

**2021 APPROVED  
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE  
for the  
RURAL ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES TASK FORCE**

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**Work Plan**

The Rural Economic Opportunities Task Force (REOTF) was created by the New Mexico Legislative Council on May 3, 2021. As time permits during the 2021 interim, the REOTF will focus on identifying barriers to rural prosperity and bringing forward proposals to ensure statewide access to running water, wastewater treatment services, electricity, health care, broadband internet and economic and educational opportunities in rural areas of the state by:

- A. learning about the issues affecting rural areas of the state to generate an informed rural relief legislative proposal and long-term plan to address rural needs;
- B. hearing about rural issues and needs from rural frontiers, communities and Native American communities;
- C. receiving reports from the Economic Development Department and other experts on current and potential efforts to grow rural economies;
- D. hearing reports from various presenters regarding updating rural infrastructure and economic and educational needs;
- E. hearing updates at every REOTF meeting from the rural infrastructure study contractor on rural economic development issues and opportunities;

- F. identifying and generating legislation to address the rural issues identified;
- G. identifying methods to remove barriers to funding necessary programs and rural infrastructure development; and
- H. receiving reports from the rural equity ombud.

**Rural Economic Opportunities Task Force  
2021 Approved Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 21	Video Conference
July 19-20	Mora
August 4-5	Gallup (Joint meeting with the Indian Affairs Committee)
October 7-8	Chaparral
November 8	Santa Fe