

North Dakota Legislative Interim Economic Impact Committee



Linking business, community, and people.

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VALLEY PROSPERITY PARTNERSHIP

Background

1. Vision of William C. Marcil, Chairman, Forum Communications
2. Steering Committee Enlisted
3. Research & Identification Phase
4. Priorities defined
5. Implementation Phase

Steering Committee

Tammy Miller, CEO
Border States Electric
Co-Chairperson, Valley Prosperity Partnership

Steve Burian, CEO
AE2S
Co-Chairperson, Valley Prosperity Partnership

William C. Marcil, Chairman
Forum Communications Company
Dave Anderson, Director of Public Affairs

Sanford Health
Barry Batcheller, Chairman & CEO
Appareo Systems

Karl Bollingberg, Executive Vice President
Alerus Financial

Dave Berg
American Crystal Sugar

Dean Bresciani, President
North Dakota State University

Doug Burgum, Founder and Chairman

Arthur Ventures
John Eickhof, President
Construction Engineers

Jim Galloway, Principal
JLG Architects

Jim Gartin, President
GFMEDC

Hal Gershman, Owner
Happy Harry's Bottle Shops

Robert Kelley, President
University of North Dakota

Dave Molmen, CEO
Altru Health System

Mark Nisbet, North Dakota Principal Manager
Xcel Energy

Ronald Offutt, Chairman & CEO
RDO Equipment

John Richman, President
North Dakota State College of Science

Jim Roers, President & CEO
Roers Construction & Development

Wes Rydell, Owner
The Rydell Company

Jeff Sandene, COO
Sanford Health

Thomas Shorma, President & CEO
WCCO Belting, Inc.

Richard Solberg, Chairman & CEO
Bell State Bank & Trust

Steve Swiontek, President & CEO
Gate City Bank

Anne Temte, President
Northland Community and Technical College

Klaus Thiessen, President & CEO
Grand Forks Region EDC

Paul von Ebers, President & CEO
Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota

The VPP Will:

- Leverage and promote existing resources
- Create new programs and resources that address gaps or limitations
- Strengthen public and private sector partnerships
- Build upon our research and higher education strengths
- Influence current and future public policy
- Develop clear and transparent performance measures to gauge impact



VPP Operating Model

