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## **ABSTRACT**

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) is one of several federal agencies created to assist nonmetropolitan areas

Illinois since 1966. Its most controversial strategy to stimulate

state comprehensive plan, and the tendency for nonmetropolitan areas to attract low wage, slow growth industries. Other environmental variables include the "dispersed city" characteristic

size and apparently similar potential for growth.

Other variables affecting development are EDA's activities. Growth centers are too numerous, and too small, while funds have been dispersed into many other communities. Greater use should