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Grow North Regional Economic Development Corporation January Annual Meeting Held in Rhinelander

(Northwoods, WI) Grow North Regional Economic Development Corporation next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at the Northern Advantage Job Center located at 100 West Keenan Street in Rhinelander. This in the Annual Meeting, all current members and interested guests are encouraged to attend. The meeting will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude no later than 9:30 a.m. Featured guest speaker, Lee Swindall, Director of Marketing for the Wisconsin Manufacturing Extension Partnership, will present “**Next Generation Manufacturing Strategies**”.

Grow North Regional Economic Development Corporation was created in 2004 to foster cooperation among economic development partners and foster economic growth efforts in Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida and Vilas counties. Although the communities in each county have their own unique attributes, economic development partners throughout the region have recognized the value of collaborative efforts to grow and diversify the north woods economy. The natural beauty and ample recreation opportunities make the Grow North region an excellent place to work, live and play.

Grow North is a non-profit organization whose mission is to assist the counties and communities throughout the region in their efforts to recruit and retain businesses, stimulate new job creation and to foster an environment conducive to entrepreneurial growth and new company formations. Grow North’s partners include private-sector businesses, regional service providers, educational institutions, local economic development organizations and others who are interested in supporting our mission. Our members recognize the importance and value of collaboration to ensure that the Grow North region remains competitive in the global economy.

Grow North is a membership driven organization comprised mainly of private-sector businesses throughout the five county region. Members determine the actions of the organization, and the primary source of funding for Grow North are the annual dues paid by each of its members. Annual Dues are \$100 per entity, and entitle each paying member entity to one vote at the Annual Meeting and one vote on all issues that come before the board at regular meetings. Membership helps support the mission of growing the Northwood’s economy and ensuring that the region is able to sustain vibrant businesses and communities.

For more information, please visit their website at www.grownorth.org.