development Association, in conjunction with the Research and Economic Development Department at the University of Wyoming estimates that this sector has grown from 9 to over 60 different businesses and currently employs almost 500 individuals.

In the mid 2000's, a new trend in technology, "cloud computing" began to emerge and develop. This trend has seen an almost explosive growth trend as companies have been quickly required to find adequate sites to develop new facilities to accommodate high volumes of data storage. In 2010, Verizon identified Laramie as a prime location to develop a new facility and entered into an option to purchase land North of town.

At that time, Laramie Economic Development Corporation and the City of Laramie quickly went about assessing community readiness for this economic sector, and discovered that the primary need was to bring water, sewer and road infrastructure to a site that could be "shovel-ready". Additionally, a statewide evaluation of readiness also helped determine that Laramie is a very good location for these facilities and provided additional information about other data fiber evaluations and infrastructure that would provide Laramie a competitive edge in attracting data and technology companies.

Although after the announcement of their intent to locate in Laramie Verizon acquired other assets that caused a change in their business plans, Microsoft then looked at Laramie as a potential site. When that company chose Cheyenne as a location because of the availability of a "shovel ready" site, the City with the Laramie Economic Development Association moved forward on a comprehensive plan to develop a technology park that will be ready to occupy in Fall 2013.

This grant application brings together a group of entities; LEDC, the University of Wyoming, WRI and the City, in partnership to pursue this project with full force and effort. If successful, this grant to develop the technology park would create a game changing opportunity for the community with more, good paying jobs, opportunity to create synergy and grow the technology sector and capitalize on the University of Wyoming as a technology driver.

If successful, this grant will purchase approximately 150 acres of property on the North of town between 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Streets to develop into shovel ready lots for technology businesses. It will incorporate an open trail along the ridgeline that will connect into the existing trail master plan, extend 22<sup>nd</sup> Street North to the power line and create a loop of water, sewer and storm-water infrastructure north from the existing terminus of 30<sup>th</sup> Street to "asphalt lane," connecting to the extension of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street. Additionally, it will provide a fiber assessment and conduct electrical studies to provide the required information to technology companies interested in this site.

This is the first phase in a multi-phased project to create a hub of technology businesses with an appropriate location and environment in which to grow and expand. Future phases will be driven by demand for the property according to the development plan.

**Legal/Statutory Authority:**

**BUDGET/FISCAL INFORMATION:**

**REVENUE**

Fees/Charges for Service		
Grants for Projects	\$5,381,330.70	Wyoming Business Council, Business Ready Community
Loans on Project		
Other	\$1,824,569.00	300-3320-410-7920, 7900 \$500,000 cash match, \$1,324,568 in-kind contributions
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,205,899.70</b>	

**EXPENSE**

**Proposed Project Cost.**

Project Budget	Amount	Funds
Project Cost	\$7,205,899.70	
Loans on Project		
Grants for Project	\$5,381,330.70	Wyoming Business Council, Business Ready Community
Other/Outside Projects		
City's Amount	\$1,824,569.00	300-3320-410-7920, 7900 \$500,000 cash match, \$1,324,568. in-kind contributions
Contingency 0%	\$0.00	
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$7,205,899.70</b>	

**Amount spent to date (approved and adopted by Council)**

Budget	Amount	Funds
Total Budget Allocation		
Less Amount Spent to Date		
<b>Remainder of Budget</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	

**Proposed Cost (Approval of this item authorizes preparation of a budget revision for the proposed amount)**

Expenditures	Amount	Fund
Proposed Expenditure		
Current Budget		
Additional Amount Requested		
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	

**Responsible Staff:**

Future dates are subject to change

Jodi Guerin—x5201  
Janine Jordan—x5226  
David Derragon—x5304

Work Session	June 26, 2012
Public Hearing (PH) Held	August 7, 2012
Public Hearing (PH) Held	August 22, 2012
PH Advertised	August 1, 2012
PH Advertised	August 5, 2012
Resolution Consideration	August 22, 2012

