



*Pend Oreille County*

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Commissioner Jeff Connolly  
Bonner County Board of Commissioners  
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Dear Commissioner Connolly:

In anticipation that HiTest Sand will be announcing their intent to apply for the permits necessary to build a state-of-the-art silicon processing facility in our community, we are initiating a number of actions to promote the coordination of our local efforts in support of this industrial development project of regional significance. While this project has the potential to have a tremendous impact on our local economy, it is critically important that we work closely together to keep our community fully informed throughout the environmental review and permitting process. As a result, we are establishing an Executive Committee of local elected officials to guide and coordinate our local efforts, and to advise the Pend Oreille Board of County Commissioners throughout the permitting process. In addition, we hope that this Executive Committee, in conjunction with a corresponding Staff Coordinating Committee, and numerous work groups will enable us to maximize the economic benefits from this project in our community. It is our hope that you, as the County Commissioner representing the Idaho communities closest to the proposed project site, will serve on the HiTest Executive Committee. In addition, we hope to have elected officials representing the Pend Oreille Public Utility District, the Port of Pend Oreille, the City of Newport, the Kalispel Tribe. We also hope that the Chair or Vice Chair of the Pend Oreille Economic Development Council will serve as an Ex Officio member. We anticipate that the group will meet once a month for approximately one hour, perhaps for breakfast or lunch. Prior to each meeting we will provide you with an agenda of project related matters that we will be addressing, which at a minimum will include an up to date briefing on the status of the project.

We have tentatively scheduled the first meeting of the Executive Committee for Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Sandifur Room at Newport Community Hospital. We would appreciate it if you would contact Clerk of the Board, Rhonda Cary at [rcary@pendoreille.org](mailto:rcary@pendoreille.org) or 509-447-4119 and confirm your attendance.

While the proposed project has identified a site in Pend Oreille County, near the City of Newport, we anticipate that this project will have a positive economic impact on the entire region, and we look forward to working closely with you, in service to our community. If you, or your staff would like more information about the Executive Committee, please don't hesitate to contact Commissioner Manus at 509-671-1434 or the County HiTest Project Manager Gregg Dohrn at [greggdohrn@comcast.net](mailto:greggdohrn@comcast.net) or 206-679-7507. Your interest and support is greatly appreciated and we look forward seeing you on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

PEND OREILLE COUNTY  
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Mike Manus, Member

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Oldtown Mayor Lonnie Orr  
Rhonda Cary  
Greg Snow