

2004 – 2005 WORK PLAN

Goal 1.

Utilize the REAP designation to alleviate out-migration

a. Extend USDA REAP Zone classification beyond 2005

Action	Timeline	Partners
Meet with REAP Zones	November 2004	Other REAP Zones
Design approach	November 2004	Other REAP Zones
Implement request	January 2005	Other REAP Zones

b. Maintain SW REAP Board with active representation from each county in the zone and the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation.

Action	Timeline	Partners
Bylaw revision on board elections and terms	May 2003	SW REAP Board and associate members
Seek Fort Berthold Tribal Representative	January 2005	Three Affiliated Tribes
Board members update county commission and county leaders	Annually	SW REAP Board, associate members, and Rural Development staff
Send annual report to county auditors	Annually, March	SW REAP Director

c. Create partnerships with other national REAP Zones

Action	Timeline	Partners
Meet with ND REAP partnerships	September 2004	CONAC, USDA, U.S. Sen Dorgan's office
Set up meetings	November 2004	CONAC, USDA, U.S. Sen Dorgan's office

d. Be an active member of the REAP Investment Board

Action	Timeline	Partners
SW REAP representative	Ongoing	CONAC, REAP Investment Board
Share REAP Investment Board minutes with SW REAP Board	Ongoing	REAP Investment Board Director, CONAC, REAP Investment Board
Monthly reports from REAP Investment Board	Ongoing	REAP Investment Board Director

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e. Be an active member of the Champion REAP Alliance

Action	Timeline	Partners
SW REAP representation	Ongoing	Champion Communities, REAP Investment Board, CONAC
Share minutes	Ongoing	Champion Communities, REAP Investment Board, CONAC
Monthly report from Alliance Director	Ongoing	Champion Communities, REAP Investment Board, CONAC
Monitor Alliance work plan	Ongoing	Champion Communities, REAP Investment Board, CONAC, Alliance Executive Director

f. Maintain USDA REAP Zone classification

Action	Timeline	Partners
Annual update and benchmarking	Ongoing	Roosevelt-Custer Regional Council
Annual reports to U.S.D.A.	Annually	Roosevelt-Custer Regional Council

g. Maintain organizational structure to support regional development

Action	Timeline	Partners
Annual review and update funds guidelines	Annually prior to annual meeting	EDCs and JDAs
Create board member informational packet for new board members and associate board members	November 2004	Roosevelt-Custer Regional Council
Create brochure	January 2005	Roosevelt-Custer Regional Council

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**Goal 2.
Increase job and business opportunities**

a. Identify and support deficiencies and opportunities in current economy

Action	Timeline	Partners
Federal contracting technical assistance	January 2004 – January 2005	Government Marketing Services, Innovative Environmental Inc., regional businesses
Tourism – regional planning, training and marketing	January 2004 to December 2006	EDCs, JDAs and CVBs
State-inspected meat packing plant	January 2004 to December 2006	Bowman County EDC Erickson Family Meats
Wind monitoring	September 2005	EDCs and JDAs Crown Butte Wind Developers

b. Support and encourage entrepreneurship and quality of life

Action	Timeline	Partners
Workforce development	January 2004 to January 2006	Local businesses, EDCs and JDAs
Micro-enterprise and small business incentives	January 2005 to January 2006	EDCs and JDAs
Prairie Works	July 2004 to July 2005	Prairie Works, USDA, Enchanted Highway, Inc.

Goal 3.

Encourage and participate in partnerships for economic development that alleviate out-migration

a. Support Southwest Developers Group

Action	Timeline	Partners
Marketing Project	May 2001 to June 2005	EDCs, JDAs, Department of Commerce
Annual Expo	October	EDCs, JDAs, Department of Commerce

b. Support strategic planning in the region

Action	Timeline	Partners
Fund 3 to 4 communities	Annually	Roosevelt-Custer Regional Council, U.S. Forest Service, N.D. Forest Service, communities

c. Support regionally focused projects

Action	Timeline	Partners
Partnership projects	Ongoing	EDCs, JDAs, businesses, regional organizations and groups