



**Press Release
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Hicks-Sorensen named Interim President of FCEDC

Martin Ryan, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Fond du Lac County Economic Development Corporation, announced today Brenda Hicks-Sorensen has been named Interim President of FCEDC. She has been serving as Acting President since former President John Ramer went on medical leave in August of 2005.

"Brenda has done a tremendous job leading the organization during the past six months," said Ryan. "She is known in Economic Development circles as being one of the top up and coming professionals in her field. During her time with FCEDC, and especially during the last six months, it has become obvious to us and many of our partners and clients that the reasons for the praise are valid. She is a true leader and a true professional with the energy to make visions reality."

Hicks-Sorensen, a certified Economic Developer (CEcD), was promoted to the position of Vice President in June of 2005. She has been with FCEDC since August of 2004. She was previously Economic Development Coordinator in Washington County and holds a Masters degree in Urban Studies and Bachelor's degree in Sociology.

Ryan noted that the process for naming a permanent President for FCEDC would conclude no later than May 31st.

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.