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Nevada GOED Staff Brings Economic Development Programs to Ely on the First Stop of the 2019 Nevada Summer Rural Tour

ELY, Nev. – On the first stop of the 2019 Nevada Summer Rural Tour today, Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) staff met directly with Ely businesses and residents to share information about state resources to assist rural communities' economic development.

"Rural economic prosperity is a top priority for the Sisolak administration, we know how essential rural communities are for our state's economy," said GOED Interim Executive Director Kris Sanchez. "GOED staff will continue to be in rural communities to meet with business and community leaders to provide support."

GOED will be holding informational workshops at each tour stop to help small business owners expand their companies into the overseas markets and provide them with the information they need to compete for government contracts. GOED's director and staff were in Ely today and will be in Elko on Tuesday, Winnemucca on Wednesday, Gardnerville on Thursday and Tonopah on Friday.

On Monday morning, Sanchez addressed a group of Ely residents, business owners and community leaders, "today will not be the last time you see GOED in Rural Nevada," Sanchez said. "We are here to work with you to help your businesses and town be successful. We are out in the rural communities to connect local business owners with valuable state programs, grants and resources that benefit rural communities"

GOED has worked with local development authorities to organize the Rural Tour.

"We are very supportive of GOED's efforts to reach out to rural communities and bring the state's resources directly to us," said Donna Bath, Northeastern Nevada Regional Development Authority Economic Development Office. "Kris Sanchez has always been a great friend to rural communities and businesses."

The informational sessions provide businesses owners and community leaders with information on the State Trade Expansion Program (STEP) grant. The grant provides federal funding to small businesses

through the U.S. Small Business Administration to provide them with the tools and information they need to succeed in export-related expansion.

GOED's Nevada Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) staff will also be available to business owners on the tour. PTAC simplifies the process of competing for government contracts for small businesses by cutting through the red tape and connecting businesses with government contract opportunities through networking events, bid matching, proposal review and other training.

For more information about the Nevada GOED, visit diversifynevada.com.

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About the Governor's Office of Economic Development

Created during the 2011 session of the Nevada Legislature, the [Governor's Office of Economic Development](#) is the result of a collaborative effort between the Nevada Legislature and the Governor's Office to restructure economic development in the state. GOED's role is to promote a robust, diversified and prosperous economy in Nevada, to stimulate business expansion and retention, encourage entrepreneurial enterprise, attract new businesses and facilitate community development. More information on the Governor's Office of Economic Development can be viewed at diversifynevada.com.