

ARIZONA RURAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
2010 RURAL POLICY FORUM

Department of Commerce-Rural Programs - Group Recommendations

Rural Representation on Arizona Commerce Authority

We recommend the Arizona Commerce Authority have more representation from individuals with a rural interest/perspective. A successful and vibrant economy for Arizona includes a strong interdependence between rural and urban economies.

Rural Advisory Committee

We recommend the establishment of a Rural Advisory Committee to advise and advocate the Arizona Commerce Authority on rural issues and needs. The chairperson of the Rural Advisory Committee should be a member of the Arizona Commerce Authority.

Historical Statewide Programs

Rural Arizona has historically depended on the Department of Commerce to provide leads for business attraction, statistical information for economic development purposes, assisted with exports and provided a liaison for national programs like Main Street. We recommend the Arizona Department of Commerce identify a statewide organization to provide similar services to the rural communities.