



NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS REPORT

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ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

Expansion, Relocation or Start-up Projects

Composite America, Fargo

Amber Waves, Inc., Richardton

Samsara Cues, Rugby

Imation, Wahpeton

Polar Ware, McClusky

DMI, West Fargo

K&K Manufacturing, New England

All-In-One Products, Inc., Watford City

Fargo Automation, Inc., Fargo

Top Taste Inc., Finley

Tecton Products, Fargo

Turtle Mountain Corporation, Dunseith

Global Electric Motorcars, Fargo

Space Age Synthetics Inc., Fargo

Baker Boy, Dickinson

Steffes Corporation, Dickinson

Cirrus Design Corp., Grand Forks

L-M Glasfiber, Grand Forks

TSR Parts Company, Colgate

Sabin Metal Corporation, Williston

Buhler Industries, Inc., Fargo

North Dakota Development Fund

Dakota Welding & Manufacturing, Bismarck

Sew Worthy, Bottineau

Dakota Sno Blade, Linton

LAS International, Bismarck/Carrington

Botanical Silks, Bismarck

All-In-One Products, Watford City

Cirrus Design Corp., Grand Forks

Steffes ETS, Dickinson

SpaceAge Synthetics, Fargo

Buffalo City Wood Products, Jamestown

Bullinger/Wil-Rich, Wahpeton

Dakota Aero, Devils Lake

Cobra Hose, Fargo

This Old Hat, Mandan

Dacco, Inc., Hebron

Microlap, Rolla

Killdeer Mountain Manufacturing, Killdeer

Pump Systems, Dickinson

Composite America, Fargo

Specialty Export Productions, Inc., Hatton

Northwest Alfalfa Products, Tioga

PRACS Institute, Fargo

Bank of North Dakota

Baker Boy, Dickinson

Sew Worthy, Inc., Bottineau

Integrity Windows, Inc., Fargo

WCCO Belting, Wahpeton

Steffes Corporation, Dickinson

Loeering Manufacturing, Inc., Casselton

Phoenix International Corp., Fargo

Dynamics 360, Inc., Cooperstown

Killdeer Mountain Manufacturing, Killdeer

Rugby Manufacturing Co., Rugby

Amber Waves, Inc., Richardton

TSR Parts Co., Colgate

Motor Coach Industries, Pembina

North Dakota Manufacturing Extension Partnership

All-In-One Products, Watford City

Baker Boy, Dickinson

Bobcat, Bismarck

Bobcat, Gwinner

Crary Company, West Fargo

Dakota Aero, Devils Lake

DMI Industries, West Fargo

Duratech, Jamestown

Fisher Industries, Dickinson

Fisher-Martin, Dickinson

Gates Manufacturing, Lansford

GlenMac, Jamestown

Gremada Industries, West Fargo

Imation, Wahpeton

Integrity Windows by Marvin, Fargo

Killdeer Mountain Manufacturing, Killdeer

Loeering Manufacturing, Casselton

Phoenix International Corp., Fargo

Posi Lock Puller, Cooperstown

Primewood, Inc., Wahpeton

Pugsley's Sandwich Company, Devils Lake

Pump Systems, Dickinson

Rugby Manufacturing Company, Rugby

Sioux Manufacturing Group, Fort Totten

Steffes Corporation, Dickinson

Sund Manufacturing, Newburg

Tecton Products, Fargo

Terhorst Manufacturing, Minot

TMI Systems Design, Dickinson

TRW Aeronautical, Jamestown

Turtle Mountain Corporation, Dunseith

WCCO Belting, Wahpeton



ENERGY

Lignite Vision 21 Program - A \$36 million economic development project consisting of feasibility studies, matching grant funds and tax incentives to build new power plants in North Dakota.

Participants include:

Montana-Dakota Utilities

Westmoreland Coal Co.

Great River Energy

Great Northern Properties

The state increased its subsidy for ethanol production by \$1 million in the current biennium.

Gov. Hoeven directed all state fleet vehicles to begin using ethanol-blended gasoline. As a result, ethanol usage in the state has increased from 17% to 24% of gasoline sales.

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Dakota I Power Partners announced in August 2002 plans to develop a 20-megawatt wind energy farm in Dickey County.

Minnkota Power Cooperative has built two 900-kilowatt wind turbines: one located six miles east of Valley City along I-94 and the other three miles east of Petersburg along Hwy. 2.

In July 2002 Central Power Cooperative announced its Prairie Winds project 14 miles south of Minot consisting of two 1,300-kilowatt capacity wind turbines.

Basin Electric Power Cooperative and FPL Energy are building a 40-megawatt wind farm near Edgeley.

The Department of Commerce Division of Community Services provided a grant to establish Wind Interests of North Dakota (WIND), a non-profit corporation.

