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FIRST TRAIN FROM THE PORT OF MINOT ARRIVES AT THE NORTHWEST SEAPORT ALLIANCE

The first train from Minot arrived at [The Northwest Seaport Alliance \(NWSA\)](#) in early November. The new weekly intermodal service operated by Rail Modal Group (RMG) connects Minot to the NWSA gateway and supports U.S. agricultural exports. The train carried agricultural products including soybeans, dry peas, lentils, and distiller dried grains that will be shipped to customers around the world.



Greg Oberting, president and CEO of RMG, met with [Port of Tacoma](#) Commission President and NWSA Co-Chair John McCarthy and [Port of Seattle](#) Commissioner Sam Cho in Seattle earlier in November and toured the on-dock operations at one of their terminals.

MINOT AREA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION VIRTUALLY ATTENDS THE UAS SUMMIT AND EXPO

Now in its 14th year, the UAS Summit & Expo was held virtually October 28-29, 2020. The Minot Area Development

Corporation had a virtual booth in the exhibit hall and was able both attend live sessions as well as watch recorded on-demand sessions.



The UAS Summit & Expo is produced and organized by [UAS Magazine](#) and [BBI International](#). Usually held in North Dakota, this has become a yearly major event for UAS experts from around the world.

Find more information about this event at www.theuassummit.com.

MADC ATTENDS MAIN STREET SUMMIT

The Minot Area Development Corporation was able to virtually attend the 2020 Main Street Summit, an annual gathering of community building experts and advocates to share best practices and engage community leaders, entrepreneurs, students and interested citizens in envisioning North Dakota's Future.

The Summit took place October 6-7 and welcomed hundreds of participants from around the country.

This year's speakers included Governor Doug Burgum, Stephen Goldsmith, Jeff Spek, Jeffon Seely and a recording of the [Develop This! Podcast](#), a weekly podcast that explores many topics surrounding economic and community development.

Recordings of all breakout sessions and keynotes are available for attendees. If you are interested in learning more or hearing any sessions, tickets are available to access the recorded content.

Visit www.nd.gov/living/main-street-nd/take-action/main-street-summit for more information.

MERGER TALKS CONTINUE

The [Minot Area Chamber of Commerce](#) and Minot Area Development Corporation board of directors have been working on a plan of merger for the two organizations. The process

includes work with a lawyer on bylaws, developing a dues structure to combine memberships, and determining an organizational structure. The process has been running smoothly, thanks to volunteer board members who have been working on committees, and thanks to the help of the Bismarck/Mandan Chamber/EDC President Brian Ritter, who laid out all the pros and cons of merging a city's chamber and economic development arm.



The Chamber and MADC's next step is to see what members think of the change. Could you take a minute and fill out this five-question survey? This will help in the process of working toward a merger.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HZBKWW6>

MINOT TO JOIN THE NORTH DAKOTA TRADE OFFICE RAMP PROGRAM

The Minot Area Development Corporation will join the North Dakota Trade Office (NDTO)'s Reciprocal Association



Member Partnerships (RAMP) program. This partnership will help our region expand our export business.

The RAMP program with NDTO brings access to education, research, engagement, advocacy, and expertise to help the Minot region develop our export business. The addition of the intermodal port brings a wide array of new trade opportunities to the region.

The NDTO Reciprocal Association Member Partnerships (RAMP) are collaborators with innovative solutions to impact a wide audience for the good of all. Benefits to this program include education, advocacy, trade mission and reverse trade mission management, export management and marketing services to help assist with global businesses and the export process.

For more information on the North Dakota Trade Office visit www.ndto.com.

Investor Spotlight

*Stories contributed by MADC Investors**

HESS DONATES OVER 6,500 HESS TOY TRUCKS TO SUPPORT STEM PROGRAMS IN ND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

For the third consecutive year, [Hess](#) donated over 6,500 Hess Toy Trucks and STEM Curriculum guides to every elementary school in North Dakota in partnership with the [ND Department of Public Instruction](#) and [Baylor College of Medicine](#).

Hess is proud to support North Dakota's Strategic Vision for education and introduce students to different STEM concepts in a fun and engaging way, The 2020 Hess Toy Truck features an ambulance and accompanying rescue vehicle, paying tribute to all first responders.



Learn more about the Hess Toy Truck at www.hesstoytruck.com.

FIRST INTERNATIONAL BANK AND TRUST DONATES \$20,000.00 TO SOURIS VALLEY UNITED WAY

[First International Bank & Trust \(FIB&T\)](#) is pleased to announce a \$20,000 donation was recently awarded to [Souris Valley](#)

[United Way](#) from the Minot Employee Fund.

First International Bank & Trust is a Premier Sponsor for Souris Valley United Way. We believe that our partnership with Souris Valley United Way not only helps many local programs, but also has a lasting impact on many people in our community.



At First International Bank & Trust, we're proud of our past and the future we're helping shape, one customer, one family, one investment at a time.

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

- CTS Properties LLC**
- Magnum LTL, Inc.**
- Minot Lumber & Hardware, Inc.**
- Terhorst Manufacturing**
- US Bank Minot**

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