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Great River Economic Development Foundation 2011 Annual Meeting

The Great River Economic Development Foundation's 2011 Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, January 12th 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 Chairman, Connie Schroeder, president of Illini Community Hospital in Pittsfield will give the presentation which will include highlights from the past year. This year's theme is GREDF 2.0, a nod to the organization's new website, www.gredf.org, which will be unveiled that evening. It also marks the beginning of the "next generation" of GREDF.

"Technology has changed the speed at which business moves," says GREDF president Jim Mentesti. "Thanks to our long range plan, we're ready to move with it. We're taking what has made us successful as an organization and region - partnerships and collaboration - and enhancing our efforts with the latest tools including a new website, social media and GIS."

Additional speakers include Mayor John Spring and Mike McLaughlin, Chair of the Adams County Board. Jim Mentesti will close the evening's presentation.

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. We also take the lead in a variety of initiatives that contribute to the outstanding quality of life we enjoy here. And as our name "Great River" implies, we collaborate regionally with our neighbors along the Mississippi River in Western Illinois, Northeast Missouri and Southeast Iowa. For more information, visit www.gredf.org or call 217.223.4313.

Attachment: 2011 GREDF Annual Meeting Invitation

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