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向前伟大的福克斯季度投资者信

亲爱的友人，

感谢我们的向前伟大的福克斯投资者的经济支持，我们在生产中取得了良好的进展，这些结果正在增长和多样化伟大的福克斯地区经济。

自上次6月的信件以来，伟大的福克斯团队已经取得了重要的成果：

* 打开了伟大的福克斯AgriTech公园，运行了第一列火车，并庆祝了新FedEx Ground的国际交货中心的盛大开幕。Helena Chemical很快将开设其设施在公园。

* 在冬季将FRC设在市中心Great Falls设为325到400个就业的客户服务中心，取代了Asurion关闭时失去的工作。

* 在Great Falls, Montana的发展授权机构于2003年开始的西岸复兴努力中，支持了6500万美元的混合用途开发的6500万美元的混合用途发展2.1百万美元的桥梁贷款。这标志着重大里程碑。

* 使72个单元的Talus公寓的扩展能够开始建设，与2003年开始的西岸银行的200万美元的桥梁贷款。

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commitment. GMD Development and NeighborWorks Great Falls announced the 124-unit Rockcress affordable rental development.

* Two significant agricultural processing expansion announcements with Montana Eggs starting construction on a new $7 million plant, and Pasta Montana ordering a new production line, a $6 million investment that will increase production capacity by 28%.

* Commercial development investments across the city, matched by over a dozen entrepreneurial startups that we've helped coach and/or finance.

Visible activity and announcements have been matched by economic data, proving that our partnership efforts are changing Great Falls economic trends. Metro area GDP grew 3.7% in 2015 on top of 2.8% growth in 2014, beating expectations. Total wage earnings grew 5.23% from 2015Q2 to 2016Q2, an increase of $72 million in annual earnings. Annual wage earnings have increased $139 million in the last 12 quarters. That is a big boost in annual disposable income for Great Falls consumers.

We should be proud of our achievements, especially in the face of the headwinds posed by low grain, beef, oil and other commodity prices. But it's not time to sit on our laurels. We need to redouble our efforts. Treading water is not an option.

We're focused on six efforts to keep producing results:

1) Birddogging announced projects to be sure they get into construction and open;
2) Using our new agricultural processing businesses cases to target manufacturers to invest in our region;

3) Strengthening our relationships with site selection consultants who steer many business investment location decisions;

4) Continuing to provide excellent business strategy, planning, advocacy, and gap financing services to support business expansions and entrepreneurial startups;

5) Working with developers to invest in new commercial and housing projects that help us retain and attract workforce;

6) Enhancing our digital presence with a new website and content-driven digital marketing efforts.

I am very confident that these efforts will produce more exciting results. If there is anything we can do to help your company, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your investment in growing and diversifying the Great Falls economy and supporting the creation of higher wage jobs. Your investment in Forward Great Falls makes everything we do possible.

Brett

If your company or organization hasn't yet joined the Forward Great Falls team, or if you are ready to increase your investment in the future of the Great Falls region, contact me at 1-406-750-2119 or BDoney@GFdevelopment.org today