The Energy and Environmental Research Center (EERC) broke ground July 30, 2002, in Grand Forks. The \$8 million project will add 46,000-square-feet, enough space for 90 new staff.



GENERAL

North Dakota Department of Commerce has obligated over \$6.4 million in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) to fund projects across North Dakota in 2001-2002.

In May, Carrington became the 10th renaissance zone city in North Dakota. It joins Bismarck, Casselton, Fargo, Grand Forks, Jamestown, Minot, Valley City, Watford City and West Fargo. Fargo now has 30 renaissance zone projects in development.

The Department of Commerce Division of Workforce Development has kicked off www.northdakotahasjobs.com, a web-based employment site.

As of June 30, 2002, a total of 284 individuals from 65 communities have been enrolled in the Division of Workforce Development H1B Technical Skills Training Program's nurse assistant and nurses training. The communities currently being served by the grant include:

Adams	Cooperstown	Finley	Killdeer	Minot	St. Michael
Anamoose	Crary	Garrison	Lakota	Munich	St. Thomas
Balta	Deering	Grafton	Langdon	New Rockford	Streeter
Bisbee	Devils Lake	Grand Forks	Lisbon	Northwood	Surrey
Bismarck	Dickinson	Harvey	Litchville	Osnabrock	Towner
Bowman	Drake	Hatton	Luverne	Pettibone	Valley City
Burlington	Drayton	Hebron	Mandan	Pisek	Wahpeton
Buxton	Elgin	Hettinger	Mapleton	Portland	Watford City
Carrington	Esmond	Hunter	Mayville	Reynolds	West Fargo
Cavalier	Fargo	Jamestown	Medina	Rugby	Williston
Clifford	Fessenden	Jud	Michigan	Sawyer	Wishek

The Division of Workforce Development completed the standardization of community labor availability and underemployment studies.

Between June 2001 and May 2002, the HOME program has approved the building of 785 housing units in 61 cities. The total amount of the projects is \$2.1 million.

The North Dakota Securities Department has provided capital formation support and assistance to 163 North Dakota companies working to raise \$164,533,000 in capital from investors.

The Partners in Marketing program has awarded \$156,000 to 19 communities and 18 counties. The communities and counties include:

Binford	Grand Forks	Rugby	Adams	Hettinger	Trail
Cando	Hannaford	Tioga	Barnes	McKenzie	Walsh
Cavalier	Hillsboro	Valley City	Bowman	Mountrail	Griggs-Steele Empowerment Zone
Cooperstown	Langdon	Walhalla	Cavalier	Nelson	
Devils Lake	Larimore	Williston	Divide	Pembina	
Finley	Mayville		Dunn	Slope	
Grafton	Rolla		Grant	Towner	

The Governor, business leaders and state and local economic developers are taking the news that North Dakota is a good place to live, work and do business to other parts of the country by hosting business receptions in Chicago, Minneapolis and various California cities.

The NDSU Research & Technology Park represents a major initiative to stimulate exported services activity in the form of university and industry research and development activities. As of Sept. 1, 2002, there were 245 people employed in the research park making an average annual salary of \$56,000.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Expansion, Relocation or Start-up Projects

CBF, Fargo

Mandaree Enterprises, Inc., Parshall

Microsoft Great Plains, Fargo

National Information Solutions Cooperative, Mandan

Unisys Corporation, Bismarck

Rosenbluth International, Inc., Dickinson

Rosenbluth International, Inc., Williston

Community First Service Corp., Fargo

SEI Information Technology, Fargo

Navigation Technologies, Fargo

Amazon.com, Grand Forks

Call Solutions Inc., Garrison

ING Minot Service Center, Minot

Agri ImaGIS, Maddock

North Dakota Development Fund

Red River Software, Fargo

Data Tranz, Valley City

NSX Technologies, Fargo

Contact Centers Unlimited, Grenora

StrataCom, Fargo

National Information Solutions Cooperative, Mandan

BeAtHome.com, Fargo

CADgraphics, Devils Lake

FarmNet Services, Inc., Harvey

Financial Business System, Fargo

Intellisol, Fargo

Rosenbluth International, Inc., Dickinson

Convexity, LLC, Fargo

Agri ImaGIS, Maddock

Bank of North Dakota

National Information Solutions Cooperative, Mandan

WebSmart Interactive, Minot

SEI Information Technology, Fargo

The Center for Technology has provided computer training to 8,000 people in 55 small towns.



TOURISM

Highlights

In 2002 a new visitors services center opened at historic Fort Mandan near Washburn. The center features a museum, store and 100-seat classroom. Most of the construction materials were coal combustion byproducts.

The Department of Commerce Tourism Division launched a new marketing campaign in March targeting audiences in Minnesota, South Dakota and Nebraska.

The Professional Walleye Tour held its finals on the Missouri River and headquartering the event out of the Bismarck Civic Center.