Attachments:  
Resolution of support  
Development Vision map  
Coughlin Property map

 City Manager \_\_\_\_\_ City Attorney  Choose an item.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012- 50

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION TO THE BUSINESS READY COMMUNITY GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM FOR A BUSINESS READY COMMUNITY GRANT PROJECT ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY FOR THE CITY OF LARAMIE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5.4 MILLION TO PURCHASE PROPERTY AND DEVELOP THE FIRST PHASE OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR A DATA CENTER BUSINESS PARK ON THE NORTH EDGE OF TOWN BETWEEN 15<sup>TH</sup> AND 30<sup>TH</sup> STREETS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body for the City of Laramie desires to participate in the Business Ready Grant and Loan Program to assist in financing this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the City of Laramie recognizes this project will purchase land and develop infrastructure that will prepare the community to accommodate data centers and technology businesses that have identified Laramie as a desirable location to develop new facilities, creating jobs and enhancing employment opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Business Ready Community Grant and Loan Program requires that certain criteria be met, as described in the Wyoming Business Council's Rules governing the program, and to the best of our knowledge this application meets those criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the City of Laramie plans to match the requested Business Ready Community Grant and Loan Program for Business Readiness Project from the following source(s): The City of Laramie General Fund Capital Construction Account in the amount of \$500,000 and the City of Laramie has identified other in-kind funds to match the grant in an amount of \$1,324,568.76 bringing the total project match to \$1,824,568.76; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Laramie, through a recapture agreement with the Laramie Economic Development Association will use funds generated by this project to further develop this technology park and support economic development in Laramie; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Laramie held public hearings on Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 to identify the economic development opportunity and determine all possible funding solutions for this project including other grants from the Department of Commerce and solicit testimony from citizens who may feel that the use of the proposed funds might compete with existing business, and gave full consideration to all comments received; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Laramie is working in partnership with the Laramie Economic Development Corporation, which provided preliminary conceptual plans, background information and consultation with interested businesses for this site; and

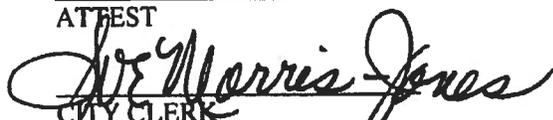
**WHEREAS**, the City of Laramie engaged the private sector in the market area and gave full consideration to all comments received; and

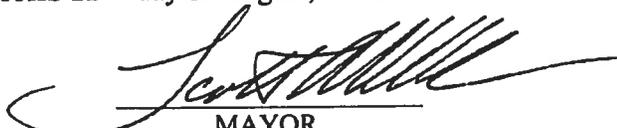
**WHEREAS**, this project will benefit the community through open space, trails, increases in job creation, jobs with higher than current median wages, partnership with the Wyoming Technology Business Center and enhanced economic development in Laramie and Southeast Wyoming; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE** City of Laramie, that a grant application in the amount not to exceed \$5.4 Million be submitted to the Wyoming Business Council for consideration of assistance in funding infrastructure to the Cirrus Sky Technology Park.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2012.

ATTEST

  
CITY CLERK  
Sue Morris-Jones, MMC

  
MAYOR  
Scott A. Mullner

# Cirrus Sky Technology Park

**OPTIMISM** in technology-sector growth is especially strong in cloud-computing **right now.**

**INTRODUCING** a partnership of the City of Laramie and the Laramie Economic Development Corporation

**OPTIMISM** in technology-sector growth is strong in cloud computing. Wyoming Governor Mead proclaimed his desire to attract such projects to our state. “The Cloud” has the ability to usher in a new economy for Wyoming, which traditionally fed on energy and agriculture.

**LARAMIE MAYOR** Scott Mullner adds, “The Laramie Comprehensive Plan shows us that our citizens want higher paying, clean, green industries—and this business park will cater specifically to that sector.”

