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**Research Our Neighboring States
MEDA Legislative Strategy
June 20, 2013
2:30pm**

On the call: Rick Edwards, Chair; Steve Arveschoug, and Gloria O'Rourke.
Unavailable: Brett Doney, Jim Atchison, James Grunke, and Brian Gion.

Purpose:

Rick explained the purpose of this team is to research the economic development tools and policies of our neighboring, regional competitors (ND, SD, ID, WY, WA, CO) so that we understand our competitive position in regions.

Suggestions:

1. Steve said that Jeremy Vannatta was recently at a conference and attended a session for site selectors and conducting research on competitive incentives. Steve will ask Jeremy for contact information of the presenters to learn if Montana could hire someone to provide data. The information would graphically show how Montana ranks.
2. Rick has some information from Colorado and a few other states on their blue prints for economic development. Rick will share this information with the team.

As there were not enough team members on the call, Gloria will reschedule the meeting.

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