

**Northern Arizona Council of Governments
Economic Development Council**

OVERVIEW

PURPOSE: The NACOG-EDC is a collaborative regional approach that provides leadership in the creation of foundations necessary to foster business opportunities, assist entrepreneurs, and encourage innovation throughout the region to ensure long-term success. The EDC monitors the region's economic diversification through effective communication with all partners, evaluating regional performance indicators, maintaining relationships, identifying and providing the tools to assist in proactive strategy implementation, and serving as a catalyst for positive change. The EDA provides planning investment assistance to Planning Organizations, or Economic Development Districts. The NACOG region of Apache, Coconino, Navajo and Yavapai counties form the NACOG-Economic Development District or EDD. The EDD is responsible for developing and submitting a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), designing and implementing an annual Scope of Work and soliciting an annual CEDS Goals and Priorities List for communities within the District, which look to fund part of public works or infrastructure projects with EDA funding.

MEMBERSHIP MAKEUP: EDA guidelines mandate that the EDC must represent the diverse interest, viewpoints and components of the Districts it serves. Committee members will represent such groups as public leadership, economic development organizations, business and industry, the employment and training sector, community organizations, tribal areas, health and education professions, distressed populations, women and minorities. Local elected officials must do business or reside in the District per the bylaws.

The EDC is composed of 30 members representing the groups outlined above. Members will be selected as follows:

1. SIX MEMBERS PER COUNTY (24 TOTAL)

When vacancies occur, committee members currently serving on the EDC will, whenever possible, recommend qualified candidates from appropriate sectors from a geographic distribution of the county and from the diverse interest sectors suggested by the EDA. Priority will be given to applicants from assessed communities that are not currently represented. The current county representatives will “sponsor” the recruit before the EDC. As vacancies occur, the EDC membership committee will recommend qualified candidates from appropriate sectors, to the EDC and Regional Council for their approval.

2. SIX MEMBERS AT-LARGE (6 TOTAL)

The balance of the EDC will be nominated by Committee members to represent public and/or private sectors according to EDA guidelines. As vacancies occur, members will recommend qualified candidates from appropriate sectors. At large seats will be distributed across all 4 counties where qualified applicants are available. Recommendations will be considered by county to ensure at large seats represent all 4 counties when possible.. Where there are no qualified applicants suggested for a county area, the vacant seat(s) may be filled by a candidate from another county area as determined by the EDC and approved by the Regional

Council. No more than 10% of the total at large seats may be from a single community. As vacancies occur, assessed communities not currently represented on EDC shall be provided with notification of an open seat along with directions for nominating candidate(s). Those communities may be given priority provided that the proposed candidate(s) meets the requirement for membership. Assessed communities include unincorporated areas within the county. Recommendations will be submitted to the EDC Membership Committee which may make recommendations to the EDC. EDC approved recommendations for filling open seats will be forwarded to the Regional Council for approval.

NOMINATION PROCESS: Private sector members shall be the owners of business concerns, Chief Executives or Chief Operations Officers, or other private sectors executives who have substantial management and policy responsibility. Private business members must be selected from among individuals nominated by the business/company President, CEO etc., Boards of Directors, a Regional Council member or EDC member. The remaining members of the Board shall be nominated by the sector for which they represent (i.e. Labor, Education, Economic Development etc.)

Nominations **must** come with recommendation from an active member of the NACOG Regional Council, Economic Development Council or member community.

All nominations are forwarded to the EDC Executive Committee for evaluation. Each nomination/resume is reviewed and evaluated by the Executive Committee and recommended for approval by the NACOG Economic Development Council. The NACOG Regional Council makes the final approval and appointment of all members.

The EDC maintains a waiting list of approved membership applicants and applications for one year.

TERMS: Based on recommendations presented by the EDC, the Regional Council will appoint new members to the EDC for three-year, staggered terms.

PLEASE SUBMIT THE ATTACHED APPLICATION AND COPY OF YOUR RESUME, ALONG WITH YOUR LETTER OF NOMINATION TO:

**Teri Drew
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Prescott, AZ 86302**

Thank you for your time and consideration in serving the economic development needs of the NACOG region. If we can be of assistance or answer any questions you may have, please do not hesitate to call us at (928) 778-1422.