**THE CIRRUS SKY TECHNOLOGY PARK** will feature open space and a bike trail along a ridgeline “with a fantastic view,” says Joe Vitale, Laramie City Council liaison to the LEDC.

**A LARAMIE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** study documents existing technology businesses are expected to add an additional 140 jobs to our local economy in the next decade.

“**HAVING A PLACE** for (technology-based businesses) to expand with access to fiber-optic connectivity and reliable, consistent power is critical to their growth,” says LEDC CEO Gaye Stockman. “The Cirrus Sky Technology Park provides opportunities that currently do not exist for growth in Laramie’s high-tech-sector.”

**THE TECHNOLOGY SECTOR** is experiencing unprecedented growth, with good paying jobs. Capitalizing on local assets—such as the University of Wyoming, a highly educated workforce, good power availability, and a cool climate will establish this clean/green industry in Laramie.

**T**he City of Laramie, in partnership with the Laramie Economic Development Corporation (LEDC), is developing plans for a technology park on the northern boundary of the City between 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Streets. This project is in response to the identification of characteristics in the area that are attractive to the rapidly growing “cloud computing” industry that caused Verizon to identify Laramie as an ideal data-center location.

**T**he City and LEDC recognize the opportunity to attract a company such as *Microsoft* or *Verizon* to Laramie will be limited and we must move forward quickly. Concept plans, a business plan, and a grant application have been developed for submission to the State of Wyoming Business Council by the Sept. 1 grant deadline.

**S**uccessful grant funding would then become available in January 2013 for construction of water, sewer, streets, and a data-line conduit. A “development ready” site for companies will provide Laramie with the additional competitive edge necessary to become the technology capital of Wyoming.

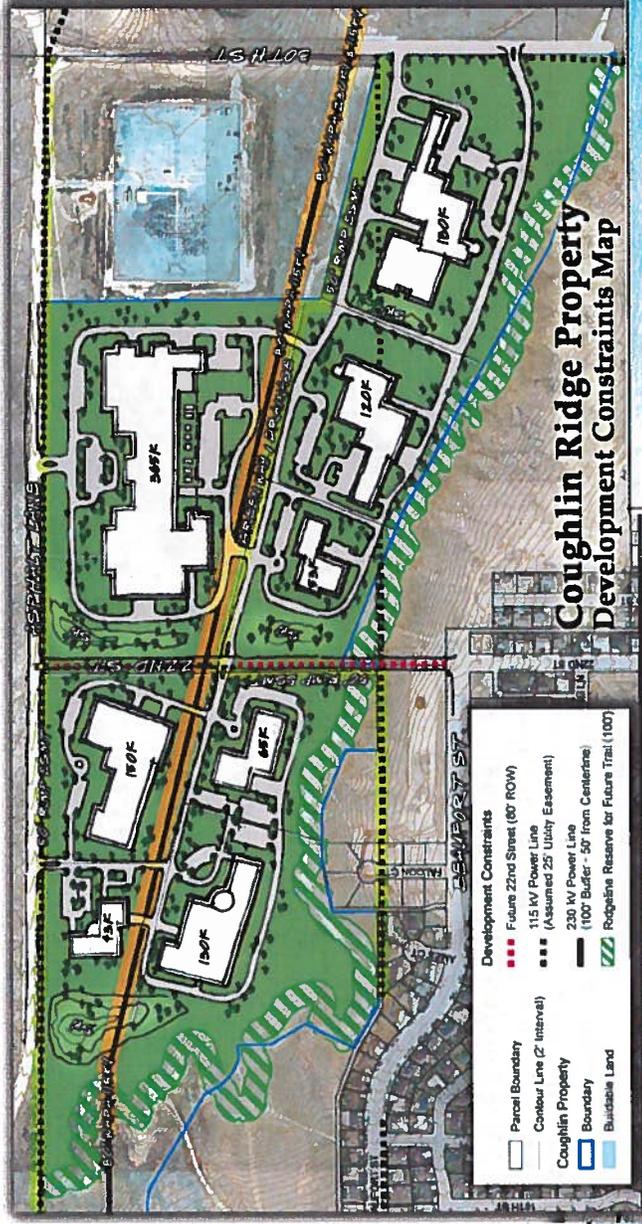


City staff and elected officials know the value of being proactive in attracting business growth to diversify our economy. It's essential we work as a team to accomplish this project's magnitude.

