



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



Have you met New Mexico Senator Benny Shendo? A Co-Chair of the CSG West Workforce Development Committee, he will work with Washington Representative Gina Mosbrucker to facilitate member dialogue and collaborative solutions to issues faced throughout the region. We look forward to supporting the committee's efforts in the coming years.

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE EMERGING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ISSUES IN THE WEST?

There are several areas of workforce development that come to mind when looking forward to the future. Creating the flexibility to respond to changing needs in industry is going to be very important, as well as the reintroduction of apprenticeship programs in the trades, carpentry, plumbing, electricity, etc. I also believe that a shift to clean energy workforce development, particularly around solar and wind, will be a topic of focus.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR DISTRICT?

Unique in many ways, my district is mostly rural and includes nine sovereign tribes, seven Pueblo Nations, the Jicarilla Apache Nation, and the Navajo Nation. The district includes a small portion of a small city, small rural communities, a world heritage site, two national monuments, one national preserve (an extinct volcano), one state park, and two state historic sites. The portion of the district in the Jemez Mountains contains the some of the densest archeological sites in the United States.

WHAT IS ONE THING THAT MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT WOULD FIND INTERESTING?

In 1998, I ran a portion of the Great Wall of China.