

2021 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

MISSION

To champion the growth and diversification of South Dakota's economy through professional development, networking and advocacy.

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A South Dakota filled with vibrant communities and economic opportunities for all.

2021 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- 1. Diversify and grow South Dakota's economy through investment in innovative workforce development and recruitment initiatives, projects, and programs.*
- 2. Strengthen and expand South Dakota's investment in Workforce Housing initiatives, projects, and programs.*
- 3. Support continued investment in K-12, career and technical, and regental education in South Dakota focused on continuing to develop South Dakota's workforce of tomorrow.*
- 4. Support continued investment in South Dakota's infrastructure.*
- 5. Support expanding South Dakota's investment in innovative economic development initiatives focused on diversifying and expanding South Dakota's economy.*
- 6. Support strengthening and expanding community development and quality of life initiatives, projects, and programs across South Dakota.*

2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Founding 2021 House Resolution

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Supporting the Establishment of the Economic Development Professionals Association of South Dakota.

WHEREAS, South Dakota economic development offices, economic development professionals, and associated businesses and organizations recognized the need for a unifying statewide organization to support and unite the economic development profession, secure concerted action among economic development professionals, and promote and support growth in communities across South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of said need, the offices, professionals, businesses and organizations established the Economic Development Professionals Association of South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Professionals Association's mission is to champion the growth and diversification of South Dakota's economy through professional development, networking, advocacy, and action in concert with state agencies, local business and business organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Professionals Association has a vision to build a South Dakota filled with vibrant communities and economic opportunities for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Sixth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South Dakota Legislature endorses and congratulates the South Dakota Economic Development Professionals Association on their establishment.

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EDPA of SD Draft Membership Code of Ethics

1. Members will establish and maintain standards of conduct that go beyond the requirements of law.
2. Members will carry out all activities in a manner becoming of and bringing honor to the good reputation of the profession, EDPA of SD, the entity they represent, and the State of South Dakota.
3. Members will be honest and straightforward in all agreements, transactions, promised services, and delivery of services.
4. Members pledge to maintain confidentiality, with particular attention to proprietary information received during the provision of services.
5. Members pledge to maintain the spirit of fairness in competition and to help eradicate any deceptions or comments that violate the spirit.
6. Members have a duty to avoid conflict of interest and all appearances of conflict.
7. Members agree to cooperate with fellow EDPA of SD members in informal exchanges of information and ideas reflecting practices, procedures, trends, and policy pertaining to economic development notwithstanding the maintenance of confidentiality with proprietary information.
8. Members pledge to consider long-term economic issues, environmental issues, and impact on natural and human resources in dealing with specific projects, policies, or procedures.
9. Members will not initiate recruiting of a company located in another South Dakota community.
10. Members will promote their community/organization, or area being represented, first. In the event a company's needs cannot be met, members will try to meet the needs somewhere else in the state.
11. Members shall not engage in any use of EDPA of SD identity in lobbying on any issue without prior authority of the Legislative Committee.
12. Members shall be objective in dealing with prospects and shall not make derogatory remarks about another member, community, or entity, nor shall a member tell another member, community, or entity what they can or cannot offer a prospect.