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FCEDC Reports Figures for 2006

Fond du Lac County Economic Development Corporation (FCEDC) has released a summary of their services provided during 2006.

According to figures released by the county-wide private/public partnership, FCEDC assisted their clients in receiving over \$14.3 million in incentives. These incentives include low-interest loans, tax credits, training assistance and other programs. These projects leveraged an additional \$45.4 million in private sector investment, the creation of 1,024 full-time jobs, 40 part-time jobs and the retention of 775 full-time jobs. Total project costs exceeded \$50 million.

"The projects represented by these aggregate figures are serving as a springboard into Fond du Lac County's five-year strategic plan for economic development activity," said Brenda Hicks-Sorensen, president, FCEDC. Developed locally, the aggressive plan is the result of a comprehensive, several-month effort which included input and participation from hundreds of stakeholders and partners and will serve as a guide to economic development activity and accountability beginning in 2007 and running through 2011.

"Fond du Lac County is proving that it truly can be a successful location for many businesses as well as for those who live and play here," said Hicks-Sorensen. "We have some exciting initiatives on the way in 2007, and the FCEDC staff looks forward to continuing to improve the economic picture for everyone who calls Fond du Lac County home."

The mission of Fond du Lac County Economic Development Corporation, a county-wide private/public partnership, is to improve the economic well being of the businesses, communities, and residents of the county via business attraction activities, existing business development, entrepreneurial services, community preparedness and consultation and workforce development.

SUMMARY FOR POSSIBLE SIDE-BAR:

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| Incentives: | \$14,314,750 |
| Private Investment: | \$45,490,250 |
| Total Project Cost | \$50,505,000 |
| Jobs created: | 1,024 FT; 40 PT |
| Jobs retained: | 775 FT |