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**Legislative Finance Committee
Agenda
Columbus/Deming, NM
May 2-4, 2012**

Wednesday, May 2 – Columbus Community Center, 500 W. N. Boundary, Columbus, NM

- 8:00 -- Board Bus in Deming for trip to Columbus, NM
- 9:00 -- Welcoming Remarks and Community Input -- Senator John Arthur Smith, Chairman, LFC; Javier Diaz, Luna County Commissioner; Kelly Kuenstler, Luna County Manager; Nicole Lawson, Mayor, Village of Columbus
- 9:30 -- Border Development Update -- William Mattiace, Executive Director New Mexico Border Authority; Linda Smrkovsky, Director, Deming/Luna County Economic Development; Davin Lopez, President, Mesilla Valley Economic Development Association; Jerry Pacheco, Director, International Business Accelerator
- 11:30 -- Agriculture and Trade Update -- Dr. Richard Heerema, Extension Pecan Specialist, and Jack Blandford, County Program Director for Luna County, Cooperative Extension Service, New Mexico State University; Brad Lewis, Research Entomologist, Agriculture Experiment Station, New Mexico State University; David Lucero, Director, Marketing and Development Division, New Mexico Department of Agriculture
- 12:30 -- Recess
- 2:00 -- Tours:
Luna County Stockyards – Myles Culbertson, Director, New Mexico Livestock Board and Chad Shannon, Director, Luna County Stockyards; William “Bilo” Wallace, President of the Chihuahua Animal Health Commission
Sapphire Energy Inc. – Bryn Davis, New Mexico Operations Manager
Preferred Produce Inc. – Matthew Stong, Ph.D, CEO
- 4:30 -- Return bus trip to Deming, NM
- 5:30 -- Adjourn

Thursday, May 3, Mimbres Valley Special Events Center, 2300 E. Pine St., Deming, NM

- 8:00 -- Welcoming Remarks and Community Input – Andres Z. Silva, Mayor, Deming; Joe “Oleo” Milo, Luna County Commissioner; Harvielee Moore, Superintendent, Deming Public Schools
- 8:45 -- Labor Market Overview and Barriers to Employment -- LFC Staff and Dr. James Peach, Regents Professor, New Mexico State University

Thursday, May 3, continued

- 9:45 -- Review of Workforce Programs – Connie Leyva, Chief, Workforce Services Bureau, Workforce Solutions Department; Heather O’Keefe, Chief Operating Officer, SL Start Programs; Steve Duran, Director, Southwest Local Workforce Board; Dr. Anthony Hyde, Director, Manufacturing Technology Education Center, New Mexico State University
- 12:00 -- Lunch
- 1:30 -- Update on Arizona Water Settlements Act -- Scott Verhines, State Engineer and Vance Lee, Chairman, Gila/San Francisco Water Commission
- 3:00 -- Southwest Border Security Threats: Gorden Eden, Secretary, Department of Public Safety; Raymond Cobos, Luna County Sheriff; Saturnino Madero, Hidalgo County Sheriff
- 5:30 -- Adjourn

Friday, May 4

- 8:00 -- Effective Teacher and School Leadership Preparation Programs and Practices – Matt Montaña, Director, Professional Licensure, PED; Dr. Robert Rhodes, Associate Dean, College of Education, New Mexico State University; Dr. Patricia Manzanares-Gonzales, Dean, School of Education, Western New Mexico University; Gus Benakis, Associate Superintendent of Transportation and Human Resources, Silver City Consolidated Schools; and Beata Thorstenson, Deputy Director, New Mexico School Leadership Institute
- 11:00 -- Miscellaneous Business

Action Items

- 1) Approval of March 2012 Meeting Minutes

Information Items

Review of Monthly Financial Reports

- 2) Contracts
- 3) Quarterly Report of Outstanding Funds & Projects \geq \$1 Million, March, 2012
- 4) March – April 2012 BAR Report
- 5) March 2012 Cash Balance Report
- 6) March – April 2012 Full Time Employees by Agency
- 7) FY12 and FY13 Budget Status Report
- 8) LFC Program Evaluation Status Report

- 11:30 -- Adjourn

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