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NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

COMMERCE AND LABOR COMMITTEE

Monday, November 22, 1999
Large Conference Room, Skills and Technology Training Center
1305 19th Avenue North, Fargo, North Dakota
Tuesday, November 23, 1999
Room 211, Rural Technology Incubator, University of North Dakota
4300 Dartmouth Drive, Grand Forks, North Dakota

Monday, November 22, 1999, Skills and Technology Training Center, 1305 19th Avenue North, Fargo

8:00 a.m.	Call to order Roll call Consideration of minutes of September 13, 1999, meeting Comments by Chairman Glassheim

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STUDY

8:05 a.m.	Comments by Mr. J. Mac Holladay, Chief Executive Officer, Market Street Services, Inc., regarding privatization of state economic development services
9:45 a.m.	Coffee break
10:00 a.m.	Comments via teleconference by Mr. Tucker Fagan, Chief Operations Officer, Wyoming Business Council, regarding privatization of economic development in Wyoming
10:30 a.m.	Comments by Mr. Randy Schwartz, Deputy Director, North Dakota Department of Economic Development and Finance, regarding privatization of economic development in North Dakota and other states
11:00 a.m.	Comments by interested persons regarding privatization of state economic development services
	Committee discussion and directives
11:15 a.m.	Comments by Mr. David Dahl, Public Affairs Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, regarding the state's economic health
	Committee discussion and directives
12:00 noon	Luncheon recess
1:15 p.m.	Comments by Ms. Joy Johnston, General Counsel, Greater North Dakota Association, regarding the role of the association in economic development
1:35 p.m.	Comments by representatives of the banking industry regarding the role of banks in economic development and suggestions for future economic development
	Comments by interested persons
	Committee discussion and directives
2:20 p.m.	Coffee break

RENAISSANCE ZONES - ANNUAL REPORT

2:35 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Division of Community Services of the annual report on the progress of Renaissance Zones

Comments by interested persons

Committee discussion and directives

3:30 p.m. Recess

Tuesday, November 23, 1999, Rural Technology Incubator, University of North Dakota, 4300 Dartmouth Drive, Grand Forks

WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT SURVEY

8:30 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Jana Zinser, Policy Principal, National Conference of State Legislatures, of the results of the work force development survey

Comments by Mr. Fraine Zietler, Director, North Dakota Workforce Development Council, regarding the work force development survey and the status of the council

Comments by interested persons

Committee discussion and directives

9:45 a.m. Coffee break

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCE - ANNUAL REPORT

10:00 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Economic Development and Finance of the annual report on performance of all divisions of the department; on the amount of success and satisfaction the department has in meeting business client, economic developer, and community needs and expectations; and on a comparison of dollars spent to the economic benefits created of all programs administered or supervised by the director

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STUDY

11:00 a.m. Comments by Mr. Jerry Nagel, President, Red River Trade Council, Inc., regarding the current state of economy in region and future expectations of regional economy

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

1:00 p.m. Comments by Mr. Bruce Gjovig, Director, Center for Innovation, University of North Dakota, regarding economic development trends and future economic development opportunities in the state

1:30 p.m. Comments by Mr. Wally Kearns, State Director, Small Business Development Center, regarding the role of this organization in economic development

2:00 p.m. Comments by Mr. Leon Osborne, Chief Executive Officer, Meridian Environmental Technologies, regarding his economic development experiences in the state

2:30 p.m. Coffee break

2:45 p.m. Videotaped comments by entrepreneurs speaking at the 1999 Schafer Institute, regarding economic development experiences in the state

3:15 p.m. Comments by Mr. Bob Thornberg, President, Harvest Fuel - SweetPro Feeds, regarding his economic development experiences in the state

3:45 p.m. Comments by Mr. Dean Gorder, President, Vector Training Systems, regarding his economic development experiences in the state

4:15 p.m. Committee discussion and directives

4:30 p.m. Adjourn

NOTE: Following adjournment, committee members and meeting attendees are invited to Vector Training System, Inc., for an informal tour of the facility at 917 46th Street South, Grand Forks.

Committee Members

Representatives Eliot Glassheim (Chairman), Rick Berg, Curtis E. Brekke, Byron Clark, Glen Froseth, William E. Gorder, Howard Grumbo, Nancy Johnson, George J. Keiser, Lawrence R. Klemin, Amy N. Kliniske, Dale C. Severson, Dorvan Solberg, Elwood Thorpe

Senators Tony Grindberg, Karen K. Krebsbach, Deb Mathern, Duane Mutch, Harvey Sand, Harvey D. Tallackson, Vern Thompson