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## **Nevada GOED Concludes Rural Tour in Tonopah Gathering Information for State's Economic Plan**

*Week-long tour included visits to five towns over 1,100-mile loop around the state providing information about available state programs to business owners and community leaders.*

**TONOPAH, Nev.** – The Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) wrapped up its Rural Tour today with a stop in Tonopah, traveling more than 1,100 miles around the state meeting with community and business leaders in Rural Nevada.

"I have encouraged GOED to go out and meet Nevadans face to face to ensure that we are providing essential services that will help our communities grow," Gov. Steve Sisolak said. "I have made economic prosperity for small businesses and small towns throughout Nevada a top priority for my administration."

As GOED embarks on creating the state's economic plan, the input from elected officials, business leaders and residents from small towns all over the state will be invaluable as priorities are established and strategies are developed to continue Nevada's economic success.

"Rural Nevada is important to the state's economic development in addition to preserving the state's rich heritage," said GOED Interim Executive Director Kris Sanchez. "It is important that we visit each community to hear firsthand the challenges they face and the successes they have created."

In Tonopah today, GOED met with community leaders to highlight the programs the state has available to help small businesses expand to overseas markets and be competitive for government contracts. Gov. Sisolak has stressed that he wants to see more federal government contracts in Nevada go to Nevada companies.

The GOED Rural Tour started on Monday with a stop in Ely followed by stops in Elko, Winnemucca and Gardnerville before finishing up in Tonopah.

"It's important for all communities to know that we will continue to visit towns all over the state to gather essential information to help each area with its economic development," Sanchez said. "There is no better way to understand a town's needs than to have meaningful conversations with residents."

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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](http://diversifynevada.com).