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**Greater Mankato Day at the Capitol February 15**

*Representatives from business community letting legislators know "Why Greater Mankato Matters"*

Mankato, MN (February 2, 2012) – On February 15, members of the business community will meet with legislators in St. Paul, hoping to create a heightened awareness of the importance of Greater Mankato and its needs when it comes time to for policy makers to vote on initiatives and issues impacting our area.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Greater Mankato Day at the Capitol will provide an opportunity for participants from area businesses to meet with legislators from across the state in St. Paul to let them know "Why Greater Mankato Matters" to the State of Minnesota.

The annual event is organized by Greater Mankato Growth (GMG). "Throughout the year, we provide opportunities for members of the business community to interact with policy makers, but this event is one that makes a particularly strong impact," says GMG President and CEO Jonathan Zierdt. "Through Greater Mankato Day at the Capitol, we are able to create a heightened awareness of our area businesses and our region's impact on the state's economy."

The event will begin with participants meeting with legislators in the Capitol Rotunda and their offices from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. A Pre State of the State Reception will follow at the Minnesota History Center from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., with a presentation about Greater Mankato at approximately 5:45 pm. "With the Governor's State of the State Address scheduled for 7:00 p.m. that evening, more legislators should be available to participate in Greater Mankato Day at the Capitol, providing us with a greater opportunity to share our story with policy makers," said Zierdt.

For more information, a complete schedule and photos from last year's Greater Mankato Day at the Capitol, visit <http://www.greatermankato.com/gmg-dayatthecapitol.php>.

**About Greater Mankato Growth**

Greater Mankato Growth (GMG) is committed to advancing business for a stronger community. As the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development organization serving the regional marketplace, GMG advances business through: existing business support, new business growth, business promotion, talent development, public affairs, community marketing, visitor attraction and servicing and civic engagement.

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