



Participants in the Strengthening Higher Education and Tomorrow's Workforce Town Hall review their work
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STATEWIDE TOWN HALL

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In partnership with New Mexico First, NM EPSCoR co-convened a Town Hall on April 10–11, 2018, on higher education reform and workforce development. NM EPSCoR sponsored the Energy Workforce Development track which addressed challenges related to New Mexico's energy workforce and streamlining the state's training pipeline. Higher educational institutions grapple with how to efficiently produce the graduates needed to fill industry demand despite considerable workforce pipeline barriers. Town Hall participants started with data-driven analyses and informed resident deliberations, then developed consensus recommendations. By the end of the event, the Town Hall generated consensus-supported direction and actionable policy recommendations for education, community, business and policy leaders seeking optimal alignment of education and the workforce, as well as statewide economic prosperity.