Tourism at state parks was up 8% at the end of July compared to a year ago.

Visitation at Lake Metigoshe was up in June by 50%.

The Medora Musical ended the 2002 season with record attendance. Nearly 114,000 tickets were sold. The previous high was 100,000 tickets in 2000. Compared to one year ago, attendance was up 6%.

Visitation at Theodore Roosevelt National Park is up 4.5% year-to-date.

Visitation at Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site was up 15.8% in June and for the year it is up 14.8%.

Visitors at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, Washburn, and Fort Mandan are up 27% in June and July.

Visitation to the International Peace Gardens in June and July was the highest in five years.

Over 211,000 people attended the North Dakota State Fair in July. That was a 2,500 increase from July 2001.

Tourism was up over the July 4 weekend. Almost 66,000 people visited North Dakota parks, up 39% from last year.

People coming to North Dakota for outdoor recreation are at record levels. The North Dakota Game and Fish Department has sold a record number of nonresident licenses for deer hunting, waterfowl hunting, pheasant hunting and fishing.

North Dakota Development Fund

Raging River Water Park, Mandan

Bank of North Dakota

Spring Creek Adventures, Inc.

Hofflund Bay Lodge

Missouri River Lodge



VALUE-ADDED AG

Expansion, Relocation or Start-up Projects

Remington Hybrid Seed Company, Inc.,
Mapleton

Specialty Export Productions, Inc., Hatton

Northwest Alfalfa Products, Tioga

Bushel 42 Pasta Company, Crosby

Golden Plains Frozen Foods, Leeds

Northwest Dairy, Parshall

M&W Beef Packers Co., Mandan

Cloverdale Foods Company, Mandan

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.,
Wahpeton

North Dakota Development Fund

Bushel 42 Pasta Company, Crosby

Northwest Dairy, Parshall

M&W Beef Packers, Mandan

Earth Kind, New Town

Harvestboard, Lisbon

Specialty Export Productions, Inc., Hatton

Northwest Alfalfa Products, Tioga

Bank of North Dakota

Specialty Export Productions, Inc., Hatton

Harvey Building Development LLC
(Dakota Halal), Harvey

Northwest Alfalfa Products, Tioga

Schepp's Dakota Deli, Lansford

Dakota Fresh, Inc.

North Dakota Manufacturing Extension Partnership

Bushel 42 Pasta Company, Crosby

Cavendish Farms, Jamestown

Cloverdale Foods, Mandan

Cloverdale Foods, Minot

Dakota Growers, Carrington

Pipestem Creek, Carrington

Agricultural Products Utilization Commission (APUC)

Lakota Dairy Initiative, Edmore

Western Star Dairy, Williston

Dry Mill Ethanol Plant, Fargo

Dakota Free Products, Wildrose

Whole Peel Onions, Fargo

High Point Kennel, Cando

Commercial Vegetable Growers, Fargo

White Rock Dairy, Towner

Dakota Renewable Fuels, Fargo

NDSU (Flour Tortillas), Fargo

MAP 2002, Bismarck

Master Potatoes, Hatton

NDSU Plant Science (Juneberry weed
management), Fargo

Dakota Lamb Growers, Northwood

NDSU Plant Science (Juneberry aphid),
Fargo

NDSU Annual Herb, Fargo

Land Cattle Co., Kulm

Thornson Feed Bunks, Tappen

Schepp's Dakota Deli, Lansford

Southwest Feeder, Hettinger

Maple Valley Locker, Enderlin

Equidistant Planter, Cogswell

Executive Marketer, Fargo

Dakota Halal, Harvey

Dakota Hunter, Braddock

Vetter Corn Maze, Linton

Rust Pheasant Facility, Harvey

CandleLight Cottage, Chaseley

Equine Reproduction Center,
New Rockford

Franzen Lodge, Lakota

Blue Sky Elk, Cando

Inforcer, Inc., Newburg

Superior Grains Inc., Crosby

Northwest Alfalfa Products, Tioga

Safflower Technologies International,
Williston

ebirdseed.com, Grandin

Cloverdale Growers Alliance, Mandan

Skandia Mills, Valley City

Sugar Beet Tester, Hillsboro

Specialty Export Productions, Inc., Hatton

North Dakota Dry Pea & Lentil Assoc.,
Bismarck

NDSU BioFuel, Fargo

Soybean Sprouts, Fargo

FarmNet Services, Harvey

West Bay Resorts, Minnewaukan

Keller's Pumpkin Patch, Harvey

Tweeten's Corn Maze, Washburn

Gumeringer Hunting Cabin, Esmond

Aquatic Technologies, Inc., Newberg

Hickory Hut, Langdon

Golden Plains Frozen Foods, Leeds

Dakota Frontier Seeds, Flasher

Valley Specialty Foods, Grand Forks

Catwalk System, Minto