



ARIZONA RURAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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Arizona Rural Development Council's (AZRDC) 4th Annual Rural Policy Forum was held July 22-23, 2010 at the WA Franke College of Business on the campus of Northern Arizona University. The program included presentations regarding community readiness, entrepreneurship, solar energy and regional economic development. The 85 attendees also received the latest information regarding the 2011 Arizona Jobs Bill and the Arizona Department of Commerce rural programs.

The power point presentation used at the Forum can be found on the AZRDC web site www.azrdc.org

The attendees participated in discussion groups to develop rural

recommendations for the Arizona legislature to consider when writing the 2011 Jobs Bill, as well as, recommendations for the Arizona Department of Commerce to consider as they reorganize the Department. The AZRDC board of directors is reviewing the recommendations and they will be included in the Rural Policy Forum's final report. When the final report is completed it will be posted on the web site.

The purpose of the Rural Policy Forum is to provide a forum for people living in rural communities to dialogue, interchange best practice ideas, and connect with experts from the field, with a focus on the development of collaborative movements to ad-

The Arizona SET Team has announced the state's awardees for the Stronger Economies Together (SET) technical assistance and training program.

Under a cooperative agreement between the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Development agency and four Regional Rural Development Centers, multi-entity regions competed to participate in technical assistance and training grants to develop a regional economic development strategy. Arizona was one of the eight states across the nation selected for the pilot program. The Colorado River Regional Economic Development Organization (CRREDO), the Northern Arizona Regional Rural Economic Development (NARRED) and the Copper Corridor

Economic Development Coalition (CCEDC) were selected to receive intensive training and statistical information this fall.

Training will be done by a team consisting of representatives of USDA Rural Development, Cooperative Extension Service, the Arizona Rural Development Council, Rural Community Assistance Corporation and the Western Rural Development Center.

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2010 Calendar of Events

August 24-27 AZ League of Cities Conference
Glendale

September 15-17 Arizona Housing Forum
Tucson

October 14- 15 Governor's Regional and Rural
Development Conference
Flagstaff

Become a "Friend of AZRDC"... You and/or your organization can become a friend of AZRDC to support the work of AZRDC ... Visit www.azrdc.org... The **Bullhead Regional Economic Development Authority** has recently become the first official "Friend of AZRDC" ... The **Arizona Association for Economic Development (AAED)** is conducting a series of webinars to gather input for the next Arizona Jobs Bill. The next webinar is scheduled for Monday August 9th To join the online meeting, please click on the link below to see more information, or copy-and paste into your browser to join the meeting: to <https://pnw-meeting.webex.com/pnw-meeting/j.php?ED=138597682&UID=0&RT=MIM1>
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