

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

BISMARCK-MANDAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY

April 5, 2004

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

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MINOT BUSINESS COMMUNITY

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

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WESTERN RURAL NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS COMMUNITY

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	Invitees (24)/Legislators (7)	Agree Strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree Strongly
1.	North Dakota is a great place to grow my business.	6/0	15/7	3/0	0/0
2.	There is little difference in the business climate between the eastern and western ends of the state.	1/0	4/1	13/3	5/3
3.	Government policies in North Dakota, are, for the most part, supportive of business growth.	3/0	17/6	4/1	0/0
4.	Tax and regulatory policies are the biggest barriers to business growth in North Dakota.	0/0	4/1	19/5	1/1
5.	Primary sector businesses have a bright future in North Dakota.	1/0	15/7	7/0	0/0
6.	Most businesses are aware of state programs that can assist them.	0/0	6/0	12/6	6/1
7.	North Dakota has a superior workforce that meets the needs of primary sector businesses.	2/1	15/4	7/2	0/0
8.	Capital is readily available for established businesses in North Dakota.	0/0	4/2	14/4	5/1
9.	The state has a consistent, comprehensive strategy to encourage the growth of jobs and firms in North Dakota.	0/0	6/4	18/3	0/0
10.	North Dakota needs to commit more resources to encouraging the growth of jobs and businesses in the state.	11/0	13/7	0/0	0/0
11.	North Dakota has many advantages over neighboring states for business growth.	0/0	13/5	11/2	0/0
12.	Rural communities in North Dakota need more help in growing their business base.	7/3	17/4	0/0	0/0
13.	Local economic development programs are the key to assisting businesses to grow and create jobs.	0/0	1/1	19/6	4/0
14.	The business community needs to be more involved in the development of economic development policies and programs at the state level.	5/4	19/3	0/0	0/0
15.	There are neighboring states that have more business-friendly environments than North Dakota.	0/0	16/4	8/3	0/0
16.	State and local economic developers work closely in their efforts to support business and job growth.	0/0	18/5	6/2	0/0
17.	There are few changes in state policies and programs that would encourage me to grow my business.	0/0	3/3	20/4	0/0
18.	North Dakota could do more to insure that we have a well prepared, qualified workforce.	2/0	22/7	0/0	0/0
19.	Government incentives make little difference in business decisions.	3/2	21/5	0/0	0/0
20.	Business climate has more to do with the economy, industry forces and local market conditions than it does with government policies and programs.	0/0	1/1	16/5	7/1