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#### Governor Announces Rural Jobs Tour

SALT LAKE CITY (July 17, 2017) - Gov. Gary R. Herbert today announced the 25K Jobs Tour of rural Utah. The tour, organized in partnership with World Trade Center Utah and 20 economic development partners, is part of the governor's initiative to create 25,000 jobs in 25 rural counties outside the Wasatch Front over the next four years.

"I will not rest until all 29 counties experience the same economic success," said Gov. Gary R. Herbert. "I challenge Utah businesses from across the state to come together. Utahns are hardworking and creative, and by working together we can find innovative solutions."

While the state as a whole has enjoyed economic prosperity, some rural communities have faced high unemployment rates. The initiative seeks to address these economic challenges and create new opportunities. Gov. Herbert has tapped Lt. Gov. Spencer Cox to represent him on the 25K Jobs Tour. The state is partnering with World Trade Center Utah to combine rural networks and expand the initiative's reach.

The tour will stop in each rural Utah county for a half-day of food, networking and activities for all ages. The events-which include representatives from industry, education and government-will connect communities with the resources they need to create new jobs and elevate local economies.

"Utah has the recipe for economic success, and we are committed to creating opportunities in communities spanning every corner of the state," said Derek B. Miller, president and CEO of World Trade Center Utah. "The 25K Jobs Tour is the first step toward accomplishing this goal."

