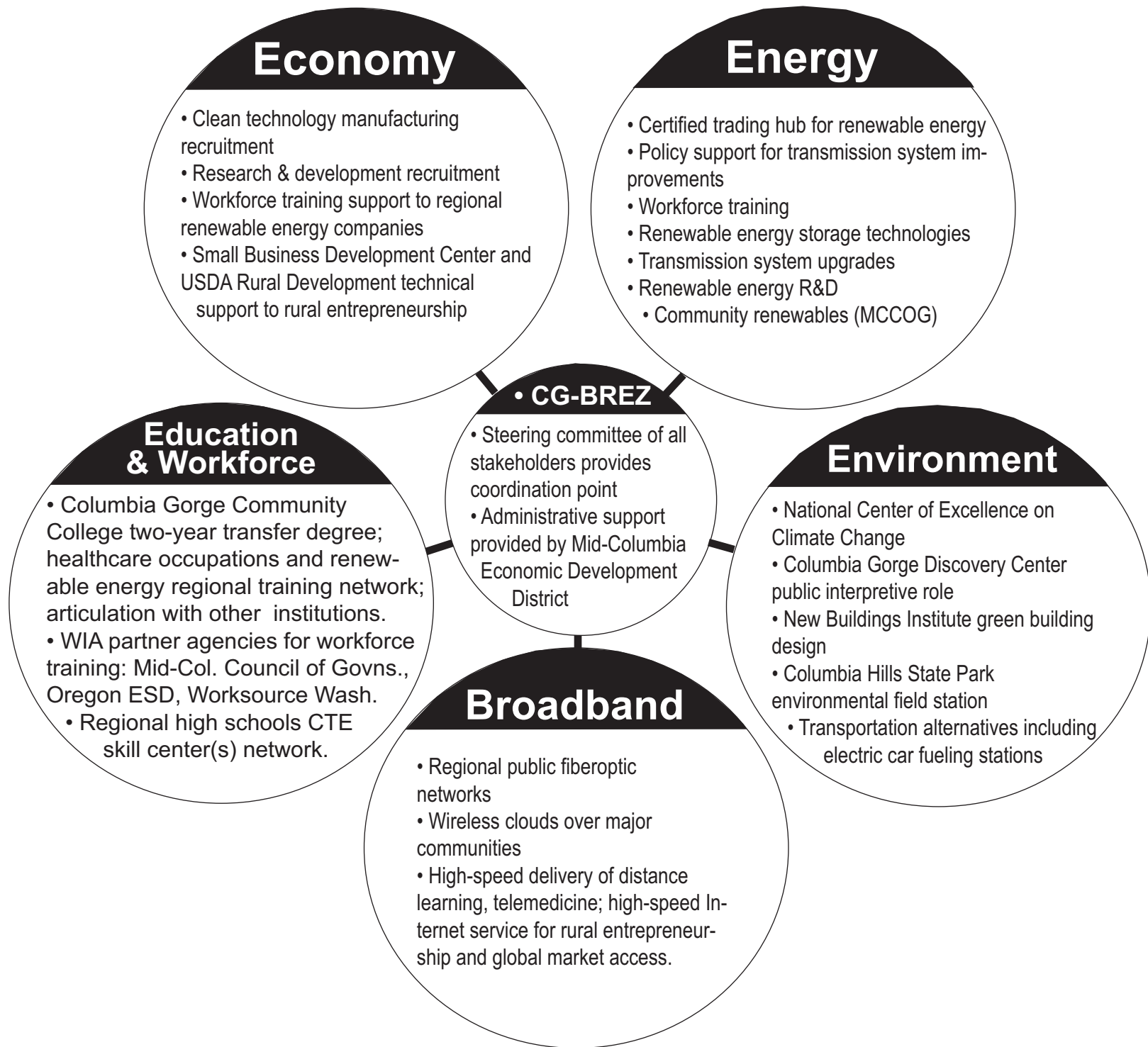


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## Coordinated regional proposal: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act



### A Regional Strategy on Climate Change

This model represents a bi-state strategy to establish a regional economy based upon sustainable environmental practices, in alignment with national climate change initiatives. The Columbia River Gorge of Oregon and Washington states, America's first and largest national scenic area, is presented as a model to implement a regional response to climate change through economic development, clean technology recruitment, research and development, small

business diversification, efficient public transportation, workforce training, high school / college partnerships, public information outreach, renewable energy expansion, green energy marketing, and broadband telecommunications in support of all components. This regional strategy is coordinated by Mid-Columbia Economic Development District through a steering committee representing all stakeholders.

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