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SAVE THE DATE FOR MADDC'S ANNUAL MEETING

Time to mark your calendar! MADDC's Annual Meeting will take place on **February 25th from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm** at the Sleep Inn & Suites (Minot, ND). This year's event will feature keynote speaker, James Leiman, Ph.D. Director, Economic Development & Finance Division with the North Dakota Department of Commerce. MADDC's annual meeting will provide a recap on 2019 accomplishments and take a look at what's in store for 2020!

MADDC ATTENDS NPGA ANNUAL CONVENTION HELD IN MINOT

The 27th annual Northern Pulse Growers Association (NPGA) Annual Convention took place on January 27-28, 2020 at the Clarion Hotel in Minot. MADDC was a silver sponsor for the event, promoting business development and the progress at the Industrial Park of Minot. Agriculture is not only North Dakota's leading industry but is one of MADDC's targeted industries, and the NPGA Annual Convention revealed innovative strategies, international markets, weed control and disease issues, pulse breeding, and much more. Although 2019 was a challenging year for farmers, the pulse industry continues to thrive and develop. World Pulses Day (WPD) will take place on February 10, 2020, [click here](#) to read how you can take part in WPD and support the agriculture industry.

MINOT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND MINOT AREA

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TALK ABOUT THE FUTURE

The Board of Directors for the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce and Minot Area Development Corporation met to discuss a potential merger of the two offices. The boards heard from Bismarck/Mandan Chamber EDC President Brian Ritter and former board member John Mongeon. The two know firsthand the process that goes into combining economic development and chamber as Bismarck/Mandan has done so.

[Click here](#) to read more about this meeting.

Investor Spotlight

*Stories contributed by MADC Investors**

ACKERMAN-ESTVOLD MERGES WITH ANDERSON WADE & WHITTY, PC

Ackerman-Estvold is pleased to announce the merger with Minot based architecture firm Anderson Wade & Whitty, PC (AWW).

AWW has been providing architectural planning, design and contract administration to clients throughout North Dakota for over 50 years. The AWW team has been an integral partner in some of the most critical projects for our region including the new Ramstad Middle School, several other regional school projects, Medical Arts Clinic, Oak Park Amphitheater, the entrance and visitor center building and several newly constructed exhibits at Roosevelt Park Zoo, along with a number of North Dakota National Guard facilities. Current architecture staff members Paul Kramer and Jeremy Bickel have joined the AckermanEstvold team, along with Business Assistant DelRae Hedstrom.

To read the full press release on this merger, [click here](#).

Thank you for supporting economic development in the Minot area and investing in Minot's future! The following businesses renewed their yearly investment in January 2020:

Brokers "12", Inc.
C&C Plumbing & Heating LLP

Circle Sanitation
Classified Directories
Delta Vacations
Helgeson-Norton Agency
JLG Architects
Karen Krebsbach
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