

# ECONOMICALLY NEEDED DIVERSITY OPTIONS FOR WYOMING

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# ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY & JOB GROWTH

#### **NEXT GENERATION ENGINES**

Advanced Manufacturing

Agriculture

Knowledge & Creative

Natural Resources Tourism & Recreation

**BUILDING BLOCKS** 

Workforce & Education Health & Quality of Life

Infrastructure

Entrepreneurial Ecosystem State Capabilities



## OUR "SUB SUB TEAMS"

Financial and Professional Services

Digital

Health and Wellness

Creative and the Arts



# DEVELOPING THE KNOWLEDGE AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES IN WYOMING





# HEALTH & WELLNESS — PRIORITY ECONOMIC SECTORS

- Health Innovation
  - Medical Devices
  - Drug Development
- Telehealth / Telemedicine
- Health Education



#### HEALTH & WELLNESS BARRIERS

- All Health and Wellness:
  - Massive Workforce Gaps
  - Health Insurance Costs
- Health Innovations:
  - Lab and Development Space
  - Innovation Mentorship and Executive Skills
  - Capital Access
- Telehealth / Telemedicine
  - High Bandwidth point-to-point Broadband
  - Electronic Medical Record Interoperability



# HEALTH AND WELLNESS POLICIES/IDEAS FOR GROWTH

- Health Care Innovation Hub
- Telehealth Parity Laws
  - Leveraging State Health Programs (Medicaid/State Insurance Pool)
- Electronics Medical Record Systems
- State Investment in Health Education:
  - Graduate PT/OT
  - Dental
  - Physician Assistants
  - Medical School



# HEALTH AND WELLNESS TAX TOLERANCE

Opposed to Sales Tax on Services



## HEALTH AND WELLNESS NEEDS MOVING FORWARD

Health Education Research and Economic Impact Studies







#### DIGITAL TECH — PRIORITY ECONOMIC SECTORS

#### Software Industries

- Software Development, App Development.
  - Companies that develop and sell software, applications, custom software and online services.
     Often employ software engineers, marketing, coding, business, financial and executive level employees.
  - Example Companies: Gannet Peak, Tri-Hydro, Pitchengine

#### Creative Tech

- Marketing, Web Development, Creative Services.
  - Professionals in this industry often employ web developers, coders, marketing experts, artistic individuals, as well as business analysts. This is a growing subsector, and one that is rising in Wyoming.
  - Example Companies: Warehouse 21 located in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Warehouse 21 recently made the "Inc 5000" list of fastest growing companies in the U.S.

#### Data Centers

- Managed Services, Co-Location.
  - Example Companies: Greenhouse data, Ptolemy, Microsoft



#### DIGITAL TECH — PRIORITY ECONOMIC SECTORS

#### Data Sciences

- Data mining, data processing, data analysis.
  - Companies engaging in consulting, training, and services involving analytics, data, mining, cloud analytics and SaaS.
  - Example Companies: UL

#### Blockchain/Crypto/Token

- Utility Token, Crypto Mining, Blockchain based services.
  - Companies based on new blockchain technology application, including utility token, security tokens, and cryptocurrency mining.
  - Example Companies: Node Haven (new Wyo Company)

#### Artificial Intelligence/Maching Learning

- Advanced AI software, AI services, machine applied operations.
  - Example Companies: Languge I/O



# DIGITAL TECH BARRIERS

#### Primary Barriers:

- Advanced workforce (not necessarily with a particular education background)
- Clustering/shared knowledge
- Risk based capital availability (non-bankable start-ups)
- Public communication/awareness of industry (existence and presence of these companies in Wyo)
- Prominence of Broadband conversation (contributing to bad optics)
- Access to culture/quality of life/cool factor amenities (high priority for tech workforce)
- Skilled professional services (IP services, professional finance)



#### DIGITAL TECH POLICIES/IDEAS FOR GROWTH

- Policies Ideas to Propel Growth:
  - Regulatory framework for new industries. (Example of AI regulation similar to blockchain/token)
    - Could include data protection, cybersecurity, and securities.
  - Statewide communications marketing for tech sector. (Existing networks, plus State support)
  - Power/electricity availability and affordability.
  - Incentives beyond Kickstart Wyo/Bus. Council.
  - Integration with UW/applied research opportunities/greater focus on IP development.
    - \*\*Crazy Ideas: Non-Compete ban.



