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### **Envision 2020 Annual Meeting Set for May 20**

MANKATO, Minn. (April 30, 2009) – Everyone in the community is invited to attend the 2009 Envision 2020 (E2020) Annual Meeting on May 20 from 4 to 6 pm at Alltel Center.

The event will kick off with a brief report on the past year's significant accomplishments and recognition of volunteers from each of the E2020 Key Performance Areas: Transportation, Health & Human Services, Community Planning, Education, Livability and Economic Development. E2020 planners will also unveil a new web site, which will provide superior project tracking abilities and enhanced volunteer coordination and communication.

Attendees will then be invited to participate in round table discussions focusing on E2020 project priorities for the coming year and opportunities for volunteer participation.

“The E2020 Annual Meeting is a great way to celebrate our success so far, and engage more stakeholders as we prioritize our efforts and resources, and find innovative ways to accomplish the action steps and goals in the plan,” said Kristi Schuck, Chair of Envision 2020.

### **Envision 2020 Background**

Envision 2020 began more than three years ago, with a planning and visioning stage that included well over 400 citizens taking the time to engage in the important work of envisioning a desired future for the Greater Mankato region. Together, they organized a visionary plan into six Key Performance Areas and identified a total of 34 goals. In late 2007 and early 2008, task forces were created to implement specific goals of the plan, with more than 200 generous volunteers participating in this implementation process thus far.

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