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BURGUM RELEASES STRATEGIC BUDGET DIRECTION

Gov. Doug Burgum on Wednesday outlined his strategic budget direction for the State of North Dakota during the 2019-2021 biennium, announcing a new approach that places greater emphasis on finding efficiencies, reinventing processes and incenting collaboration between agencies. During the address, Burgum emphasized that talent attraction and retention must be at the forefront of decision making. Video of the address is available [here](#). To read the written budget guidelines, visit the Office of Management and Budget's [website](#).

GOVERNOR'S TRAVEL AND TOURISM AWARDS ANNOUNCED

Five Governor's Travel and Tourism Awards recognizing the passion and dedication of North Dakotans who have contributed to the growth of travel and tourism were presented at the 2017 North Dakota Travel Industry Conference in Fargo. The awards were presented by Jodi Uecker, chief operating officer in the Governor's Office, Department of Commerce Tourism Director Sara Otte Coleman and Destination Marketing Association of North Dakota President Suzie Kenner.



BURGUM WELCOMES BACK GUARDSMEN



Last Sunday, about 200 North Dakota Army National Guard soldiers who recently returned from a yearlong mission in Washington, D.C., were welcomed back by Gov. Burgum and members of North Dakota's congressional delegation. During the welcome home ceremony in Grand Forks, Burgum expressed his deepest gratitude for members of the 1st Battalion, 188th Air Defense Artillery (1-188th ADA) Regiment who worked with other Department of Defense agencies on Operation Noble Eagle.



NORTH DAKOTA OPPORTUNITY ZONES ANNOUNCED



On Friday, Gov. Burgum designated five areas in North Dakota as Opportunity Zones under a community development incentive program established by the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. The program gives each state's governor the authority to designate Opportunity Zones, which are areas of populations that are eligible to receive private investments through Opportunity Funds. The 25 census tracts designated by Burgum as Opportunity Zones include rural, tribal and metropolitan populations. Learn more about the program [here](#).



REGISTRATION OPEN FOR INNOVATIVE EDUCATION SUMMIT

Registration is now open for the 2018 Governor's Summit on Innovative Education. The summit will take place June 7 at Northern Cass School near Arthur and Hunter. The event is open to the public and brings together local and national leaders in education to share best practices and engage with educators, administrators, parents and students. Attendees will have the opportunity to shape educational innovation in North Dakota and empower those wanting to creatively, meaningfully and effectively engage with students. To register, and to find out more, click [here](#).