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**About:**

The Arizona Border Counties Coalition will consist of one representative from each participating County selected by the participating County's Board of Supervisors. The role of this coalition will be to help move state and federal legislation forward that help advocate and/or accelerate economic development opportunities in Southern Arizona. With a specific focus on economic development projects related to security, trade, infrastructure, transportation, education, and tourism.

**Mission:**

The Arizona Border Counties Coalition mission is to advance economic development opportunities along the Arizona-Mexico border as well as identifying fiscal cost transfers to the Border Counties disproportionately.

**Goals:**

- Improve Ports of Entry Efficiency
  - Advocate for the creation of a funding mechanism for border infrastructure
  - Staffing – Advocate for adequate staffing at all Arizona Ports of Entry
- Identify and support the implementation of innovative inspection programs and technologies that offer gains in effectiveness and efficiency
- Promote multimodal transportation alternatives at the border
- Promote cross border business opportunities
- Partner with like-minded organizations that promote trade and tourism with Mexico
- Increase awareness of the direct economic link between Arizona and Mexico
- Promote programs that enhance the quality of life of the residents of the border region
- Reduce or eliminate costs for funding to Border Counties by the federal government

**Membership:**

- This will be a voluntary membership/association and each member will be responsible for covering their respective travel expenses
- Participating County representatives will form board and/or create/select executive committee