# Appendix A

As we work to meet the goals and strategies outlined on the previous pages, it is essential that accurate benchmarks are in place to measure our progress.

Following is a list of the benchmarks that will be utilized as we move forward. When final, this listing will include a baseline analysis, as well as objective measurements for the years to come.

This is not a complete listing of benchmarks, as more will be added throughout the coming months as a part of the public input process. However, this listing provides a base from which to work.

## Improve Montana's National Ranking in Gross State Product (GSP)

- ✓ Per Capita GSP: National Ranking
- ✓ Per Capita GSP Annual Growth Rate: National Ranking

### Improve Montana's National Ranking as an Exporting State

- ✓ Per Capita Exports as % of GSP: National Ranking
- ✓ Per Capita Growth Rate of Exports as % of GSP: National Ranking

### Improve Montana's National Ranking in Per Capita Personal Income

- ✓ Per Capita Personal Income: National Ranking
- Per Capita Income Annual Growth Rate: National Ranking

### Increase Montana's High Wage Job Growth

✓ % of Employment in Jobs Paying 125% of the State Average Annual Wage

#### Increase Montana's Job Growth

- ✓ Employment Annual Growth Rate: National Ranking
- ✓ Unemployment Rate: National Ranking

### Increase the Number of New Business Start-Ups and Incorporations

- ✓ Per Capita Number of Business Starts: National Ranking
- ✓ Per Capita Number of Business Incorporations: National Ranking

#### Increase Research & Development Expenditures

- Per Capita R&D Expenditures as % of State GSP: National Ranking
- ✓ Per Capita R&D Expenditures: National Ranking
- ✓ Per Capita Federal R&D Funding: National Ranking

