

# GROW MINNESOTA! PARTNERSHIP

We know Minnesota's economy



## Strengthening Minnesota supply chains – Database registration is at no cost

### MN Supplier Match and Roundtable Events

<https://www.mnchamber.com/grow/mn-supplier-match>

The Minnesota Supplier Match launched in 2018 and is an initiative of the Minnesota Chamber's Grow Minnesota!® Partnership. Its purpose is to highlight Minnesota's robust supply chain and increase business-to-business activity in the state.

In addition to the database, face-to-face roundtable events are conducted quarterly. Participants report an average of four connections are made at these events.

#### Why is MN Supplier Match valuable?

##### Here what participants are saying:

- "This is an excellent event to meet new potential customers and/or suppliers. You get the chance to ask, and listen to, questions and answers on many different subjects led by purchasing managers from different companies. The learning experience is excellent." – Stephen Ringsdore, vice president packaging and converting, H.B. Fuller Company
- "An effective event to network and converse with other like-minded business professionals." – Nick Willing, engineering solutions manager, Faith Technologies
- "The event provided me a good overview and deeper discussions to support rapid decision-making." – Steve Hanson, co-CEO, PGC
- "The roundtable format was an excellent way for Lab651 to share more about what businesses in Minnesota are working on and find mutually beneficial business opportunities." – Justin Grammens, co-founder, Lab651

**Register your business in the database today - no cost!** For more information, contact Nicole Hanger, business development coordinator, at [nhanger@mnchamber.com](mailto:nhanger@mnchamber.com)



#### Grow MN® Partnership 2003-Present



## Plaisted Companies

### Elk River

<https://plaistedcompanies.com/>

Almost 30 years ago, Todd Plaisted founded his company's reputation on the sand and gravel products provided by his Elk River mining reserve: supplying area golf courses and athletic fields with the finest quality construction sands and maintenance products in the region. Diversification is the keyword to enhancing services for customers and keeping up with everchanging needs. With the creation of the computerized Accublendar™, customer requests for quality, consistent engineered soils are answered.

Recent athletic field projects include the Minnesota Twins Target Field, Minnesota Vikings training camp, St. Paul Saints stadium, and, most recently, the Minnesota United stadium. This privately-held, family-owned company has a second generation of family members active in its operations. In addition, Plaisted products can be found across the globe in Dubai, Aruba and Canada

Plaisted Companies is deeply rooted in the community and the surrounding area of Elk River, where it was founded and is still headquartered. With more than 100 employees, Plaisted Companies is best known for its legendary customer service, offering professional, friendly and honest experience.

The Elk River Chamber and city of Elk River staff recently met with Todd Plaisted, owner of Plaisted Companies. The visit provided the opportunity to talk about the impact of the upcoming Corridors of Commerce project on Highway 169, where the gravel company is located.



**Plaisted Companies – fascinating company – it supplies sand, peat and soil for sports fields including the Twins, Vikings, other sports franchises and hundreds of golf courses around the world including Dubai!**



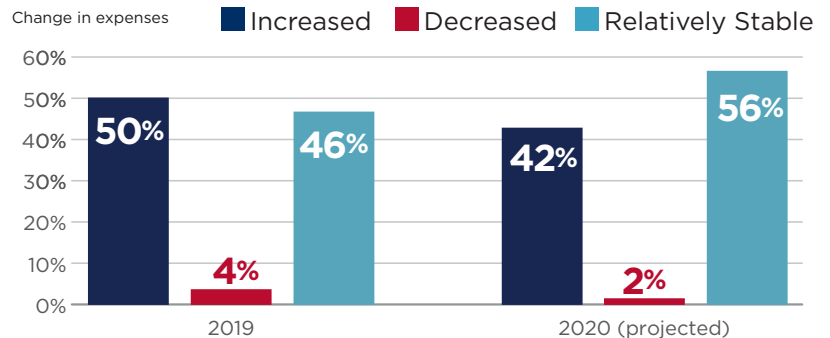
## Partners Making a Difference - Elk River Area Chamber

The Elk River Area Chamber has been leading business retention in their market area as an active Grow Minnesota! Partner for almost 11 years. The chamber's regular visits provide valuable information to impact their local economy while also contributing to improve Minnesota's business climate.