LEDc's detailed database tracks the needs of all clients who have contacted us. Verizon specifically noted one of the reasons they did not select Laramie was we did not have that shovel-ready site.

The key value of the site is in the (Western Area Power Association) substation north of Laramie, with four sources of redundant power.

—LEDc CEO Gaye Stockman



Laramie is a growing technology hub with more than 60 technology-oriented businesses employing almost 500 people at an average wage of \$65,000 per annum. CIRRUS SKY TECHNOLOGY PARK (CSTP) will allow the area technology businesses to continue to grow, improving job availability and wages for Laramie area residents.

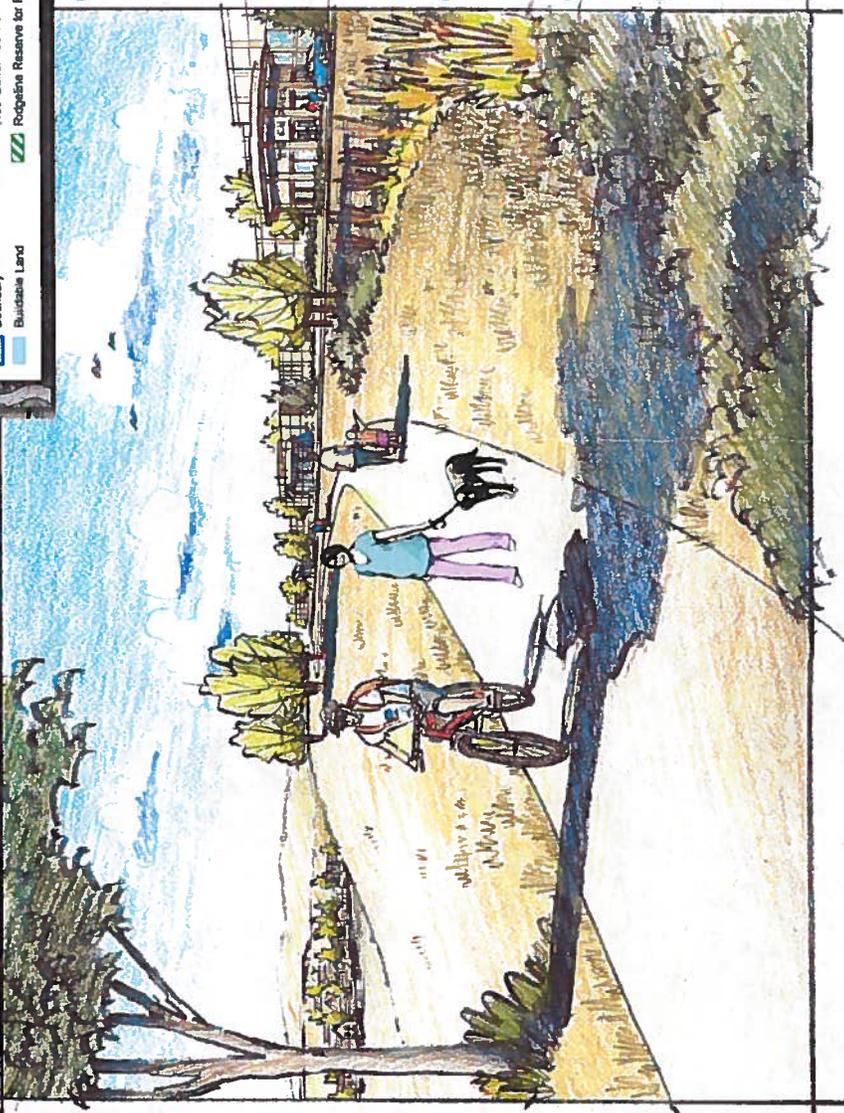
Capitalizing on the synergy created by University of Wyoming, Laramie Economic Development Corporation, and the City of Laramie partnerships will create a clean, green, shovel-ready technology park.

