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GREDF 2012 Annual Meeting is January 11

The Great River Economic Development Foundation's 2012 Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, January 11th in Kent Hall at the Oakley Lindsay Center, 300 Civic Center Plaza in Quincy. A cash bar will be available at 5:00 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 5:45 p.m. No RSVP is required and there is no charge to attend. Members of the business community and general public are encouraged to attend.

Current GREDF Board chair, Connie Schroeder, Vice President of Corporate Integration and Innovation at Blessing Corporate Services, will give the feature presentation which will include highlights from the past year. This year's theme is "Telling Our Story".

"Our job at GREDF is to tell the story of Quincy and Adams County," says GREDF president Jim Mentesti. "We're continuously refining our message and we're blessed to have a wealth of resources about which to boast."

Additional speakers include Mayor John Spring and Mike McLaughlin, chair of the Adams County Board. Incoming GREDF chair, Tim Finlay, Treasurer, General Director of Finance and Administration at ADM Alliance Nutrition, Inc., will give the evening's closing remarks.

Six outgoing board members will be recognized for their service during the meeting. They are Jim Broemmer, Steve Koester, Hal Oakley, Shelly Swift, Mark Tyrpin and Cheryl Waterman.

2012 incoming GREDF board members include:

- Curtis Bennett, CPA, Bennett & Middendorf, LTD
- Julie Bonansinga, Founder/Owner, Bonansinga & Associates, LLC
- Mara Clingingsmith, President/CEO KHQA-TV
- Brian Hendrian, Community Bank President, Bank of Springfield
- Dan Henke, Vice President/General Manager, Quincy Farm Supply
- Amy Lannerd, Attorney/Partner, Lewis, Longlett & Lannerd, LLC

Great River Economic Development Foundation has been a driving force in Quincy, and Adams County, Illinois, since 1978. Our number one priority is to retain existing businesses and help them grow. We assist prospective businesses, site consultants and entrepreneurs. For more information, visit www.gredf.org or call 217.223.4313. ###