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New Mexico Economic Development Department to Discuss Economic Topics at the Rural Development Council and the NM IDEA Conference for Business Day at the Legislature

Santa Fe - The New Mexico Economic Development Department (NMEDD) will take part in a day of discussions regarding important economic development topics on February 2 as part of Business Day at the state Legislature. NMEDD's Economic Development Division will lead discussion in the morning at the Rural Development Council and attend New Mexico IDEA's Quarterly Meeting in the afternoon. Both events will take place at the Inn and Spa at Loretto in Santa Fe.

From 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the Rural Development Council will meet to discuss Legislative initiatives pertaining to rural economic development. The Rural Economic Development Council in the four years since its establishment has been instrumental in the creation a Business Resource Center, the FundIt program and Webinar Trainings specific to economic development and business training sessions.

New Mexico IDEA will also host its quarterly meeting from 1:30 p.m. to approximately 3:30 or 4 p.m. Agenda topics include: committee reports and updates, partner updates, and Legislative initiatives. A full agenda is forthcoming and available at: <http://www.nmidea.org/>.

The Inn and Spa at Loretto is offering those attending a per diem rate of \$94. The group code is **G01982** and also may be referred to by the group name (NMIDEA). Guest may make reservations by calling Toll Free at 866-582-1646 or the Hotel Direct Toll Free at 800-727-5531. Please contact Tanya Aranda, Group Rooms Coordinator, with any issues. Attendees are encouraged to stay at the host hotel as it is part of the negotiation for waived conference room use and it is in walking distance to the capitol.

Lastly the annual Chamber Legislative Reception will round out the day of events at the Santa Fe Convention Center from 5 to 7 p.m. The reception serves to connect business professionals, chambers of commerce, business advocacy organizations and community partners with government policy makers. Governor Martinez, Cabinet Secretaries and all New Mexico Legislators have been invited to attend. Click [here](#) to register for tickets and booth space or for more information please call Bridget Dixon at 988-3279 or email to bridget@santafechamber.com.

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