

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday and Tuesday, April 5-6, 2004
Cannonball Room, Best Western Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck, North Dakota
Executive Room, International Inn, Minot, North Dakota

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

Monday, April 5, 2004 - Bismarck area and rural western portion of the state business climate focus group discussions - Cannonball Room, Best Western Ramkota Hotel, 800 South Third Street, Bismarck (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 on chairs lining the end and the perimeter of the room. Dress business casual.)

BISMARCK AREA BUSINESS COMMUNITY

- 8:30 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Welcome and comments by the 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. Facilitation of Bismarck area business climate focus group discussion by Mr. Miles Friedman, National Association of State Development Agencies
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess

RURAL WESTERN PORTION OF THE STATE BUSINESS COMMUNITY

- 1:00 p.m. Welcome and comments by the 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. Facilitation of rural western portion of the state business climate focus group discussion by Mr. Miles Friedman, National Association of State Development Agencies
- 4:30 p.m. Recess

Tuesday, April 6, 2004 - Minot area business climate focus group discussion - Executive Room, International Inn, 1505 North Broadway, Minot (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 on chairs lining the end and the perimeter of the room. Dress business casual.)

MINOT AREA BUSINESS COMMUNITY

- 8:30 a.m. Welcome and comments by the 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. Facilitation of Minot area business climate focus group discussion by Mr. Miles Friedman, National Association of State Development Agencies
- 12:00 noon 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. Espeland, Tony S. Grindberg, John O. Syverson, Ryan M. Taylor