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Greater Mankato Growth to Hold Candidate Forums and Debates

MANKATO, Minn. (September 7, 2010) – Greater Mankato Growth (GMG) will host a series of Candidate debates and forums aimed at providing an opportunity for meaningful exchange between candidates and voters in areas impacting business.

“Throughout the election season our role is to serve as an information intermediary between the candidates and the voters on issues impacting not only business, but the overall vitality of the region at large,” said GMG President and CEO Jonathan Zierdt.

GMG has scheduled the following forums and debates now through the general election on November 2:

Nicollet County Commissioner District 1 Debate:	September 27, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Blue Earth County Commissioner District 2 Debate:	September 28, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
MN House District 24B Debate:	October 4, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
MN House District 23B Debate:	October 5, 7:15 – 8:15 p.m.
North Mankato City Council (all open seats) Forum:	October 7, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Nicollet County Commissioner District 5 Debate:	October 11, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
North Mankato Mayor Debate:	October 12, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
MN House District 23A Debate:	October 18, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Mankato Mayor Debate:	October 19, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
MN Senate District 23 Debate:	October 21, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Mankato City Council (all open seats) Forum:	Week of October 25

All candidates were consulted on the schedule for the forums and debates. Locations will be finalized soon and this information, along with details on other candidate events, will be available on the “Forums, Debates and Events” page of GMG’s Election 2010 website greatermankatoelections.com. On this page, voters are also encouraged to submit questions that they would like GMG to ask the candidates at each forum or debate.

“Our hope is that as many members of the businesses community as possible ask questions and turn out for these forums, so that candidates are able to get the full spectrum of ideas from throughout the marketplace,” said Zierdt.

In addition the information about candidate events, GMG’s Election 2010 website will also have other useful information, including candidates’ answers to important biographic and profile questions, which will be posted in mid-September. The site is continually being updated to ensure the information is up-to-date as possible.

About Greater Mankato Growth

Public Affairs is one of Greater Mankato Growth’s eight strategic areas of work to advance business for a stronger community. The seven other areas include existing business support, new business growth, business promotion, talent development, community marketing, visitor attraction & servicing and civic engagement.

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