Readily-available power sources in the area from both the Western Area Power Authority and Rocky Mountain Power substations, assures CSTP power reliability.

Preserving open space and creating trail-connectivity along the Coughlin property ridgeline is a priority. A live-work-play environment will thrive as the CSTP develops with more technology-based businesses.

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

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## Tech park grant to go before business council

BY PETER BAUMANN / [LBEDIT9@LARAMIEBOOMERANG.COM](mailto:LBEDIT9@LARAMIEBOOMERANG.COM) • THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2012

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Laramie's future won't be decided by "yes" or "no" alone, but the future could dramatically change, depending on an answer to a very important question:

Will the city of Laramie and Laramie Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) receive a \$5.4 million grant from the Wyoming Business Council to build the first phase of the Cirrus Sky Tech Park?

Everyone will find out later this year, after the city council voted Wednesday night 8-1 to send the grant application forward.

Councilor Roger McKinley voted against the application, explaining he was concerned about Laramie growing too much and small businesses being pushed out by larger businesses.

"Having a large technology park where larger businesses may come in, that's only going to subtract the number of small businesses that we have," he said.

All other councilors who spoke did so in favor of the project. Mayor Scott Mullner said the opportunity to bring high-paying, stable jobs in a burgeoning industry to Laramie is too great an opportunity to pass up.

"Those individuals (employed in the tech industry) will use the other businesses that are existing in town, and other industries will grow up around them," he said. "Ultimately, I think that in 10 years we will look back and say, 'We wish we could have done this sooner.'"

Preserving the ridgeline for future generations will also greatly benefit the Laramie community, Mullner added. While many walk the ridgeline, despite it being private property, that could change if another third party purchases it with no intention of creating a trail system or green space.

"I know that through the diligence of the city and the diligence of the LEDC, that area will be designed and preserved for use by the public in perpetuity," he said. "If we fail to do something like this, we could lose that opportunity for recreation forever."

LEDC CEO Gaye Stockman said, if funded, the 120-acre phase one of the project north of town will positively help catapult Laramie into the future.

"This opportunity is so great for us to be able to make a difference in what Laramie's future is," she said. "Something like this could really provide that gem (to grow existing tech businesses in Laramie), instead of having them leave our community."

Public input will continue to be of great importance throughout the process, LEDC Chair Megan Goetz said.

"This is about providing for our own," she said. "(And) working with the public ... we want them to become part of the design and the vision."

Grant Writer Jodi Guerin noted that this will be the largest funding request for such a project the Wyoming Business Council has ever seen, but that the opportunity the request represents is just as historic.

"We believe that this is an extraordinary opportunity for the community," she said. "It's just worth noting this is a full-on community effort, and, if we are successful, it will be because of that community effort."

To view the Cirrus Sky Technology Park progress report, go to <http://www.ci.laramie.wy.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=68>.

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Be sure to get outside and enjoy our outdoor aquatics one last time! The Recreation Center Outdoor Pool, Undine Splash Pad and the Washington Park Wading Pool will all be closing for the season on September 2nd.

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CIRRUS SKY TECHNOLOGY PARK UPDATE

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The Laramie Economic Development Corporation (LEDC), University of Wyoming (UW) and the City of Laramie have been working in partnership to create a shovel ready technology park.

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The Laramie Economic Development Corporation (LEDC), University of Wyoming (UW) and the City of Laramie have been working in partnership to create a shovel ready technology park.

Recently, the City Council was updated regarding the progress in planning for development of a technology park in Laramie. <a href="/DocumentCenter/View/2184">The presentation can be found here</a>

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## Invitation to a Neighborhood Open House

### **CIRRUS SKY TECHNOLOGY PARK**

Laramie Economic Development Corporation and the City of Laramie invite you to a Neighborhood Open House to share information about the proposed Cirrus Sky Technology Park.

