



**Public Policy Committee
2009 Public Policy Agenda**

Budget Focus

1. Preserve & protect:
 - Appropriations to Science Foundation Arizona
 - Job Training Fund
 - Department of Commerce
 - K-12 appropriations
2. Monitor: Potential for 2-year budget
3. Monitor: Special election to overcome voter-supported appropriations
4. Monitor: Federal and state stimulus packages.

Advocacy Agenda – Arizona Technology Council lead

1. R&D Tax Credits:
 - a. Tradability [see research by Kevin McCarthy, President, Arizona Tax Research Assn.; Walt Plosila of Battelle Institute says six states have tradable R&D tax credits]
 - b. Conform to federal law [see Arizona Tax Research Assn, Barb Dickerson. Note: This item will generate a fiscal note cost to General Fund]
 - c. Member education seminars
2. Access to capital [see AERO proposal, and other ideas]

Advisory Agenda – Support lead of other organizations

3. Education
 - a. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics); K-12 STEM Center [see Darci Renfro, SFA; also STEM Advisory Board]
 - Double engineering graduates by 20__.
 - Community college STEM classes with dual qualifications for high school students
 - b. eLearning
 - c. Teachers:
 - Professional development
 - Attraction and retention
 - Expand adjunct teacher pilot program: increase provisional teaching certificate from 2 years renewable once (4 years total), to 3 years renewable once (6 years total)
 - Tech-savvy requirement for teacher certification
4. Renewable energy industries: develop manufacturing industries

5. Extend net operating loss carry-forward from five years to 15 years [fiscal impact in latter years; see ATRA, Kevin McCarthy]
6. Access to broadband in rural areas [R. Schott, M. Goldstein, C. Smith]
7. Leverage the power of technology to promote cost-effective and quality healthcare options for businesses and individuals
 - a. Electronic health records
 - b. Exchange of information
 - c. IT infrastructure
 - d. Telemedicine

Watch List – Watch and report on developments

8. Climate change:
 - Activities of Western Climate Initiative;
 - Cap-and-trade policy;
 - Carbon tax.
9. CAPCO



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By 2012 Centennial Strategic Plan Goal Area**

Budget Focus

1. Preserve & protect:
 - Appropriations to Science Foundation Arizona (Research & Development)
 - Job Training Fund (Education)
 - Department of Commerce (Economic Development)
 - K-12 appropriations (Education)
2. Monitor: Potential for 2-year budget
3. Monitor: Special election to overcome voter-supported appropriations
4. Monitor: Federal and state stimulus packages (Economic Development).

Economic Development

2. Access to capital [see AERO proposal, and other ideas] (Advocacy)
4. Develop renewable energy manufacturing industries (Advisory)
5. Extend net operating loss carry-forward from five years to 15 years [fiscal impact in latter years; see ATRA] (Advisory)
8. Climate change:
 - Activities of Western Climate Initiative;
 - Cap-and-trade policy;
 - Carbon tax.
10. CAPCO (Watch)

Leverage Research & Development

1. R&D Tax Credits: (Advocacy)
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 - b. Conform to federal law [see Arizona Tax Research Assn, Barb Dickerson. Note: This item will generate a fiscal note cost to General Fund]
 - c. Member education: seminars in late-November and beyond

Technology Infrastructure

6. Access to broadband in rural areas, focusing on middle-mile and streamlining right-of-way approvals and access. [R. Schott, M. Goldstein, C. Smith] (Advisory)

7. Leverage the power of technology to promote cost-effective and quality healthcare options for businesses and individuals (Advisory)
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Education

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