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## Cooperation and Competition in Region-Building: The Role of Incentives

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**Abstract** Economic performance for British Columbia involves complex interaction between regional networks and all levels of government. Accordingly, regional networks and local governments have an important effect on economic performance. The provincial government has a range of tools it can use to foster and guide regional networks and local governments. Chief among these tools are incentives, which can foster regional networks and capitalize on economic development opportunities. An incentive allows the provincial government to induce or motivate behaviour among local governments, regions, businesses and other relevant groups for the purposes of improving regional economic performance.

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