



2015-16 Priorities and Recruitment Focus Areas:

1. **Aircraft Maintenance repair and Overhaul Expansion:** Improving and increasing facilities. Growing employment and number of companies directly and indirectly involved in that industry. Working to develop warehousing for parts and hangars for expansion of product capabilities.
2. **Oil and Gas:** Although exploration is currently at an ebb, production is still an enormous economic driver. The focus will be to offer Roswell as an option to achieve the best results with greater economic feasibility through control of expenses.
3. **Commercial Aerospace and UAS Training and Development:** Market and leverage the RIAC to offer companies now operating elsewhere in NM to locate operations in RIAC including supply chain companies supporting those businesses.
4. **Rail Logistic Businesses:** Recruit and develop businesses that benefit from access to rail. Develop rail infrastructure and buildings that will be foundational for a new business segment for the Roswell economy.
5. **Food Processing:** Value added manufacturing to utilize the extensive agriculture resources and water along with rural support programs to recruit and develop exportable products. Bottling, distilling, and other heavy water use industries to be targeted.
6. **Biomass Energy:** Explore and pursue industrial use of dairy industry byproducts in conjunction with NM labs to create a new segment of opportunity to grow Chaves County economically. This effort will be paired with new technologies to remediate nitrates in dairy wastewater.
7. **Downtown Development:** Work closely with local innovators and governments supporting the economic development of downtown areas. Pursue businesses with the potential to attract new money to Roswell. Work to develop multi-use projects.
8. **Workforce:** Work closely with ENMU-R to build not just enrollment, but also graduation rates at the A/P and Aviation Maintenance School to provide workforce to support the MRO industry. Continue to pursue multi-unit housing projects at various levels to provide workforce housing. Site such a project on the RIAC.

The EDC will continue its work to establish commercial air service to PHX and will take all possible steps to develop the Millennium Transit Systems building on the RIAC.