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Business Development & Entrepreneurship

Types of projects that fit into strategic plan

- Center for Advanced biomaterial science manufacturing
- Incubator and technical assistance center for worker-owned cooperatives
- \$4 million sustainable communities loan fund to accelerate market development for sustainably produced goods and services
- \$50,000 to develop country's first hub for triple bottom line enterprises
- Redevelopment of capacity for entry-level job development
- Switch-grass pellet production facility through franchises in brownfields sites
- Eco-industrial parks for all these manufacturing industries
- Pass the Main Street Fairness Act
- Build local marketing networks

Three categories of ideas

- Triple-bottom line incubators (locally-oriented)
- Specific business projects with job creation
- Knocking down barriers to business development and equity

We don't want just any business; we want productive, sustainable, local ones.