



Project Data

Key Scope Items:

- Incentive Legislation Development
- Incentive Review

HSP Professionals Involved in Project: Rob Hunden

Time of Service: 2005 – 2006

West Virginia Tourism Development Legislation

State of West Virginia

Mr. Hunden assisted in the review of proposed legislation regarding the development of the West Virginia Tourism Development Act (WVTDA). This legislation was developed in an effort to assist in the development of tourist related economic development. Its purpose is to provide incentives for developers to construct projects that will increase tourism throughout the state.

The legislation was based on similar incentives enacted successfully by the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Projects applying for incentives were required to meet specific criteria related to their projected tourism inducement. If all criteria were met, the project would qualify for the WVTDA Tax Refund Program and could move forward with development.

Upon passage of the legislation, Mr. Hunden reviewed the first two projects that applied for funding. These two projects were both expansions to existing resort properties that would increase the size of their operations and enhance resort and meeting facilities in the state of West Virginia.