

PROGRESS SUMMARY: 2003/2004 BUSINESS CLIMATE STUDY

ISSUE	WHO HAS THE LEAD?	WHAT HAS BEEN OR WILL BE DONE?
ND Image	<i>ND DOC</i>	<i>Image Info Program to enhance state capacity and get the word out</i>
Marketing Available Resources	<i>ND DOC</i>	<i>Business Hotline</i>
International	<i>ND Trade Office</i>	<i>Public-Private Office set up; target country markets identified</i>
Support for Local ED	<i>ND DOC</i>	<i>Certification and Training Program</i>
Manufacturing	<i>ND DOC and Dakota MEP</i>	<i>Manufacturers Association and Local Supply Chain Development</i>
Procurement	<i>ND OMB</i>	<i>Web Site and Study of Potential Procurement Assistance Center</i>
Ongoing Consultation on Strategies	<i>ND DOC</i>	<i>Focus groups/Business Congress for January-April 2006</i>
Targeting Industry	<i>ND DOC</i>	<i>Target Industries Identified; Continuing to Refine Targets</i>
Tribal Business	<i>ND DOC</i>	<i>American Indian Business Development Office; contractor will help find sources of assistance for firms</i>
Technology Commercialization and Intellectual Property Issues	<i>Universities and ND DOC</i>	<i>Joint Study on Tech Commercialization and Intellectual Property Laws</i>
Universities	<i>Universities and ND DOC</i>	<i>Centers of Excellence (four already funded)</i>
Venture Capital	<i>Bank of ND</i>	<i>Bank of ND authority extended and expanded; Legislative Council Study</i>
Liability Insurance	<i>Insurance Commissioner</i>	<i>Compiling info and will make recommendations to enhance liability insurance marketplace for ND firms</i>
Transportation	<i>Legislative Council</i>	<i>Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute Study</i>
Incentives	<i>ND DOC</i>	<i>Compiling Info, Competitiveness Study</i>