**Breakout Room #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

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**Specific Strategies from New Mexico Chamber of Commerce “Driving New Mexico’s Future: Empowering a Competitive Economy in a Post-Pandemic World”**:  

**Amplify the Voice of Business**

1. Create a public-private annual event to bring leaders from the public and private sectors together with a focus on competitiveness challenges and future opportunities. Begin with a fall 2021 joint event.
   - The 2019 Future Wisconsin Summit program by the state Chamber of Commerce Foundation featured discussions on rural Wisconsin, the agriculture economy, criminal justice reform and a keynote on the importance of STEM education. The Summit, which is held annually, brings in individuals from both the public and private sectors to discuss issues employers are facing in the workforce today.
   - Each year the Missouri Chamber of Commerce holds a public-private conference to focus on a strategic area of the Missouri 2030 competitiveness plan. The most recent event focused on transportation and making Missouri a leading logistics hub. Previous summits focused on workforce and technology.