## Grow Minnesota!

Half of businesses visited report increased expenses



## Faith Technologies

<https://www.faithtechnologies.com/>



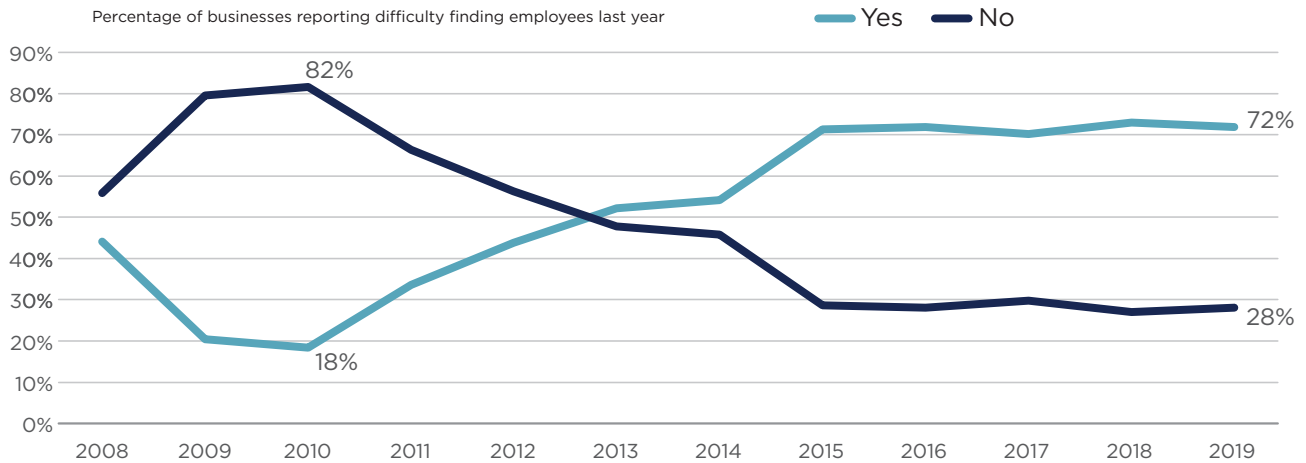
### PARTNERING TO BUILD FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND SOLAR-WIND HYBRID IN PELICAN RAPIDS

Faith Technologies was visited by Grow Minnesota! Partnership. Faith Technologies, an energy expert and national leader in electrical planning, engineering, design and installation, in partnership with Juhl Energy and General Electric, completed a first-of-its-kind solar-wind hybrid project in Pelican Rapids. This new solar-wind hybrid will provide clean, low-cost, locally generated and renewable energy to the Lake Region Electric Cooperative.

“Faith is proud to be an integral part of designing and building the first solar-wind hybrid in the U.S.,” said Charlie Fredrickson, vice president of investments at Faith Technologies. “This hybrid gives us the ability to move away from fossil fuels and be reliant on green technologies, which are better for the environment.”

Faith Technologies served as the engineer procure construct partner on the project, which will use a wind turbine from GE Renewable Energy’s Onshore Wind business, supported by 500KW of photovoltaic solar panels.

