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I. New Business Development

- YTD Leads and Responses
- Industrial/Manufacturing
- Large-scale commercial (retail, food & beverage)
- Small Business & Entrepreneurships

II. Business Retention & Expansion

- Small Business program development
- RaNell Sewn Products
- Diversified Exposition Services

III. Infrastructure

- Broadband
 - SkyFi and ARC
 - WCU Electric Distribution Grid
 - Frontier Improvements
- 441 Corridor/EBCI Water Discussions

IV. Workforce Development

- Southwestern Workforce Development Board of Directors
- SCC Advanced Manufacturing Advisory Board
- Regional Hospitality & Tourism workforce improvement initiative

V. Community Engagement

- Comprehensive Plan/Comprehensive Transportation Plan
- Sylva Economic Planning effort
- Dillsboro Economic Planning effort
- Mountain West Partnership
- WCU Millennial Initiative
- Business & Industry Committee