

REGIONAL WAGE AND BENEFIT FORUM AGENDA

Quality Jobs in the Five Valleys Region

Mineral, Missoula, Ravalli Counties

1:00 PM -5:00 PM

October 29, 2007

Governor's Room, 2nd Floor, Florence Building
Missoula, MT

1:10 *Welcome*—Marcy Allen, Bitter Root Economic Development District, Inc.

1:15 *Opening Remarks*

Dan Kemmis, Senior Fellow at the Center for Rocky Mountain West and
Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Northwest Area Foundation

Karla Miller, Connections Product Development Manager at the Northwest Area
Foundation

1:40 *Results of Wage and Benefits Survey and Scoring Tool: Missoula, Ravalli, and
Mineral*—Rosalie Cates, Executive Director, Montana Community Development
Corporation.

2:00 *Panel Discussion: Perspectives on wages and benefits from regional business
leaders*

--*Moderator:* Julie Foster, Ravalli County Economic Development
Administration (invited)

3:00 *BREAK—refreshments provided*

3:15 *Panel Discussion: Strategies for Improving Wages and Benefits in the Region*

--*Moderator:* Jean Curtiss, Missoula County Commissioner (invited)

4:15 *Q&A and Summary of Key Findings*—Rosalie Cates, MCDC

4:45 *Close and Follow up Steps*—Marcy Allen, BREDD, Inc.