

Keith Erickson, LCDC spokesman re: Jobs that LCDC helped create:

Yesterday, you mentioned that LCDC has helped to create around 1,800 jobs. I think this is probably pretty close; probably higher. It's so hard to define in black and white. But here are some undisputed job counts. (LCDC executive director Tony Berns) and I recently met with all the candidates and jobs was a HUGE issue. Below is some information I sent the candidates after meeting with them. These are permanent jobs (note the \$4.3 million Kroc payroll figure) and don't include many other permanent jobs we helped create, let alone decent paying construction jobs.

Riverstone

Jobs created: 740

Project value: \$90 million

LCDC investment: \$9 million

U.S. Bank Call Center

Jobs created: 500+

Project value: \$7 million

LCDC investment: \$400,000

Community Kroc Center

Jobs created: 235

Project value: \$25 million

LCDC investment: \$535,000

Kroc Community Center. This popular community center employs 235 people. Fiscal 2014 employee budget, including wages and benefits, is \$4.3 million. Kroc Center Director Major Marcum informs us they have about 60 employees who are fully benefitted and earn between \$30,000 and \$65,000 a year. Lower wage earners have a good opportunity to excel within the Kroc corporate structure.

The LCDC played an integral role in bringing the Kroc Center to Coeur d'Alene. It began in 2002 when LCDC entered into an option agreement to purchase the prime piece of land just off the interstate where the Kroc Center now sits. In 2007, the LCDC agreed to grant \$500,000 to the Kroc Community Center to help shoulder infrastructure costs, including on-site parking and street improvements.

Riverstone: The latest employment figures provided by the Riverstone folks (September 2013) are 77 businesses that employ 740 people. These are not all service-orientated/entry level jobs. There are attorney offices, insurance offices, engineering firms, medical facilities, etc., that provide good jobs within Riverstone.

LCDC entered into owner participation reimbursement agreements with the Riverstone development team to aid with the establishment of project-related public improvements including public roadway construction, water and sewer main line extensions, storm water treatment, dry utilities, and creation of an 11-acre public park that today includes a 6-acre man made pond.

U.S. Bank Call Center. This \$15 million service center employs more than 500 people. Of these, about 85 percent are full-time, benefitted positions, according to Scott Tostengard, vice president for retail payment solutions for U.S. Bank.

Tostengard says the call center offers good benefits, job stability, and incentives to move up the pay grade in the company. Turnover is very low. The LCDC's role in the U.S. Bank Service Center was primarily in bringing \$3.7 million of public infrastructure improvements to the site, including sewer, water and fiber optic communications. The community needed those public improvements in place to help win the competitive regional battle for the facility.
