



C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor

Jeffery Sayer, Director

**Economic Advisory Council Meeting
Thursday, August 27, 2015
Idaho Department of Commerce**

700 W. State Street, Boise, ID 83702 – JR Williams Bldg. – 2nd Floor

Members Present:

Margie Watson, *At-Large*

Members via Phone:

Steve Meyer, *Region 1*

Robin Woods, *Region 2*

Ron Amarel (Chair), *Region 3*

Arlen Wittrock, *Region 5*

Mark Young, *Region 6*

Commerce Staff Present:

Jeffery Sayer, *Director*

Megan Ronk, *Chief Operating Officer*

Jenny Hemly, *Business Attraction*

Eric Forsch, *Business Attraction*

Susie Davidson, *Business Attraction*

Cindy Lee, *Contracts and Grant Officer*

Kallen Hayes, *Business Attraction*

Audra Fink, *Administrative Assistant*

Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Ron Amarel called the meeting to order at 2:07p.m.

Eric Forsch gave a brief overview of Project Deimos.

Motion to Move to Executive Session

Chairman Amarel announced the Council will review the details of one application for a refundable tax credit under the Idaho Reimbursement Incentive Act that has been received by the Director and submitted to this Council for review. The application contains records and information exempt from public disclosure under Idaho Code §§ 9-340D(6) and 67-4708. Chairman Amarel entertained a motion under Idaho Code § 67-2345(1)(d) to go into executive session to review the application.

Margie Watson moved to enter into Executive Session. Mark Young seconded.

Roll call vote to move into executive session:

Ron Amarel – Aye

Steve Meyer – Aye

Margie Watson – Aye

Arlen Wittrock – Aye

Robin Woods – Aye

Mark Young - Aye

With over two-thirds majority in favor of moving into executive session, the Council moved into executive session at 2:13p.m.



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Return to Public Session

Chairman Amarel noted that the Council returned to the public session at 2:45 p.m.

Chairman Amarel indicated the Council

1. Reviewed and discussed the application submitted for refundable tax credits; and
2. Closed the Executive Session after discussions were concluded. The motion to close the Executive Session was made by Steve Meyer, seconded by Margie Watson.

Review of Tax Reimbursement Incentive for Project Deimos

Motion:

In the matter of the application for Project Deimos, I move that the Council approve the application and instruct the Director to enter into an agreement with Project Deimos upon the following terms:

- A post-performance refundable tax credit which represents 18% of new state revenue for 9 years.
- Tax credit certificate issued post-performance upon review and verification by Commerce.
- No less than 20 new jobs, or 60% of the total annual projected new jobs, whichever is greater.
- Average annual wages must equal or exceed the average county wage of \$32,452.
- Allow for a maximum two-year construction phase during the term of the agreement.
- Company must maintain operations in Idaho for the term of the agreement.
- Subject to approval of community match.
- Any additional terms deemed necessary by the Director not otherwise conflicting with the above conditions.

The motion was made by Arlen Wittrock, seconded by Robin Woods.

Roll call vote to approve the TRI application for Project Deimos:

Ron Amarel – Aye

Steve Meyer – Aye

Margie Watson – Aye

Arlen Wittrock – Aye

Robin Woods – Aye

Mark Young - Aye



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With a unanimous vote, the Tax Reimbursement Incentive of **18% for nine (9) years for Project Deimos was approved** and the Council asked the Director to proceed in negotiating the final contract in coordination with Commerce's Deputy Attorney General.

The company name will be announced as the company makes a formal announcement.

Commerce Updates and Other Business – Chairman Amarel

Chairman Amarel brought to the Council a discussion regarding the October, November, and December EAC meetings. Since the dates for these meetings have changed from the original schedule, Chairman Amarel asked for correspondence to be sent to the Council regarding the changed dates and times.

Arlen Wittrock requested an update regarding the two existing Council member vacancies, and Megan Ronk and Jeff Sayer shared that the search for replacements is underway. Region 7 has multiple candidates and Region 4 has nearly twenty candidates.

Final Thoughts

Mark Young thanked Director Sayer for his tireless work negotiating with the Attorney General's Office, the Governor's Office, and the U.S. Department of Energy with regard to spent fuel potentially being sent to the Idaho National Laboratory for research. Mark acknowledged Director Sayer's helpfulness and reiterated the significance this research has to INL's future missions.

Motion:

Margie Watson moved to close the meeting. Arlen Wittrock seconded.

All ayes – motion approved.

Chairman Ron Amarel adjourned the meeting at 3:00p.m.