

**2023 PROPOSED
WORK PLAN, MEETING SCHEDULE AND BUDGET
for the
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

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Work Plan

The Science, Technology and Telecommunications Committee (STTC) was created by the New Mexico Legislative Council on May 1, 2023. The committee proposes to continue its oversight role of agency programs involving broadband, including plans for middle-mile assistance; cybersecurity, including proposals to update the Cybersecurity Act; information technology; developments at the national laboratories in the state; and the programs at the state's research universities. It also proposes to continue to examine issues in the telecommunications market and with development of a science- and technology-based economic sector within the state. Aside from these traditional functions, in 2023, the committee proposes to set aside a portion of each meeting for discussion and development of legislation in the following three categories:

A. Energy needs in a changing world energy market: including alternative and renewable energy resources, energy storage and coupling microgrid systems with housing and business development;

B. Security challenges presented by an increasingly complex technological environment: including critical infrastructure security, cybersecurity, implications of artificial intelligence technologies, emerging technologies used by law enforcement agencies, internet protections for children and identity theft protections; and

C. Artificial intelligence: including the challenges and impacts it may have on advertising, business, the criminal justice system, elections, publishing and other sectors of society.

Additional Issues of Interest

As time permits, the STTC also proposes to hear presentations on the following items:

- A. potential policy and infrastructure needs necessitated by the growing use of remote work in government agencies and the private sector;
- B. technological options to promote climate resiliency;
- C. management of state enterprise information technology projects;
- D. the benefits and challenges of longitudinal data systems and engineering for state and educational programs; and
- E. the development of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and vocational technology programs, including recruitment and retention of STEM students and ensuring that the programs are designed to meet job market needs.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Voting</u>	<u>Advisory</u>
June 6	Santa Fe	\$ 3,596*	\$ 1,554*
July 24-25	Los Alamos	7,932	7,705
August 31-September 1	Santa Rosa/Corona	10,327	9,799
September 21-22	Silver City	10,594	10,285
October 30-31	Las Cruces**/Santa Teresa**	10,671	10,302
November 27-28	Santa Fe	<u>7,394</u>	<u>7,310</u>
	Totals	\$50,514	\$46,955
Expert Testimony		<u>\$ 6,000</u>	
	Total	\$56,514	

*Actual Expenditure

**Meetings outside the State Capitol after September 30 require New Mexico Legislative Council approval.