

# Business Showcase today at Verizon

## More than 80 local businesses to be on display

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**MANKATO** — The Greater Mankato Business Showcase presented by Charter Business will be held 4– 7 p. m. today at the Verizon Wireless Center.

Everyone from the Greater Mankato business community is invited to attend the event, featuring more than 80 booths from area businesses and organizations, food samples from area restaurants and caterers, and the opportunity to network with others from the business community.

Attendance is free. Last year's event attracted 500 people. New to the Business Showcase this year is an opportunity for attendees to participate in a series of 15minute breakout sessions developed by the members of the Envision 2020 Green Building Group, a subset of the E2020 Economic Development Key Performance Area.

Sessions include:

- 4:30 –4:45 p.m.: “New Sustainable Flooring and Wall Products,” presented by Paulsen Architects.
- 5–5:15 p.m.: “Putting Your Rooftop to Work,” presented by Schwickert’s

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Mechanical & Roofing Company.

- 5:30–5:45 p.m.: “Lowcost and No- cost Ways for Saving Energy and Money,” presented by Xcel Energy and BENCO Electric Cooperative.

There also will be a special area of the exhibit hall dedicated to businesses that offer green products and services.

The Greater Mankato Business Showcase is an annual event put on by Greater Mankato Growth.