

INTERNATIONAL FALLS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BUSINESS RESOURCE GUIDE

(Including Koochiching County)

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Lending Institutions

BORDER STATE BANK*

1414 Highway 71
International Falls, MN 56649
218-283-5556

BREMER BANK*

345 Fourth Avenue
International Falls, MN 56649
218-283-9411

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF DEERWOOD

NORTHOME BRANCH
P.O. Box 6 • 12080 Main Street
Northome, MN 56661
218-897-5285

WELLS FARGO*

419 Third Street
International Falls, MN 56649
218-283-9876

TRUSTAR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION*

INTERNATIONAL FALLS BRANCH
601 Fourth Street
International Falls, MN 56649
218-283-2000

LITTLEFORK BRANCH
201 Main Street
Littlefork, MN 56653
218-278-4200

Local Economic Development Agencies

KOOCHICHING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – KEDA*

The Koochiching Economic Development Authority is the lead development agency for Koochiching County and the City of International Falls. It serves as the primary point of contact for businesses looking to locate or expand in the county and International Falls. KEDA coordinates the various resources dedicated to job creation, retention and expansion throughout the area. Contact Paul Nevanen at 218-283-8585, 1-800-452-3569; 405 Third Street, International Falls, MN 56649 or paul@businessupnorth.com, www.businessupnorth.com.

KOOCHCO LOAN PROGRAM

Koochco is a private, non-profit gap financing agency. Koochco's loans are designed to create and maintain permanent employment through the establishment of new businesses or the expansion of existing businesses in Koochiching County. Contact Paul Nevanen at 218-283-2799.

KOOCHICHING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – KDA*

Prior to the creation of the KEDA, the Koochiching County Board was granted various economic development powers to assist with projects in Koochiching County. It still retains those powers and works in conjunction with the KEDA to provide resources to qualifying projects. Contact the Administration Director at 218-283-1152.

INTERNATIONAL FALLS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY*

Then International Falls Economic Development Authority shall be a catalyst for economic development that results in new investment, job creation diversification of the local economy and expansion of the tax base of International Falls. Contact The Administration Department of the City of International Falls, Municipal Building, 600 4th Street, International Falls, MN 56649, phone 218-283-9484 or fax 218-283-3590; www.ci.international-falls.mn.us

CITY OF BIG FALLS

Joan Nelson, City Clerk
 P.O. Box 196
 Big Falls, MN 56627
 218-276-3300
www.bigfalls.govoffice.com

CITY OF LITTLEFORK

Sonja Pelland,
 City Administrator
 901 Main Street
 Littlefork, MN 56653
 218-278-6710
lttlfork@hotmail.com

CITY OF INTERNATIONAL FALLS*

Kenneth Anderson, Administrator
 600 Fourth Street
 International Falls, MN 56649
 218-283-9484
www.ci.international-falls.mn.us

CITY OF RANIER*

Sherril Gautreaux,
 City Clerk
 P.O. Box 186
 Ranier, MN 56668
 218-286-3311
www.raniermn.govoffice2.com

CITY OF NORTHOME

Chelsy Elhard, City Clerk
 P.O. Box 65
 Northome, MN 56661
 218-897-5762; 800-862-6521
www.ci.northome.mn.us

KOOCHICHING COUNTY

Administration Director,
 County Administrator
 715 Fourth Street
 International Falls, MN 56649
 218-283-1152
www.co.koochiching.mn.us

Local Business Resources

Accountants

RANDY POZNIAK, CPA*

213 Third Street
 International Falls, MN 56649
 218-283-8148
rpozniak@frontiernet.net

CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP*

Al Laitala, Director
 14275 Golf Course Drive, Suite 300
 Baxter, MN 56425-8674
 P.O. Box 648
 Brainerd, MN 56401-0648
al.laitala@cliftonlarsonallen.com
www.cliftonlarsonallen.com
 218-828-0100
 218-825-2949

NORTH BORDER FINANCIAL SERVICES*

William Higham
 400 Third Street
 International Falls, MN 56649
 218-285-6111
billhighamtax@frontiernet.net

RAINY RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE*

1501 Highway 71
 International Falls, MN 56649
 218-285-7722
www.rrcc.mnscu.edu

MINNESOTA WORKFORCE CENTER

1501 Highway 71, Room SC128
 International Falls, MN 56649
 218-283-9427
www.positivelyminnesota.com

Local Business Resources (continued)

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Small Business Consulting and Training Courses

