

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS CLIMATE STUDY
VISIONING EXERCISE**

**GRAND FORKS BUSINESS COMMUNITY
February 24, 2004**

	Invitees (17)/Legislators (12)	Agree Strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree Strongly
1.	North Dakota is a great place to grow my business.	4/1	10/11	2/0	0/0
2.	There is little difference in the business climate between the eastern and western ends of the state.	0/0	2/1	9/6	5/5
3.	Government policies in North Dakota, are, for the most part, supportive of business growth.	3/1	14/11	0/0	0/0
4.	Tax and regulatory policies are the biggest barriers to business growth in North Dakota.	0/0	1/1	12/7	4/4
5.	Primary sector businesses have a bright future in North Dakota.	0/0	15/8	2/4	0/0
6.	Most businesses are aware of state programs that can assist them.	1/0	1/2	12/10	2/0
7.	North Dakota has a superior workforce that meets the needs of primary sector businesses.	5/4	11/8	1/0	0/0
8.	Capital is readily available for established businesses in North Dakota.	1/2	6/5	10/5	0/0
9.	The state has a consistent, comprehensive strategy to encourage the growth of jobs and firms in North Dakota.	0/0	4/4	10/3	3/2
10.	North Dakota needs to commit more resources to encouraging the growth of jobs and businesses in the state.	9/4	8/8	0/0	0/0
11.	North Dakota has many advantages over neighboring states for business growth.	1/1	9/6	7/4	0/0
12.	Rural communities in North Dakota need more help in growing their business base.	6/2	9/9	2/1	0/0
13.	Local economic development programs are the key to assisting businesses to grow and create jobs.	4/4	11/7	2/1	0/0
14.	The business community needs to be more involved in the development of economic development policies and programs at the state level.	7/5	10/7	0/0	0/0
15.	There are neighboring states that have more business-friendly environments than North Dakota.	0/0	7/3	9/8	0/1
16.	State and local economic developers work closely in their efforts to support business and job growth.	3/0	10/7	4/4	0/0
17.	There are few changes in state policies and programs that would encourage me to grow my business.	0/0	11/5	6/7	0/0
18.	North Dakota could do more to insure that we have a well prepared, qualified workforce.	0/0	13/10	4/2	0/0
19.	Government incentives make little difference in business decisions.	0/0	6/4	8/7	2/1
20.	Business climate has more to do with the economy, industry forces and local market conditions than it does with government policies and programs.	1/2	16/9	0/1	0/0

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**FARGO BUSINESS COMMUNITY
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	Invitees (15)/Legislators (10)	Agree Strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree Strongly
1.	North Dakota is a great place to grow my business.	2/1	10/9	2/0	0/0
2.	There is little difference in the business climate between the eastern and western ends of the state.	0/0	0/1	8/3	7/6
3.	Government policies in North Dakota, are, for the most part, supportive of business growth.	6/0	9/10	0/0	0/0
4.	Tax and regulatory policies are the biggest barriers to business growth in North Dakota.	0/0	0/1	10/6	5/3
5.	Primary sector businesses have a bright future in North Dakota.	0/0	15/8	0/2	0/0
6.	Most businesses are aware of state programs that can assist them.	1/0	2/2	11/7	1/1
7.	North Dakota has a superior workforce that meets the needs of primary sector businesses.	3/0	9/9	3/1	0/0
8.	Capital is readily available for established businesses in North Dakota.	1/0	4/3	7/6	2/1
9.	The state has a consistent, comprehensive strategy to encourage the growth of jobs and firms in North Dakota.	0/0	5/3	8/6	2/0
10.	North Dakota needs to commit more resources to encouraging the growth of jobs and businesses in the state.	8/1	5/9	2/0	0/0
11.	North Dakota has many advantages over neighboring states for business growth.	0/0	7/7	5/3	1/0
12.	Rural communities in North Dakota need more help in growing their business base.	2/3	9/7	4/0	0/0
13.	Local economic development programs are the key to assisting businesses to grow and create jobs.	7/2	6/7	1/1	1/0
14.	The business community needs to be more involved in the development of economic development policies and programs at the state level.	7/4	8/6	0/0	0/0
15.	There are neighboring states that have more business-friendly environments than North Dakota.	0/0	8/4	7/6	0/0
16.	State and local economic developers work closely in their efforts to support business and job growth.	0/0	13/8	2/1	0/0
17.	There are few changes in state policies and programs that would encourage me to grow my business.	1/0	9/7	4/3	0/0
18.	North Dakota could do more to insure that we have a well prepared, qualified workforce.	2/0	13/10	0/0	0/0
19.	Government incentives make little difference in business decisions.	0/0	2/4	12/6	1/0
20.	Business climate has more to do with the economy, industry forces and local market conditions than it does with government policies and programs.	4/0	11/10	0/0	0/0

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**EASTERN RURAL NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS COMMUNITY
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	Invitees (14)/Legislators (7)	Agree Strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree Strongly
1.	North Dakota is a great place to grow my business.	5/1	7/6	2/0	0/0
2.	There is little difference in the business climate between the eastern and western ends of the state.	0/0	5/1	8/3	1/3
3.	Government policies in North Dakota, are, for the most part, supportive of business growth.	2/0	12/7	0/0	0/0
4.	Tax and regulatory policies are the biggest barriers to business growth in North Dakota.	0/0	2/0	9/6	3/1
5.	Primary sector businesses have a bright future in North Dakota.	0/0	11/7	3/0	0/0
6.	Most businesses are aware of state programs that can assist them.	0/0	0/0	11/6	3/1
7.	North Dakota has a superior workforce that meets the needs of primary sector businesses.	4/0	6/7	4/0	0/0
8.	Capital is readily available for established businesses in North Dakota.	0/0	1/4	11/2	2/1
9.	The state has a consistent, comprehensive strategy to encourage the growth of jobs and firms in North Dakota.	0/0	6/3	8/4	0/0
10.	North Dakota needs to commit more resources to encouraging the growth of jobs and businesses in the state.	9/0	5/7	0/0	0/0
11.	North Dakota has many advantages over neighboring states for business growth.	0/1	7/4	7/2	0/0
12.	Rural communities in North Dakota need more help in growing their business base.	8/3	6/4	0/0	0/0
13.	Local economic development programs are the key to assisting businesses to grow and create jobs.	7/0	7/6	0/1	0/0
14.	The business community needs to be more involved in the development of economic development policies and programs at the state level.	3/2	11/5	0/0	0/0
15.	There are neighboring states that have more business-friendly environments than North Dakota.	1/0	9/2	4/5	0/0
16.	State and local economic developers work closely in their efforts to support business and job growth.	1/0	11/7	2/0	0/0
17.	There are few changes in state policies and programs that would encourage me to grow my business.	0/0	6/5	8/2	0/0
18.	North Dakota could do more to insure that we have a well prepared, qualified workforce.	3/0	11/7	0/0	0/0
19.	Government incentives make little difference in business decisions.	0/0	1/1	9/6	4/0
20.	Business climate has more to do with the economy, industry forces and local market conditions than it does with government policies and programs.	1/0	7/7	6/0	0/0