



# Economic Affairs Interim Committee

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## Economic Development Issues - Where are we and where are we headed?

Draft Schedule for Economic Affairs Committee meeting, October 24, 2003  
Room 137  
State Capitol

- 8:15 a.m. **Introduction -- Outline of Topics** -- Rep. Joe McKenney  
8:30 a.m. **1) Under what conditions is Montana operating? Current Status**  
A. General Economy Overview by Paul Polzin (UM, head of the Bureau of Business and Economic Research)  
B. Montana Labor/Employment Trend Overview by Phil Brooks, Montana Dept. of Labor and Industry
- 10:15 a.m. **2) What local groups are doing now and where there are gaps**  
Differences in economic development/community development by area (Presented by regional economic development representatives)  
Dick King, Missoula Economic Development Corp.  
John Kramer, Great Falls Development Authority  
Joe McClure, Big Sky Economic Development Authority, Billings  
Paul Tuss, Bear Paw Development Corp., Havre
- 11:30 **3) Where do we want to be? Options**  
Dave Gibson
- Noon Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. **4) What are the tools?**  
A. Cluster/Collaboration Concept -- Dave Gibson  
B. Travel Montana Model for building an industry -- Mark Simonich  
C. Existing Technical and Financial programs -- Mark Simonich and Andy Poole  
Venture capital  
Microbusiness  
Small Business assistance programs  
Manufacturing extension service
- 3:00 E. University System Role and best practices developed/implemented/proposed by universities -- John Mercer and Mark Semmens
- 4:00 Public Comment
- 4:15 Adjourn