Welcome to UNM’s third Business & Economic Summit. The purpose of today’s event is to continue our statewide dialogue about ways to grow our New Mexico economy and our innovation ecosystem. This summit will build on New Mexico Chamber of Commerce’s strategic plan: “Driving New Mexico’s Future: Empowering a Competitive Economy in a Post-Pandemic World.”

AGENDA - PART 1

10:00 - 10:10 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks
Garnett S. Stokes, Ph.D., President, University of New Mexico

10:10 - 10:45 a.m. Presentation of New Mexico Chamber of Commerce “Driving New Mexico’s Future” Report
Rob Black, President & CEO, New Mexico Chamber of Commerce
Ted Abernathy, Principal & Founder, Economic Leadership

10:45 - 11:00 a.m. Break

Panel Discussions around Implementing the New Mexico Chamber of Commerce Plan

11:00 - 11:30 a.m. Research Universities in New Mexico
Interviewer: Mitzi Montoya, Ph.D., Dean, Anderson School of Management, UNM
Garnett S. Stokes, Ph.D., President, University of New Mexico
Dan Arvizu, Ph.D., Chancellor, New Mexico State University
Van Romero, Ph.D., Vice President of Research, New Mexico Tech University

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. National Laboratories in New Mexico
Interviewer: James Holloway, Ph.D., Provost & Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, UNM
Colonel Eric Felt, Ph.D., Commander of the Phillips Research Site & Director, Space Vehicles Directorate, Air Force Research Laboratory
Kelly D. Hammett, Ph.D., Director, Directed Energy Directorate, Air Force Research Laboratory
Thomas (Thom) Mason, Ph.D., CEO of Triad National Security & Director, Los Alamos National Laboratory
Scott Aeilts, Associate Labs Director and Chief Financial Officer, Sandia National Laboratories

12:00 - 12:15 p.m. Break/Grab your lunch

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12:15 - 1:15 p.m.  Keynote Speaker: The Role of Public Universities in State-wide Economic Development

Introduced by Lisa Kuuttila, CEO & Chief Economic Development Officer, UNM Rainforest Innovations
Michael M. Crow, Ph.D., President, Arizona State University

1:15 - 1:30 p.m.  Reflect on Michael Crow Remarks
Mayor Timothy M. Keller, City of Albuquerque

1:30 - 2:15 p.m.  Zoom Breakout Room Sessions

Introduction of Breakout Sessions
Mitzi Montoya, Ph.D., Dean, Anderson School of Management, UNM

Breakout Rooms – Developing Specific Actions in Areas of Competitiveness

Moderator: Tracey Bryan, President/CEO, The Bridge of Southern New Mexico
1. To address the challenge of insufficient skilled workers
   • Increase the overall labor pool for employers
   • Improve the number of workers with work readiness skills and in-demand middle skills
   • Extend opportunity to underserved communities and populations

Moderator: Richard Anklam, President, New Mexico Tax Research Institute
2. To address the top concern of stakeholders and improve overall regulatory business climate
   • Make the New Mexico regulatory environment among the most business friendly in America

Moderator: Mathis Shinnick, CEO, OptiPulse, Inc.
3. To take advantage of the state’s location, respond to corporate needs and spread opportunity more broadly
   • Strengthen the State’s infrastructure

Moderator: Waneta Tuttle, Manager, Tramway Venture Partners
4. To acknowledge rapid change and take advantage of emerging opportunities
   • Prioritize and emphasize entrepreneurship

Moderator: Jon Clark, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico Economic Development Department
5. To align business needs, higher education assets and government efforts to efficiently grow the New Mexico economy and raise the prosperity of the state’s citizens
   • Amplify the voice of business
   • Create forums for ongoing collaboration and partnerships between the public and private sector

2:15 - 2:30 p.m.  Break

2:30 - 3:15 p.m.  Report-out by Areas of Competitiveness
Facilitated by Rob Black, President & CEO, New Mexico Chamber of Commerce

3:15 - 3:30 p.m.  Closing Remarks: Economic Development Strategic Planning Process
Jon Clark, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico Economic Development Department

3:30 p.m.  Closing and Adjourn
James Holloway, Ph.D., Provost & Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, UNM