

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday and Wednesday, February 24-25, 2004
Meadowlark Room 12, Alerus Center, Grand Forks, North Dakota
Board Room, Holiday Inn, Fargo, North Dakota

**STATE'S PRIMARY SECTOR BUSINESS CLIMATE STUDY -
FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS**

Tuesday, February 24, 2004 - Grand Forks area business climate focus group discussion - Meadowlark Room 12, Alerus Center, 1200 42nd Street South, Grand Forks (Committee members and participants who received invitations are asked to sit at round tables in the center of the room. Members of the public are asked to sit at chairs lining the end and the perimeter of the room. Dress business casual.)

GRAND FORKS AREA BUSINESS COMMUNITY

- 1:00 p.m. Call to order
Roll call
Welcome and comments by committee chairman
- 1:05 p.m. Comments by a representative of the North Dakota Economic Development Foundation regarding the activities of the foundation
- 1:15 p.m. Mr. Miles Friedman, National Association of State Development Agencies, facilitation of Grand Forks area business climate focus group discussion
- 4:30 p.m. Recess

Wednesday, February 25, 2004 - Fargo area and rural eastern portion of the state business climate focus group discussions - Board Room, Holiday Inn, 3803 13th Avenue South, Fargo (Committee members and participants who received invitations are asked to sit at round tables in the center of the room. Members of the public are asked to sit at chairs lining the end and the perimeter of the room. Dress business casual.)

FARGO AREA BUSINESS COMMUNITY

- 8:30 a.m. Welcome and comments by committee chairman
- 8:35 a.m. Comments by a representative of the North Dakota Economic Development Foundation regarding the activities of the foundation
- 8:45 a.m. Mr. Miles Friedman, National Association of State Development Agencies, facilitation of Fargo area business climate focus group discussion
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess

RURAL EASTERN PORTION OF THE STATE BUSINESS COMMUNITY

- 1:00 p.m. Welcome and comments by committee chairman
- 1:05 p.m. Comments by a representative of the North Dakota Economic Development Foundation regarding the activities of the foundation
- 1:15 p.m. Mr. Miles Friedman, National Association of State Development Agencies, facilitation of rural eastern portion of the state business climate focus group discussion
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Representatives Rick Berg (Chairman), Tracy Boe, Donald L. Clark, Mark A. Dosch, Mary Ekstrom, Glen Froseth, Nancy Johnson, Jim Kasper, George Keiser, Eugene Nicholas, Kenton Onstad, Ken Svedjan, Don Vigesaa
Senators Dick Dever, Duaine C. Espgaard, Tony S. Grindberg, John O. Syverson, Ryan M. Taylor