Jenny Herman

jenny@businessupnorth.com

405 Third Street

International Falls, MN 56649

218-283-8585

www.businessupnorth.com

www.umdced.com



INTERNATIONAL FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT 361

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Computer Training

1515 11th Street

International Falls, MN 56649

218-283-2571 ext. 186

(online courses) www.ed2go.com/ifalls/

www.isd361.k12.mn.us/communityed/



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ADVANCED MINNESOTA – FIVE COLLEGES- ONE TRAINING SOLUTION

Customized Training and Continuing Education

Training for Trades and Technology

1515 East 25th Street

Hibbing, MN 55746

218-262-7270

Advancedmn.org



Broadband/Telecommunications

MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS*

1215 Third Avenue East
International Falls, MN 56649
800-888-1300
www.midcocomm.com

NORTHWINDS NET

1229 Third Street
International Falls, MN 56649
218-283-8292
www.northwinds.net

FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS*

800-921-8101
800-435-1504
www.frontieronline.com

PAUL BUNYAN

800-276-8015
www.paulbunyan.net

Commercial Real Estate

AMERICAN WOODS & WATERS REALTY*

9801 GAPPA ROAD
Kabetogama, MN 56669
218-875-3063
218-240-9117
Fax 218-875-2036
www.mnlakeshorerealty.com
jill@americanwoodsandwatersrealty.com

ISLAND VIEW REALTY

435 Third Street
International Falls, MN 56649
218-285-7060
www.islandviewrealty.com
info@islandviewrealty.com

LAKEHOMES.COM

P.O. Box 351
Ranier, MN 56668
866-327-9889
www.lakehomes.com
info@lakehomes.com

Reed Realty

1580 Hwy 11/PO Box 1241
International Falls, MN 56649
218-285-6143
www.reedrealtymn.com
shannonarnold@reedrealtymn.com

Northern Waters Realty

438 3rd Street
International Falls, MN 56649
218-285-2010
http://www.northernwatersrealty.com

Appraisals

KRANTZ APPRAISALS

420 Third Avenue
International Falls, MN 56649
218-283-4474
Judyk2@frontiernet.net

CHOICE APPRAISAL CO. LLC

Ashley Germain
3057 County Road 125
International Falls, MN 56649
218-540-0108
choiceappraisal@midconetwork.com

Home Inspections

PROBE-TECH*

Jack Karsnia
2990 County Road 2 North
International Falls, MN 56649
218-285-7400
hammertooth@midco.net

Local and Regional Media

BIG FALLS RIPPLE NEWSLETTER

P.O. Box 38
Big Falls, MN 56627
218-276-2481

LITTLEFORK TIMES

P.O. Box 61
Littlefork, MN 56653
218-278-4143
littleforktimes@frontiernet.net

THE JOURNAL*

1602 Highway 71
International Falls, MN 56649
218-285-7411
www.ifallsjournal.com

NORTHOME AREA NEWS

9117 Highway 1
Northome, MN 56661
218-897-5756
northomeareanews@yahoo.com

MINNESOTA PUBLIC RADIO

KITF • 88.1 - 88.3 FM
P.O. Box 578
Bemidji, MN 56619-0578
218-751-8864

KSDM/KGHS RADIO*

519 Third Street
International Falls, MN 56649
218-283-3481
www.ksdmradio.com

Local and Regional Media (continued)

PSALM 99.5 RADIO*

P.O. Box 433
International Falls, MN 56649
218-285-7398
www.psalm995.org
events@psalm995.org

CHARTER MEDIA*

Suzie Best
International Falls, MN 56649
218-240-0062
www.chartermedia.com
suziebest@chartercom.com

93.1 THE BORDER (ONTARIO)*

P.O. Box 1250
International Falls, MN 56649
218-283-4420
www.b93.ca
info@b93.ca

FORT FRANCES TIMES (ONTARIO)

116 First Street East
Fort Frances, ONT P9A 1K2
807-274-5373
www.fftimes.com
mzachozy@fortfrances.com
Toll Free: 800-465-8508

Customs Brokers

LIVINGSTON INTERNATIONAL INC.

