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*It is MEDA's privilege to submit this report for the current contract to Montana Department of Commerce, Montana Department of Labor and Industry and Montana BEAR Team participants regarding Business Expansion and Retention (BEAR) Program activity in the state. The following is a summary of MEDA BEAR activities as provided for in the Scope of Work under Amended Contract MT-MEDA-ED-17-01 for the month of March 2017.*

## ACTIVITY REPORT FOR MARCH 2017 MONTANA BEAR PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### 18 RECORDED VISITS IN MARCH!

The BEAR Google Form Database was the recipient of 18 BEAR Team visits in March. **Great work!**

- Flathead County/Kalispell: Mora McCarthy led the way with 8 visits; Kim Morisaki with
  - Gallatin County/Bozeman: Warren Vaughan 7 visits
- Additional visits recorded:
- Dawson Count/Glendive: Kathy McLane
  - Lake County/Polson: Lynn Lagerquist, Kristopher Schock, and John Winegart.

### REGISTER FOR MEDA CONFERENCE AT THE MEMBERSHIP RATE

BEAR Team members are welcome to register for the MEDA Spring Conference at the Membership Rate. The agenda is packed with presenters and learning opportunities applicable to BEAR Team efforts. Be sure to get your lodging by April 10<sup>th</sup> and register before April 21<sup>st</sup>!



### Agenda and Registration CHARTING THE COURSE IN THE WINDS OF CHANGE

### JOIN US IN GREAT FALLS MAY 2 – 3

There is nothing quite like a MEDA conference; you will not want to miss all that is planned for you.

⇒ Pre-Conference Professional Development Training: **Caution! Construction Zone! Infrastructure**

**Planning and Financing ~Roads, Bridges, Water & Sewer Improvement.** Bring your infrastructure challenges to this work table approach to learning.

⇒ Not one, but TWO tours!

- ⇒ Learning opportunities on topics such as: Efficient Social Media, TIFs, Legislative Outcomes, Table Talks
  - ⇒ MEDA Annual Membership Meeting
  - ⇒ Winds of Change from Washington, DC
- [Agenda and Registration](#) – Lodging ends April 10<sup>th</sup>; Early Bird Rate ends April 21

## **BREI – we call it BEAR**

The Business Retention and Expansion International Conference is fast approaching! Check out this website for all BREI training events: <http://www.brei.org/upcoming-events.html>



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### Upcoming Events

The Business Retention and Expansion International hosts events throughout the calendar year in order to foster increased professional development and networking opportunities. These events are both in-person as well as through webinars in order to more effectively assist our members in receiving the education that they need.

**2017 Annual Conference**  
June 19-23, 2017 | Edmonton, Alberta  
[Enter Conference Site](#)  
[View Agenda](#)  
[Register Online](#)

**Fundamentals Course - Volunteer Visitor Model**  
September 19-28, 2017 | Webinar Format  
[Register Online](#)



Interested in reviving, changing up your BEAR Team? Contact the BEAR office (406.563.5259) and Mike and Gloria will share various models and strategies with you.