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PABLO—The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have completed a Draft Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for a 30-day public review and comment period. The Draft CEDS is posted at <https://cskt.info/CEDS> and at the QR Code below. We are now accepting comments up to **October 16, 2026**. Written comments can be submitted to Velda Shelby at velda.shelby@cskt.org or James Bible at jamesb@slfcorp.com

The Draft CEDS includes information about the Flathead Reservation economy, Tribal corporations and other Tribal business activities, economic resources and infrastructure. It describes the Tribes' economic development goals, objectives and action steps, as well as resiliency planning.

Over the past five years, CSKT have worked with partner organizations and the Economic Development Coalition to update the draft CEDS for the Reservation community. As coauthor, James Bible, Manager of S&K Business Services coordinated updates with Tribal and coalition partners. He conducted extensive reviews with Tribal programs and affiliates, community organizations, state agencies and the private sector to glean pertinent data on the current state of the Reservation economy. This data informs the Tribes' planning goals and economic strategies.

Please submit comments to either Velda Shelby or James Bible via the e-mail addresses listed above, or mail to Shelby, CSKT Economic Development Office at P.O. Box 278, Pablo, MT 59855. Comments are due by October 16, 2026.



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