

State demographer to speak Wednesday

MANKATO — Minnesota demographer Tom Gillaspay will speak on the impact older workers will continue to have on our economy in the future during a presentation from 8-9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Greater Mankato Business Development Center (formerly Technology Plus) at 1961 Premier Drive.

The session is open to the public, with RSVP requested by e-mailing info@greatermankato.com or calling 385-6640. Continuing education

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The event is presented by WOW (Welcoming Older Workers), Greater Mankato Growth and the Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging Inc.

Gillaspy has served as the Minnesota state demographer since 1979.

He has been involved with a wide-ranging set of issues, applying an understanding of demographic trends in such areas as the state's economy, health care for an aging population, welfare reform, rural population change, labor shortages, government spending, and the aging state workforce. He received his Ph.D.

in economics from the Pennsylvania State University, specializing in economic demography. He also holds a master's degree in agricultural economics.

The state demographer is part of the Minnesota Planning Agency, whose mission is to inform policy decisions through longrange planning and to provide policy makers and the public with accurate information and analysis about emerging and critical issues.

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