# DIGITAL TECH TAX TOLERANCE

• Tax Tolerance: very high tax tolerance/difficult to identify sources of tax



#### DIGITAL TECH NEEDS MOVING FORWARD

- New funding sources
- Collaborative spaces/accelerators
- High-growth mentorship
- Find ways to leverage economies of scale/clusters
- Look for more opportunities to integrate tech with existing industries like carbon/ag
- Opportunities for Wyo to be beta testing ground/scaling test







#### ARTS/CREATIVE - PRIORITY ECONOMIC SECTORS

- Definition of Sector: across 35 NAICS codes broken into three areas:
  - Individuals/groups: dancers, musicians, writers, etc.
  - Services: graphic designers, marketing/promotion firms, architects, film
  - Support/Present: curators, arts administration
- Creates approx. 9,000 to 11,500 (11,451 jobs 2014) and is about 4.3% of the state economy
- Wyoming's employment in the creative sector is 30% above the national average, second only to New York
- Sector produces state taxes revenues between \$17-\$23 million and for every dollar of additional sales in the creative and cultural sector an additional .44 cents is generated in the economy from other businesses

#### ARTS/CREATIVE THREE FOCUS AREAS

#### Grow the arts as a sector

-If  $\frac{1}{2}$  growth, 5,000 to 6,000 jobs, 2-3% growth of GDP

#### Arts and Cultural Tourism

- -Spend more than other travelers and stay longer
- -Are more likely to stay in a hotel or bed & breakfast
- -Are more likely to spend \$1,000 or more during their stay
- -Non-local attendees of arts events spent twice as much as local attendees

#### • Using the creative sector as a driver to build other economic sectors

-Vibrant arts and cultural amenities build the conditions for economic growth in other sectors, especially in technology fields

#### ARTS/CREATIVE BARRIERS

- Small business environment
- Ability to connect
- Strong Third Spaces (livability)
- Business support and development
- Strong infrastructure to deliver arts programs and services inside of local communities
- Strong professional local services



## ARTS/CREATIVE POLICIES/IDEAS FOR GROWTH

-Healthcare

Creative-Ready Community Program

- -model for funding infrastructure (arts incubators, creative districts, museum enhancements, and revitalization)
- -Expand professional development opportunities for artists-"Artrepreneur" Program (397% increase in artists sales)
- -Creative Sector Planning Program/Grants
- -Increase Capacity of Creative Sector's Infrastructure
- -Integration and focus of the creative sector in tourism efforts
- -Build Ambassador Programs (Music Ambassador, Literary Ambassador, etc.)
- -Creative and Cultural Tax Districts
- -Strong well rounded k-16 liberal arts education
- -Structure for higher education arts administration
- -Evaluate the structure for the entities that serve the statewide creative sector and funding for the Cultural Trust Fund
- -Structure for film and production infrastructure
- -Co-working/shared working space with shared services

#### ARTS/CREATIVE NEEDS MOVING FORWARD

- Data on ROI for investing in arts and cultural infrastructure and its ability to build an environment for strengthening other sectors
- Research on public/private partnerships and a structure for how the state can best support these efforts.
- Research on some other states and how they have structured efforts around supporting cultural tourism







#### FINANCIAL SERVICES— PRIORITY ECONOMIC SECTORS

- Accounting
- Banking
- Investment Advisory
- Legal (corporate, estate and intellectual property)
- IT support
- Insurance
- Marketing and business consulting



# FINANCIAL SERVICES BARRIERS

- Professional Workforce/limited Professional Education Opportunities
- Access to Capital/Private Capital
- Ancillary Industry Growth



#### FINANCIAL SERVICES POLICIES/IDEAS FOR GROWTH

- Continued Development of Regulatory Incentives
- Optimize legal/tax environment



# FINANCIAL SERVICES TAX TOLERANCE

Diabolically opposed to State Income Tax



# FINANCIAL SERVICES NEEDS MOVING FORWARD



# QUESTIONS?



