



# 2022 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

## MISSION

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

## VISION

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

## 2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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**I. HOUSING:**

Strengthen and expand South Dakota's investment in housing initiatives, projects, and programs.

**II. EDUCATION & WORKFORCE:**

Investment in innovative workforce development and recruitment initiatives, projects, and programs by supporting continued investment in K-12, career and technical, and regental education in South Dakota focused on developing South Dakota's workforce of tomorrow. Support incentives, programs and partnerships that encourage automation, mechanization and training.

**III. INFRASTRUCTURE:**

Support continued enhanced investment in South Dakota's infrastructure.

**IV. QUALITY OF LIFE:**

Support strengthening and expanding community development, daycare and quality of life initiatives, projects, and programs across South Dakota.

**V. COOPERATION & COORDINATION:**

Cooperate and coordinate with our partners in economic development to develop, support and promote initiatives that accomplish the above priorities.



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## EDPA of SD LEGISLATIVE VALUES

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### Housing and Community Development

The growth potential of South Dakota communities and rural areas depends on the quality of life and availability of housing. Healthy and vibrant communities are essential in attracting talent to live and work in South Dakota to enhance revitalization, diversification, and creation of new wealth. EDPA supports maintaining effective state and local programs supporting housing and community development.

### Workforce Availability and Development

The ability of South Dakota businesses to maximize the potential of the state's economy will depend on their ability to attract and retain a 21st century workforce. EDPA recognizes the importance of connecting businesses and education through workforce training programs. EDPA supports curriculum alignment and training capacity that correlates with the state's most critical occupational needs, as well as maintaining education affordability for students. EDPA supports affordable housing and childcare programs, which are essential for workforce development. Statewide marketing efforts to attract workforce are critical.

### Infrastructure Development

Smart, efficient infrastructure that gives South Dakota the capacity to grow is critically important to the health and vitality of the state. EDPA supports a strong statewide transportation system, which is vital to economic development, and long-range planning. The expansion of natural gas to all corners of the state would provide rural communities an equal opportunity to attract and retain manufacturers. EDPA also recognizes that broadband, cell phone and wireless data infrastructure is essential to technology growth in the state.

### Economic Diversification

The long-term future of South Dakota is dependent upon planning expanded economic diversification and supporting innovation, entrepreneurship, and start-up ventures that bring new wealth to the state. Diversification could include growth in automation and mechanization in manufacturing. EDPA supports investments in applied research and commercialization focused on technology development that will lead to the diversification of South Dakotas' economy.

### Pro-Business Climate

Improving the state's economic and business climate by supporting a competitive taxation and regulatory environment promotes the creation of new wealth and the diversification of South Dakota's economy. Maintaining tax relief and competitive taxes is important for SD to compete in a global economy. EDPA supports local decision making and flexibility regarding business financing and incentives.