

**2010 APPROVED
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE
for the
ECONOMIC AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

The Economic and Rural Development Committee (ERDC) was created by the New Mexico Legislative Council on May 12, 2010.

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Work Plan

During the 2010 interim, the ERDC proposes to:

1. provide guidance and recommendations to the Government Restructuring Task Force (GRTF) by examining the programs and missions of the agencies overseen by the committee with an eye toward making those agencies more efficient and cost-effective, including ranking programs in terms of criticality to the core functions of those agencies. The ERDC hopes to receive a report from the GRTF about the task force's proposals for restructuring that affect the ERDC at its July 29-30 meeting in Santa Fe;

2. address the concern that the lack of a well-trained work force is often cited as one of the barriers to business recruitment. The committee plans to receive a status update on the efforts of Senate Bill 46 (2009) to develop high school pre-apprenticeship programs and examine additional statewide opportunities in vocational education and the needs of New Mexico's job market;

3. receive a report from the Economic Development Department (EDD) on existing tax increment development districts (TIDDs), the new TIDD in Las Cruces and potential future TIDDs;
4. receive a presentation from the EDD on its current initiatives, including the economic development impact of infrastructure for colonias, an accounting of how the colonias are using the funding they receive and issues regarding domestic water in the colonias. The ERDC would also like to receive a report on the economic and rural development issues related to frontier communities;
5. oversee the various business incentives the EDD uses to attract economic activity to New Mexico and assess the return on investment for tax credits encouraging economic development, including film, energy and the job-training incentive program; and receive reports from specific companies that received tax credits to assess what works and what does not work;
6. receive a report from the Tourism Department on the effects of the ailing economy on New Mexico tourism and tourism initiatives with Mexico and study the potential for promoting "adventure/eco-travel";
7. examine the revised model state Administrative Procedure Act (2008), assess its impact on business and develop an approach to improving regulatory processes;
8. evaluate emerging economic sectors in New Mexico, identify incentives to attract new business and investment and examine methods to cultivate opportunities for existing business;
9. explore the need for a Farmers' Protection Act and receive a report from the various stakeholders to determine whether fears of genetically modified seeds are well-founded;
10. explore the economic development impact of the transportation infrastructure and review the impact of the trucking tax on New Mexico; and receive an update from the Department of Transportation (DOT) on House Memorial 9 and the sustainable transportation fund;
11. hear from the New Mexico Municipal League, the New Mexico Association of Counties and the Attorney General's Office; and work with print, broadcast and electronic media outlets to expand public access to and transparency of government operations;
12. discuss resource planning in New Mexico at the state, county and city levels;
13. explore the possibility of amending Article 42 of the New Mexico Insurance Code, the Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Law, to conform to a current model law developed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and as proposed by Senate Bill 75 (2009);

14. study homeowners association regulations and laws and their effectiveness and study the statutory and regulatory powers of homeowners associations and, conversely, the rights of members;

15. consider the economic and rural development impact of the federal stimulus package and other publicly funded projects and the percentage of out-of-state contractors used on those projects;

16. examine the authority of the Construction Industries Division of the Regulation and Licensing Department to oversee local inspectors;

17. explore the economic and rural development impact of small business development centers — how and where colleges use the \$5.4 million annual appropriation they receive and what kind of oversight exists for the colleges and the recipients of the incubator funding;

18. receive reports from various industries — including nuclear energy and waste disposal, oil and gas, mining, agriculture, conservation and recycling, renewable energy and health care — and angel investors to assess what must be done to bring jobs to the state; and

19. evaluate the economic impact of the wine industry and microbreweries, determine what needs to be done to support these industries, receive a report from the Regulation and Licensing Department on beer and wine licenses versus liquor licenses and determine whether policy changes are necessary to support the industry better.

**Economic and Rural Development Committee
2010 Approved Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 16	Santa Fe
July 29-30	Santa Fe
September 20-21	Las Cruces
November 18-19	Santa Fe
December 1	Santa Fe