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MINOT LEADERS UNDERGO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

Minot community leaders will gather this week to attend an economic development training course hosted by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC). This two day training course will feature experienced economic development instructors, many of which are currently serving as chief executives of economic development organizations. The training course will cover the fundamentals of economic development in Minot, offering best practices and how Minot can apply those practices. As Minot’s City Council revisits the use of MAGIC Fund dollars, this is a significant opportunity to educate and apply the importance of economic development in the Magic City.

IEDC is the leading economic development professional organization with more than 4,000 members in all areas of economic development. MADC attends numerous IEDC training courses throughout the year to ensure MADC’s efforts remain relevant and efficient, so that MADC can properly serve the Minot area. This particular course was developed to assist as a training tool with a primary focus on local elected officials and community stakeholders, this course is the first deliverable in the NDR subrecipient agreement with the IEDC. The two day training course will take place this Thursday and Friday, at the Holiday Inn Riverside from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

MADC ATTENDS THE COMMERCIAL UAV EXPO

MADC and SkySkopes joined the ND UAS Team Booth at the Commercial UAV Expo on Oct. 24-26, in Las Vegas. As North America's leading conference for the commercial drone market, this show focused on surveying and mapping, civilian infrastructure, powerlines and utilities, aggregates and mining, law enforcement, emergency response and search and rescue, as well as precision agriculture. The North Dakota Department of Commerce welcomed MADC and SkySkopes to be a part of the North Dakota UAS Team, where MADC promoted the MAGIC Sky Initiative. In conjunction with the conference, Stephanie Hoffart (MADC President/CEO) attended the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS) UAS Technical Symposium and New UAS Mapping Certification.

MINOT WILL HOST LEGISLATORS TO DISCUSS "HUB CITY" FUNDING

On Nov. 29-30 the North Dakota Legislature's Energy Development and Transmission Committee will travel to Minot to discuss "Hub City" funding, oil-impacted development, and infrastructure needs. Key organizations across the city are working diligently to gather information needed to prove that Minot has been directly affected by the oil and gas industry. While the legislators are in the Magic City, a two day presentation will take place to showcase how Minot has become the Gateway to the Bakken. In collaboration with the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce, MADC is responsible for one of key presentations during the legislator's stay.

Located at the hub of production, Minot is home to many energy businesses and has experienced great infrastructure changes due to the oil boom. In addition to Minot, Williston and Dickinson have also been identified as Hub Cities and will have the opportunity to present to the legislators as well.

MADC ATTENDS EDND FALL CONFERENCE

MADC staff attended the EDND Fall Conference in Williston, ND, on Oct. 18-20. This event featured:

- Jay Schuler, Commissioner of the ND Department of Commerce
- Sandy McMerty, Co-Deputy Commission of the ND Department of Commerce

- John Schneider, Director of the Economic Development and Finance Division of the ND Department of Commerce

During the conference, MADC had the opportunity to partake in hands-on exercises, such as operating heavy machinery on the oil rig floor and driving a tractor trailer, as part of the Oil Worker for a Day Tour with Train ND at the Halliburton Yard. The EDND Fall Conference was a great opportunity for MADC to engage with statewide leaders, network, and discuss economic activities across the North Dakota.

MADC CO-SPONSORED THE U.S. HWY 52/PROVINCIAL 39 SUMMIT

The U.S. HWY 52/Provincial 39 Summit was held in Kenmare on Oct. 19th to address the safety concerns and increased commerce for U.S. HWY 52 and Provincial 39. The summit welcomed keynote speakers:

- Minister David Marit
- Representative Dan Ruby
- David Blair, ND Automotive Vehicle Collaborative and the Central North American Trade Corridor Association (CNATCA)
- Thomas Sorel, ND Department of Transportation

Approximately 60 people attended the event, which was supported by the CNATCA and co-sponsored by the Kenmare Community Development Corporation and MADC. Although there aren't plans to four-lane U.S. HWY 52 at this time, there is certainly a high demand to with the amount of traffic and accidents that are taking place.

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 October:

**Interiors Plus
Liechty Homes
Miller Holdings, Inc./Minot Lumber
North Dakota Guaranty & Title Co.
Stone Crafters
TectaAmerica/Greenberg/Target Roofing
United Community Bank
United Mailing Services, Inc.
Wold Engineering**

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