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Hey all,

Babbitt Cabin Owner here. Live in Seattle. I used to work for a Fortune 10, and was building out their massive logistics network. We used to request NDAs (me, personally) with government officials- airports, economic development boards, cities, etc. I don't understand why St. Louis County Residents are so up in arms re: signing NDAs. Obviously, and public funds that go towards the project still need a vote of the full board. But it is very typical for organizations to sign these, in the hopes of construction activity and jobs, a better tax base, permanent full time jobs, and general economic development. For what its worth, I have signed NDAs in multiple countries other than the United States, as well, to facilitate investment in global infrastructure.

You should be proud to sign, dive deep into the project, support it, and try to land it. As someone that grew up on the Iron Range and left 20 years ago, we need jobs from Meta, Amazon, OpenAI, Google and others. Chasing these jobs away to another county or another region is simply stupid. If signing a NDA is part of the process, every single board member should do it. As should the city officials, state officials. Obviously I don't know what the laws are for open meetings in St. Louis County- but don't be deterred by a few ignorant people. Land the jobs, land the investment. Our County Needs it.

Just my two cents.

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