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Michael Burcham Brings National Entrepreneur Group (NACIE) to Nashville

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A group of leading entrepreneurial minds from around the country is touring Nashville this week, led by former Nashville Entrepreneur Center CEO [Michael Burcham](#).

The visitors are members of the National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship (NACIE), an initiative of the U.S. Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration [that Burcham co-chairs](#).

The visit is the group's first "road show" trip outside of Washington, D.C., Burcham told me, something they hope to continue in other parts of the country to share ideas and inspiration for entrepreneurial growth. While here, members of the council will tour the Entrepreneur Center, visit [Renata Soto's Casa Azafran](#) and take a [trip to Thistle Farms](#), among other Nashville activities.

Things officially kicked off Wednesday night with a reception at the Country Music Hall of Fame, where Mayor [Megan Barry](#) and several other business community leaders, including current Entrepreneur Center CEO Stuart McWhorter and Nashville Health Care Council President [Hayley Hovious](#), welcomed the crew and shared some of their thoughts on Nashville's entrepreneurial climate.

You can [learn more about the council here](#).