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MINOT HOSTED THE 2016 NDPC ANNUAL MEETING

The North Dakota Petroleum Council (NDPC) held their 2016 annual meeting in Minot, North Dakota on September 19-21 at the Holiday Inn. The NDPC kicked off the annual meeting by offering a free seminar, the Bakken 2.0, which covered the next phase of the Bakken. The Bakken 2.0 had an outstanding turnout with a completely full audience. The NDPC featured numerous noteworthy industry experts who shared insights on specific industry challenges and solutions, how companies are handling the downturn, the future direction of the oil and gas industry, and much more. Highlights from the conference also include NDPC's \$10,000 donation to the Mule Deer Foundation's Historic Byron Richards Ranch Project and this year's honorees who were recognized for their work on behalf of both the public and energy industry. 2016's honorees were:

- NDPC Hall of Fame- Al Anderson, Commissioner, North Dakota Department of Commerce
- Outstanding Service Award- Steve Halvorson, Wyoming Casing President
- Outstanding Public Service Award- Ken Hall, MHA Nation Councilman
- Outstanding Public Service Award- Ron Rauschenberger, Chief of Staff to the Governor

For more information about the NDPC's annual meeting, [click here](#).

FOURTH ANNUAL B2B- "THE BEST ONE YET"

This year's "Bridging the Atlantic" Business to Business Seminar (B2B) took an extensive look at the revolutionary UAV industry. "This is not a fad, this is going to change the planet," explained Dr. Mark Hagerott, Chancellor of the North Dakota University System, about the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) industry.

Coinciding with the kickoff of the Norsk Hostfest, the theme of this year's B2B showcased evident commonalities and opportunities between Norway and the Midwest. The B2B featured the Chancellor of the North Dakota University System, Robot Aviation, SkySkopes, and Botlink. "Whoever put this particular panel together, did an exceptionally good job because at this table you see the entire value chain represented," commended Matt Dunlevy, President/CEO and Founder of SkySkopes. Dunlevy also voiced his commitment to opening an office in Minot, with 2-5 employees in the upcoming years, as Minot embodies many opportunities desired by UAV and UAS companies. [Click here](#) to read the full article.

MADC PURSUES INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

On September 28th, MADC hosted a networking breakfast with Norwegian-based companies- [Friendly International Consult](#), [OPD Group](#), and [Robot Aviation](#). After the success of the "Bridging the Atlantic" Business to Business Seminar, MADC had the opportunity to meet with [Friendly International Consult](#) to discuss future possibilities. [Friendly International Consult](#) has a significant network of business contacts in the U.S., Asia, and Europe and provides extensive experience with business development and project management. [Friendly International Consult](#) can help foster business leads and relationships to assist MADC's business attraction efforts. [Friendly International Consult](#) has worked with companies like [Robot Aviation](#), who was featured at the 2016 B2B, and would be a great asset to Minot.

MADC PARTICIPATES IN SISTER-CITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

On September 29th, MADC joined the City of Minot, Minot State University, Minot Area Chamber of Commerce, and Minot Public Schools to meet with the Sister-City (Skien, Norway) delegation which included Telemark County Council, Skien Municipality, Vekst I Grenland, and the University of Southeast Northway. The purpose of the meeting was to explore future opportunities for business development, education, and shared heritage. As a result of the meeting, on October 3rd, Minot City Council passed a resolution in support of mutual efforts by the City of Minot and Sister-City, Skien, Norway, to further business, education, and cultural opportunities.

MADC LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

MADC is excited to announce our new website, at www.minotusa.com. With an evolving economy and [new strategic plan](#) (finalized in 2016), MADC is enhancing its strategies to best serve the Minot community. MADC's new website will deliver up-to-date relevant data and community information for business decision makers. [Have you ever wondered, what exactly is MADC? Why does MADC focus on primary sector businesses? How has MADC impacted Minot?](#) If these questions have ever crossed your mind, visit our [new website](#) to see the crucial role we have in the Minot community!

MADC PARTICIPATES IN THE 2016 COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE CLASS

Each year the Chamber of Commerce's Community Leadership Institute (CLI) Class takes on a community service project. This year's CLI project is to help raise money for United Way's Backpack Buddies Program. Minot Backpack Buddies Program provides a food bag for children who are at risk of going hungry on the weekends, the program is sustained by private donations and grants.

The 2016 CLI Class invites you to help reduce hunger of local students. How can you help? It's simple! Every Thursday in October, Paradiso is willing to donate 20% of your purchase to

the Backpack Buddies Program, as long as you present [this flyer](#).

- **What:** Help provide a meal for a local child, who's at risk of going hungry
- **When & Where:** Every Thursday in October at Paradiso
- **How:** Present [this flyer](#) and 20% of your purchase will go towards Backpack Buddies

Thank you for supporting economic development in the Minot area! The following businesses renewed their yearly investment in Minot's future growth and improving quality of life in September:

EAPC Architects & Engineers

GEM Federal Credit Union

Holiday Inn Riverside

John Stewart

Liechty Homes

Miller Holdings, Inc./Minot Lumber

Minot Guaranty and Escrow

Olson & Burns, PC

Rehab Services, Inc.

Stone Crafters

Wilbur-Ellis Company

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