



Region 1, 1st Step Inc., had some significant accomplishments in 2003. The region worked with Engineered Machined Products, Delta County and City of Escanaba officials in advancing a project to build the infrastructure necessary for a business expansion at the Delta County Airport, which is also a Renaissance Zone.

In addition, 1st Step Inc., worked with the Hannahville Indian Community to provide MI-SBTDC services to applicants pursuing revolving loan funds. The region also worked with the Chippewa Tribe in Sault Ste Marie to formulate plans and requirements to begin a lending program for its members beginning in the fall of 2004.

Two additional Biz Resource Centers opened at Michigan Works! offices in Marquette and Sault Ste. Marie. These two new centers complement the existing centers in Houghton and Escanaba.

2003 Economic Impact

Companies Counseled
884

Total Counseling Hours
2,598