

Executive Order 2010 – 17
Establishing the Rural Business Advisory Council

WHEREAS, Arizona's rural business development and job growth is vital to the economic health of this great state; and

WHEREAS, support for economic development efforts in rural communities will help bring in new businesses, advance improvements in rural Arizona and most importantly create jobs for Arizonans; and

WHEREAS, Governor Brewer is committed to providing resources and support, to rural Arizona, with a focus on business attraction, expansion, retention and job creation.

WHEREAS, the State should undertake specific strategies in Arizona's rural regions to achieve growth in and diversification of its industries and economy to advance the quality of life in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, in light of the need for a more directed, credible and effective business development system, Governor Brewer created the Arizona Commerce Authority Board of Directors (Board) to provide private sector leadership, innovation and engagement to diversify Arizona's economy, create quality jobs, and support and attract businesses in targeted areas; and

WHEREAS, the Board will benefit from an organized rural business council to highlight and emphasize the unique perspective and needs of rural Arizona.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State do hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The Rural Business Advisory Council (Council) is established to advise the Arizona Commerce Authority Board regarding rural business development strategies, including creating jobs, diversifying economies and attracting new investment.
2. The Council shall be comprised of a business representative from each Arizona County, one member representing Arizona's tribal nations, and the Arizona Commerce Authority CEO.
3. The Council will advise the Authority on implementation of strategies for the business development priorities listed above.

4. The Council shall make recommendations on policy development and funding allocations to complement regional and local economic development strategies that focus on and assist rural communities.
5. The Council shall leverage local, state and federal resources to advance business in rural Arizona.
6. Council members and the Council chair are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Janice K. Brewer
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix this 8th day of September in the Year Two Thousand Ten and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Fifth.

ATTEST:

Ken Blumett
SECRETARY OF STATE

