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## **Partners or Pirates? Collaboration and Competition in Local Economic Development.**

### **Abstract**

In this report, we explore how and why local governments have turned to cooperation to boost economic development. We synthesize highlights from the literature, explore program features from two regional case studies, and share findings from interviews with local practitioners. Although research on the effectiveness of current practices is limited, we identify themes that can inform cooperative economic development.

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