

**2012 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 9, 2012.

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Work Plan

During the 2012 interim, the ERDC proposes to:

1. receive a report on existing tax increment development districts and how legislative appropriations and capital outlay funds are being spent and tour Mesa del Sol and Winrock;
2. receive a presentation from the Economic Development Department (EDD) on its current initiatives, its objectives for the fiscal year and expectations for the foreseeable future and any proposed legislation or issues that the EDD sees as its top priorities;
3. receive an evaluation of all tax incentives in the state by the EDD and the Legislative Finance Committee in terms of jobs and growth;
4. receive a report from the Tourism Department on its current initiatives, its vision for the future and any proposed legislation or issues that the Tourism Department sees as its top priorities;

5. receive a report on homeowners association regulations and laws and their effectiveness and study the statutory and regulatory powers of homeowners associations as well as the rights of members;

6. receive a report from the Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD) regarding reciprocity, the RLD's vision and goals and any proposed legislation or issues that it sees as its top priorities on how to best support and promote businesses in the state and how to improve licensing of businesses in the state;

7. consider the economic impact of the wine industry and microbreweries and receive a report from the RLD and industry professionals on beer and wine licenses versus liquor licenses and determine whether policy changes are necessary;

8. examine the authority of the Construction Industries Division of the RLD to oversee local inspectors;

9. receive reports from various industries and angel investors to assess what must be done to bring jobs to the state, in particular, rural areas of the state. Industries include film, nuclear energy and waste disposal, oil and gas, mining, agriculture, conservation and recycling, renewable energy and health care;

10. receive an update on Spaceport America and the New Mexico Space Grant Consortium;

11. address the concern that the lack of a well-trained work force is often cited as one of the barriers to business recruitment and receive a report by the Higher Education Department and the Workforce Solutions Department on unemployment issues, what careers are in demand now and in the near future and how the state can respond;

12. receive a report from the New Mexico Partnership about the work that it does;

13. receive an update by Prosperity Works on the effectiveness of prize-linked savings accounts and children's savings accounts;

14. assess the importance of creating a consistent rulemaking process and its impact on businesses and consumers: e.g., the new model Administrative Procedures Act, Senate Bill 30 (2011) and House Bill 34 (2012);

15. explore agricultural issues, including the pecan industry, its impact on rural New Mexico and how New Mexico State University is involved;

16. review the Utah Transfer of Public Lands Act;

17. receive an update on uranium mining, including development and cleanup;

18. receive a presentation regarding the New Mexico MainStreet Program and its arts and cultural districts initiatives, including a tour to see local projects that local MainStreet organizations have accomplished;
19. tour the Gallup business improvement district and discuss a tax credit it is seeking;
20. receive a presentation by the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad and discuss tourism as rural economic development;
21. receive a presentation by the Design Planning Assistance Center on the positive impacts on economic and design development projects in communities around the state;
22. receive a presentation from the dean of the University of New Mexico School of Architecture and Planning regarding the economic impact of the architecture and construction industries;
23. receive a presentation from Northern New Mexico College on its impact on the economy in northern New Mexico;
24. receive a presentation from New Mexico State University on its economic impact to the state; and
25. receive a presentation from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway.

**Economic and Rural Development Committee
2012 Approved Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 6	Santa Fe
July 12-13	Chama
August 16-17	Truth or Consequences
September 20-21	Gallup
October 1-2	Albuquerque
November 1	Santa Fe