**DATE:** August 23, 2012

**TIME:** 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM

**PLACE:** Indian Paintbrush Elementary School  
Gymnasium



For more information, please call LEDC  
Phone: 307-742-2212  
E-mail: [BScott@LaramieWY.org](mailto:BScott@LaramieWY.org)



From: Gaye Stockman [gstockman@laramiewy.org]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2012 3:31 PM  
To:  
Subject: Cirrus Sky Tech Park Neighborhood Open House

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PLACE: Indian Paintbrush Elementary School - Gymnasium

[www.laramiewy.org](http://www.laramiewy.org)

LEDC is a non-profit organization that was established in 1985 to provide local economic development programs and initiatives. LEDC not only works to attract and retain new businesses, it also facilitates the expansion and development of existing businesses in order to achieve sustainable growth and improve the economic well-being of Laramie and Albany County citizens.

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The City of Laramie has setup an email address to receive public comments about the proposed cirrus sky technology park. Citizens can email CirrusSky@cityoflaramie.org with their comments.

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## Cirrus Sky hopes to draw in 'clouds'

By Mark Wilcox

August 6, 2012 --

LARAMIE — Piggybacking on the state's success in recruiting a Microsoft data center to Cheyenne, Laramie will develop the Cirrus Sky Technology park to aid recruitment of other companies seeking to build cloud-computing centers in the region.

Verizon last year identified Laramie as an ideal location for a data center, but plans to build fell through when the communications giant acquired a Florida company with data centers already in place. The mild summer climate of the region helps with cooling costs for buildings filled with heat-generating equipment.

Growth in the technology sector is almost a given, especially in cloud computing right now, and Gov. Matt Mead has proclaimed his desire to attract such projects to the state. Microsoft got \$10 million in incentives from the state to build its \$112 million data center, previously known as Project Summit. Mead and other proponents say the cloud has the ability to provide well-paying jobs and may also usher in a new economy for Wyoming, which has traditionally fed on energy and agriculture.

"The Laramie Comprehensive Plan shows us that our citizens want higher paying, clean, green industries and this business park will cater specifically to that sector," said Laramie Mayor Scott Mullner.

A recent study by Laramie Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) showed a healthy technology sector in Laramie with about 60 businesses providing almost 500 jobs in the local economy. They are expected to add an additional 140 jobs in coming years.

"Having a place for them to expand with access to fiber optic connectivity and consistent power is critical to their growth," said Gaye Stockman, CEO of LEDC. "The Cirrus Sky Technology Park provides opportunities that currently do not exist for Laramie's high-tech-sector growth."

The technology park will feature open space and a bike trail along a ridgeline "with a fantastic view," according to Joe Vitale, a Laramie city council liaison to LEDC.

A grant application will be submitted to the Wyoming Business Council in September to get infrastructure to the site to make it a turnkey business park. If successful, the grant funding would be available in 2013.

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### Cirrus Sky Tech Park open house today

By Mark Wilcox

August 23, 2012 --

The Laramie Economic Development Corporation and the city of Laramie are hosting an open house to disseminate information about the new Cirrus Sky Technology Park, which hopes to attract more technology and green-sector jobs and companies to Laramie.

The open house will be held at the Indian Paintbrush Elementary School from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The park will utilize plenty of open space, avoiding an overly industrial, smokestack feel, officials have said.

Recent surveys have pegged down Laramie's technology sector as growing and diverse, largely due to the university's presence. The technology park should bolster the sector, especially leveraging Wyoming's recent growth through things like recruitment of Microsoft's massive data center by offering \$10 million in incentives.

An LEDC representative was not available for immediate comment on what kind of information would be shared at the open house.

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## Building on what's already here

Tech park open house brings in over 100 residents

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Wyoming's tech sector is already here.

