

## Hayden Stensgard

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**From:** Jolene Foss <JoleneF@wrightpartnership.org>  
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**To:** Jim Thares; Hayden Stensgard  
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Good Morning Friends,  
I am sorry I will not be able to attend this mornings meeting.

A couple of updates for WCEDP:

- Civic Intelligence is completing data analysis for WCEDP and 11 Chambers of Commerce. A Chamber Summit will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup> to share data with Chambers. This information is intended to increase the private sector membership in economic development support regionally.
- MN Manufacturing Month information is being shared for October events. There are three scheduled tours available so far at Die Tech/Nano Tech in St. Michael, Whirltronics in Buffalo and UMC in Monticello already.
- International Economic Development Council Annual Conference (IEDC) Dallas, TX- Attended 3 Plenary presentations-The role of Ec. Dev. in addressing pressing global challenges such as climate change, technological disruption, and income inequality, Developing and deploying successful Ec. Dev. strategies, & Site Selector Panel.

Breakout Presentations-Harnessing Small Business for Economic Growth, Economic Development Organizations role in Pivoting Workforce Ecosystems, Remote Work-economic impact and strategies to drive success, Strategies to boost community's business retention, Winning strategies in Ec. Dev. marketing, Things to know in Ec. Dev. from Entry to Executive, Building Entrepreneur-Led Ec. Dev. into Your Strategies, Personal Health=Professional Health, Building a Creative Economy in your Community, Building Resilient Economies-Best Practices for Strengthening Your Value Proposition, Networking Events- Breakfasts and Lunches, Vendor Networking Breaks, Evening meal with BNSF, Keynote Luncheon-Discussion of most pressing issues facing profession.

- Business Retention and Expansion Visits will begin scheduling for Oct-Dec. Will communicate with the IEDC to have members included.

Have a great day,  
Jolene

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