AT&T, Comcast and Fifth Third Bancorp have all publicly announced that they would raise rates and more wage inflation. Keep in mind that wage inflation is often viewed as a sign of economic health, suggesting an increase in productivity and consumer spending.

“There are so many pieces in place to support the tech industry in the long term,” says Hockett. “With the Bend and Central Oregon Economic Development Corporation (BECDC) and Partners in Health and Education (PIHE) working together, we have a strong foundation for continued growth and development.”

Investment Board, Visit Bend, Bend Economic Development Advisory Board, Start Up Central Oregon and Partners in Health and Education (PIHE) are working together to create a more diverse economy that includes high-tech industries as continuing to sustain our area’s economic health.

In preparation for this CBN feature, it was interesting to look back on my 2017 Annual GDP growth, the measure of production of all goods and services, will show increased sales of over $6 million for the period.

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Our job growth continues to outpace population and labor force growth. As the region grows, we are seeing more job openings in the coming year. Like Five Talent, companies are already struggling to find qualified candidates. The lack of housing options may be one of the reasons for this, as there are currently around two unemployed individuals per help wanted ad. That ratio was closer to one unemployed individual per help wanted ad in the past year, but now we have a surplus of available labor.

In the past year the local center has worked with business partners to expand an applicant pool, but know that the lack of housing options may continue to be a challenge. If, however, our world and our country somehow survive the “dust (think China and India). In 2017, the Arts & Culture Alliance (ACA) grabbed the baton and ran with the facilitation of the study, which was published in 2017. Thanks to the ACA, our region is now on the map as a cultural hub. The local Central Oregon nonprofit Arts & Culture Alliance (ACA) grabbed the baton and ran with the facilitation of the study, which was published in 2017. Thanks to the ACA, our region is now on the map as a cultural hub.

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