



Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce

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GREEN BAY AREA CHAMBER ANNOUNCES THREE PRESIDENTIAL FINALISTS

Green Bay, Wis.- (Aug. 9, 2011) – After an extensive and thorough search, the search committee of the Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the three final candidates for the role of president for the Chamber: Philip D’Amico, Barbara A. Fleisner and Laurie Radke.

D’Amico is the director of business growth for the Chamber of Commerce of St. Joseph County in South Bend, Ind. He has worked in that role for the 1,300-member chamber since 2006, focusing on developing and leading business retention and expansion initiated by the Chamber and the mayor of the city of South Bend. The region includes the communities of South Bend and Mishawaka, Ind., and bordering cities in Michigan.

Fleisner is the executive director of Centergy, Inc., in Wausau, a role she has held since August 2008. She reports to a 31-member board of directors and is the sole staff member of Centergy, an alliance of private-sector companies and public-sector partners including universities to support collaborative economic development efforts for Adams, Lincoln, Marathon, Portage and Wood Counties. Prior to that, she served for two years as the vice president of economic development for the Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce.

Radke serves as the dean of corporate training and economic development at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC). In her role, she is responsible for the marketing and delivery of NWTC training, economic development and leadership programs for organizations in a multi-county region that parallels NWTC’s footprint.

The search committee based its selection of the three finalists on three factors: candidates’ backgrounds, their interviews and a detailed assessment highlighting skills and strengths.

“The search committee for the president role of the Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce had a difficult task to undertake in narrowing the pool of candidates for the role,” said Gail McNutt, chair of the Chamber board and member of the Chamber’s presidential search committee. “There were many qualified candidates, and the process took longer than we had hoped. That said, we are very excited about the next steps in the process, and choosing the most appropriate candidate for the presidential role.”

All three finalists will meet with members of the Chamber board of directors and staff the week of Aug. 15 as part of the process to finalize the presidential candidate. At this point, McNutt anticipates that announcement will be forthcoming by month’s end.

Established in 1882, the mission of the Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce is to serve as the focal point of economic and community development. The Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce is a four-star accredited Chamber through the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Chamber programs include Advance, Partners in Education, Leadership Green Bay, Brown County Teen Leadership, Current Young Professionals Network, Good Government Council and the International Business Development Consortium.

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