

# MAIN STREET MONTANA PROJECT

A BUSINESS PLAN

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## **Main Street Montana Project – Energy and Utilities KIN Group A conference call December 10, 2014 10:00 a.m.**

### **Agenda**

Call-in information

877-273-4202

Conference room number – 9929688

Group A Leader – Frank Morehouse

10:00 – Call to Order by leader, roll call, summarize agenda and what we want to accomplish on the call

10:10 – Review Group A topics identified at September KIN meeting:

1. Recruitment and retention of a Skilled Workforce in a Rural State;
2. Early exposure to the Energy industry and its careers;
3. Expand meaningful partnerships of Industry and Education to meet needs now;

10:15 – Discuss subject statements

The following subject statements describe some possible tasks for KIN consideration. It is suggested that the small groups review the proposed subject statements below and recommend two for implementation and if time allows focus on the highest priority item and recommend action steps.

Subject Statements:

- Identify actions that can be taken to increase and enhance the availability of an energy workforce for Montana.
  - Near Term (6-9 months)
  - Long Term
- Identify actions that can be taken to coordinate and align the needs of employers with curriculum and programs in our pre-school/K-20 system (including community and tribal colleges).
- Identify actions that can be taken to expose students in our middle and high schools to career opportunities in the energy and utilities industry.
- Support apprenticeship and similar programs.

11:00 – Frame conclusion

1. Come to a consensus on whether you recommend that the KIN prioritize the issues you've discussed as we move forward.
2. Agree upon one person to report and summarize the results of your call at the next full KIN meeting.