## Grow Minnesota! | Labor Availability Constraining Growth



## 24/7 ACCESS TO KEY BUSINESS RESOURCES REGIONAL AND STATE

<http://www.mnchamber.com/grow-minnesota-business-resources>

*If you don't find what you need here, contact the Grow Minnesota! Partnership team, and we will personally research additional resources for you.*

### GROW MINNESOTA! BUSINESS RESOURCES

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Entrepreneurship



Environment & Energy Resources



Exporting/Importing



Research & Data Tools



Start & Manage a Business



Workforce Development

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# Grow Minnesota! Partnership <https://www.mnchamber.com/grow/grow-minnesota-partnership>

*A robust statewide partnership of local chambers of commerce and economic development entities*

## CENTRAL MINNESOTA

Big Lake Chamber  
Big Lake EDA\*  
Brainerd Lakes Area EDC\*  
Brainerd Lakes Chamber  
Cuyuna Lakes Chamber  
Elk River Area Chamber  
Greater St. Cloud  
Development Corp.\*

Long Prairie Chamber  
North 65 Chamber  
Pine City Area Chamber  
Pine City EDA\*  
St. Cloud Area Chamber

## TWIN CITIES 7-COUNTY METRO

Apple Valley Chamber  
Burnsville Chamber  
Dakota County  
Regional Chamber  
Eden Prairie Chamber  
Edina Chamber  
Greater Stillwater Chamber

Hastings Area Chamber  
& Tourism Bureau  
Hastings HEDRA\*  
I94 West Chamber  
Lakeville Area Chamber  
MetroNorth Chamber  
Progress Plus\*  
Richfield Chamber  
River Heights Chamber  
Roseville EDA  
Saint Paul Area Chamber  
SCORE – Minneapolis  
SCORE – South Metro  
SCORE – St Paul  
Shakopee Chamber  
Shoreview EDA  
St. Paul Port Authority\*  
Twin Cities North Chamber  
TwinWest Chamber  
Vadnais Heights EDC\*  
Waconia Chamber  
White Bear Area Chamber  
White Bear EDC\*  
Woodbury Area Chamber

## NORTHEAST MINNESOTA

APEX  
Duluth Area Chamber  
Entrepreneur Fund  
Grand Rapids Area Chamber  
Hibbing Area Chamber  
International Falls Area Chamber  
Itasca Economic Development  
Corp. (IEDC)\*  
Laurentian Chamber  
Northspan Group

## NORTHWEST MINNESOTA

Bemidji Area Chamber  
East Grand Forks Chamber  
East Grand Forks EDA\*  
Greater Bemidji\*  
Thief River Falls Chamber

## SOUTHERN/SOUTHEAST MINNESOTA

Albert Lea-Freeborn  
County Chamber  
Albert Lea Economic  
Development Agency\*

Austin Area Chamber  
Blooming Prairie Chamber  
Fairmont Area Chamber  
Fairmont EDA\*  
Faribault Area Chamber  
& Tourism  
Greater Mankato Growth  
Lake City Chamber  
Lake City EDA\*  
Northfield Area Chamber  
& Tourism  
Owatonna Area Chamber  
Red Wing Area Chamber  
Rochester Area Chamber  
Rochester Area Economic  
Development Inc.\*  
Waseca Area Chamber  
Winona Area Chamber

## SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA

Litchfield Area Chamber  
Marshall Area Chamber  
Meeker Development Corp.\*  
New Ulm Area Chamber  
& Visitor Center

Pipestone Chamber  
Redwood Area Development Corp.  
Willmar Lakes Area Chamber  
Worthington Area Chamber  
& Visitors Bureau

## WEST CENTRAL MINNESOTA

Alexandria Area EDC\*  
Alexandria Lakes Area Chamber  
Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber  
Detroit Lakes EDA\*  
Fergus Falls Area Chamber  
M State – Detroit Lakes\*

Statewide Affiliate Partners  
Minnesota Retailers Association  
Tri-State Manufacturers  
Association  
University of Minnesota Extension

\* Denotes local and regional  
economic development entity  
co-partners

## GROW MINNESOTA! PARTNERSHIP

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The Grow Minnesota! Partnership is helping to grow our state's economy. Our passion to retain and grow Minnesota businesses aligns with the overall mission of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce. The program will soon complete its 16th year and operates in partnership with 90 local and regional chambers of commerce and economic development organizations.

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