Laramie isn't the home to the Cirrus Sky Technology Park yet, but dozens of technology businesses have already set up shop in the Gem City. That's one reason why the University of Wyoming wants to see the park come to fruition.

"If you go back to the university plan ... it will say develop a research park in Southeastern Wyoming," University of Wyoming Vice President of Research and Economic Development Bill Gem said at Thursday night's tech park open house at Indian Paintbrush Elementary School. "We've done business incubation, and those businesses are starting to do what they do in every tech hub: They grow, they infiltrate old buildings and remodel them."



Dave Coffey, of Coffey Engineering & Surveying, center, talks with a group of people during the Cirrus Sky Technology Park neighborhood open house Thursday inside the Indian Paintbrush Elementary School gymnasium. ANDY CARPENEAN/Boomerang photographer

The Cirrus Sky Technology Park is being spearheaded by the Laramie Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) and the city of Laramie, but UW is also very interested in the project, Gem said.

Currently, there are roughly a dozen businesses in the Wyoming Technology Business Center incubator. Gem said four former tenants — Falcon Technology Systems, Firehole Composites, Medicine Bow Technologies and Happy Jack Software — have moved out of the incubator to set up offices in the Laramie community.

To help those businesses have room to grow in the future, Gem said UW is considering roughly 24 acres of property within the proposed first phase of the Cirrus Sky Technology Park. Such a move would help create a technology hub where businesses can not only grow but collaborate, Gem explained.

"We want those businesses here. They hire our graduates; they are our graduates," he said. "We can create these clusters of technology businesses and they can start to do the things that clusters do: trade employees, trade ideas, talk about experiences, 'How did you handle this problem?' It becomes a pretty important cultural element of a technology city."

UW is considering other sites for a potential research center, but Gem said the proposed Cirrus Sky Technology Park would potentially be a better fit for those plans than within UW's core campus. Property within the core campus can't be sold, meaning a tech tenant would only be able to secure a long-term lease.

"Whereas we can come up here (to the tech park), and then sell it as part of the development," Gem said. "We don't make a profit — we're a nonprofit — but we would reinvest what we do into more of the park or else into our other economic development efforts at the university."

"Businesses can then use their purchased land as collateral. On a lease, you can't do that," Gem added.

UW was only one of many partners at Thursday's open house, which more than 100 people attended. LEDC Chair Megan Goetz said it was an opportunity for residents to give comments and express interests in the project with those involved.

"LEDC felt it was very important to provide all of the details, provide all of the information and as much education as we can about what the project consists of thus far and what the next steps are. Probably most importantly, it helped us gain public input and comments for the process."

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Residents talked with representatives from LEDC, the city and others about topics ranging from green space development to traffic planning, Goetz said.

"Those are all items that LEDC has contemplated with the city, and with the various professionals that have been involved," she said. "We appreciate so much knowing that those are issues on the public's radar, and we're going to continue to work toward them and continue to educate folks and seek their input as we make strides to best address those."

As LEDC and others further public involvement, future open houses will likely be structured differently to help address concerns expressed Thursday night, Goetz said.

"What we heard was that the citizens that attended really wanted a different format. The reason we structure it in (different) stations was because it was just that — an open house. We didn't want to provide a presentation at 4:30 (p.m.) and then have someone who showed up at 5:30 (p.m.) miss the information," Goetz said. "But we are going to, very soon, put together another public meeting where we will actually have a presentation with an open question and answer session."

No matter the outcome of the Cirrus Sky Tech Park grant application, which will be decided in December by the Wyoming Business Council, Goetz said the partnerships formed through this collaborative project will positively benefit Laramie for years to come.

"I felt like the open house really exemplified the partnerships that have been created here," she said. "And, if nothing else, with or without the Cirrus Sky Tech Park, the relationships and the ability for all different groups, whether it's the city, private citizens or the university working together, we've proven we can do that, and do it effectively."

To view the Cirrus Sky Technology Park progress report, go to <http://www.ci.laramie.wy.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=68>.

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