



GOVERNOR'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY ADVISORY BOARD

Government Working Group

WORKING GROUP CHARGE:

Iowans expect their government to be operated with a citizen and service focused attitude, to be operated in an effective and efficient manner meeting or exceeding established benchmarks, and to be part of the solutions and never an impediment to growth and prosperity. This working group will discuss ways all Iowans, regardless of background, diversity, or geographical location, and Iowa businesses interact with state and local government and how services should be provided by the divisions and subdivisions that reside in the state.

Areas of Focus:

- How is the government organized in the State of Iowa, what government division/sub-division delivers these services to Iowans and what needs to be modified for a more efficient and effective delivery including a timely response?
- What is the associated total cost of government for the services provided in Iowa? How is government data shared and warehoused in Iowa?
- How are government services assessed for quality of delivery and what are the associated accounting methods and procedures?

Measures of Success:

- Measures of success will be identified at a later date.

Tactics:

- Invite a diverse group of leaders to participate on the working group that is representative of the entire state. Non-government representatives should outnumber government representatives on the working group.
- Begin gathering, identifying, and discussing the universe of issues, solutions, and recommendations with the working group. This will include, among other data, survey input from each working group member.
- Use meetings 1 and 2 to establish a baseline knowledge level with all working group members current structures and procedures. This will be done by providing educational presentations for the working group. These presentations will include the total cost of government in Iowa, existing structures and procedures, and other state's structures and procedures. We also expect to conduct an inventory of lessons learned from recent disasters.
- Use meetings 3 and 4 to explore opportunities and collect ideas. These ideas will be vetted with the entire working group and with non-members as appropriate and necessary.
- Use meetings 5 and 6 to work towards consensus positions on key proposals and then draft them for the Advisory Board to consider and make recommendations to Governor Reynolds.

Working Group Leadership:**Co-chairs:**

Emily Schmitt, Sukup Manufacturing Co. General Counsel

Barbara Sloniker, Siouxland Chamber of Commerce Executive Vice President

Director:

Kraig Paulsen, Iowa Department of Revenue Director

Membership of the Working Group:

Name	Organization	Location (city)
Emily Schmitt – Co-chair	Sukup Manufacturing Co.	North Central
Barbara Sloniker – Co-chair	Siouxland Chamber of Commerce	Sioux City
Kraig Paulsen – Director	Director of Revenue	Central Iowa, ties to Eastern IA
Beth Townsend	Iowa Workforce Development	Des Moines
Burlin Matthews	Iowa State Association of Counties	Northwest (Barbara)
Chris Deal	MODUS	Jefferson
David Barker	Board of Regents	Eastern Iowa
David Corbin	Vermeer	Pella (Emily)
Doug Struyk	Iowa State Bar Association	Central Iowa Southwest Iowa
Herb Sutton	ABD	Central Iowa
JD Davis	Association of Business and Industry	Des Moines
Jeff Elgin	Iowa Citizen	Cedar Rapids
Jon Wolfe	Iowa Department of Revenue	Central Iowa

Kelly Garcia	Department of Human Services	Des Moines
Matt Behrens	Iowa OCIO	Des Moines
Megan Tooker	Iowa Lottery General Counsel	Central Iowa
Rob Feeney	Atlantic Bottling	Des Moines
Robin Anderson	Mason City Chamber	Mason City
Ron Cox	CIRAS	Ames (Emily)
Steve Maslikowski	Iowa Department of Management	Des Moines
Tom Sands	Iowa Taxpayer Association	Southeast Iowa
Travis Bushaw	Iowa citizen	Oelwein
Travis Ensley	Vertex Software	Ames

Additional Information:

Membership will be finalized not later than July 10. The Working Group is in the process of confirming membership. Representation will include leaders from every level of government as well as every geographical area of the state. Members will be attributed approximately 40-45% from government and 55-60% from outside government. Final Working Group size should be approximately 25 members.

The first meeting will be scheduled for the week of July 13.

Support Staff:

Tim Reilly, Working Group Facilitator
Sales Tax Policy Director/Legislative Liaison, Iowa Department of Revenue

Hollie Welch, Working Group Executive Secretary
Executive Secretary to the Director, Iowa Department of Revenue