P.O. Box 227
3579 Main Street
Ranier, MN 56668
218-286-3121
www.livingstonintl.com

U.S. Customs/Immigration

218-283-2541

Canadian Border Services

807-274-3655

Leasing Agencies

MOSAIC INTERNATIONAL

Tim Riggs, President
1229 Third Street
International Falls, MN 56649
218-285-7421
www.mosaicleasing.com

Local Tourism Bureau

INTERNATIONAL FALLS , RANIER AND RAINY LAKE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

301 Second Avenue

International Falls, MN 56649

218-283-9400

800-325-5766

www.rainylake.org

cvb@rainylake.org

Transportation of Goods and Services

Airline Services/Car Rental

FALLS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT*

Francis Einarson Terminal

Einarson Airfield

2639 County Road 108

International Falls, MN 56649

218-283-2002 (main terminal)

www.internationalfallsairport.com

www.einarsonflying.com

DELTA OPERATED BY SKY WEST AIRLINES*

www.skywest.com

www.delta.com

AVIS CAR RENTAL

218-285-7799

CITY CAB AND VAN SERVICE INC.*

218-283-8635

ICE & FIRE VAN SERVICE, LLC

218-324-3890

WASCHKE FAMILY GM CENTER CAR RENTAL*

218-283-3471

WHERLEY MOTORS CAR RENTAL*

218-283-8486

Shipping

BORDER BOXES*

304 Third Street

International Falls, MN 56649

218-283-8666

www.borderboxes.com

borderboxes@hotmail.com

FEDEx

800-463-3339

www.fedex.com

RANIER POST OFFICE

3479 Duluth Street

Ranier, MN 56668

218-286-3214

Transportation of Goods and Services (continued)

Shipping cont.

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE (HOURS 8:30 A.M.-
4:30 P.M. M-F • 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. SAT)
400 Fourth Street
International Falls, MN 56649
218-283-3331

UPS (HOURS 10:00-11:30 A.M. MON-FRI)
206 Van Lynn Road
International Falls, MN 56649
800-723-7883
218-283-3431

General Freight

WENBERG TRANSFER*
P.O. Box 1192
International Falls, MN 56649
218-283-8011
wenbergtransfer@yahoo.com

Heavy Hauling

MANNCO TRUCKING
2470 Highway 332 South
International Falls, MN 56649
218-283-3898

ZIEMBA TRUCKING
6002 County Road 1
Littlefork, MN 56653
218-278-6735

HI-TECH EXPRESS
3195 Highway 53
International Falls, MN 56649
218-283-8744

TRUE NORTH EXPRESS
PO Box 991
International Falls, MN 56649
218-244-7019

Rail

CN – NORTH AMERICA'S RAILROAD*
17641 Sashland Ave
Homewood, IL 60430
708-332-4377
www.cn.ca

MD&W RAILWAY*
101 Second Street
International Falls, MN 56649
218-285-5290

Regional Resources

ARROWHEAD REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (ARDC)

Bob Palmquist
221 West First Street
Duluth, MN 55802
218-722-5545 or 800-232-0707
www.ardc.org

DEPT OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (DEED)

Brad Brzezinski, Northeast Region
320 West Second Street, Suite 205
Duluth, MN 55802
888-345-4528
www.deed.state.mn.us

MN BUSINESS FINANCE CORPORATION

Chuck Nordquist
Business Development Officer
1710 Paul Bunyan Dr. NW, Suite 105
Bemidji, MN 56601
218-759-8481 or 888-211-9740
www.mbfc.org

MINNESOTA POWER*

Nancy Norr
Regional Development Manager
30 West Superior Street
Duluth, MN 55802
218-723-3913
www.mnpower.com/econdev

NORTHEAST ENTREPRENEUR FUND (NEEF)

Shawn Wellnitz
CEO
8355 Unity Drive, Suite 100
Virginia, MN 55792
800-422-0374
www.entrepreneurfund.org

NORTHLAND FOUNDATION

Tony Sertich
President
202 West Superior Street, Suite 610
Duluth, MN 55802
218-723-4040
www.northlandfdn.org

NORTHSPAN GROUP, INC

Randy Lasky
President/CEO
221 West First Street
Duluth, MN 55802-1909
218-722-5545
www.northspan.org

Networking Opportunities

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Business owners, their employees and the public gather socially from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. to network while enjoying complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Each event is hosted and sponsored by a variety of Chamber members. Join fellow businesses after your day is done for another networking opportunity coordinated by the Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S BUSINESS NETWORK

The purpose of the International Women's Business Network is to connect with peers, share ideas and experiences, and offer support. The network is for business and professional women who are committed to the growth and development of themselves, their businesses and the community. The network meets monthly from September through May from Noon – 1:00 p.m. For more information, please contact the Small Business Development Center at 218-283-8585 or keda@businessupnorth.com.

CHAMBER PUBLIC LUNCHEONS & SUPPERS

The goal in providing a series of Chamber "Lunch & Learns" from Noon - 1:00 p.m. or Chamber Supper Sessions held throughout the year is to offer opportunities for all interested parties to listen to speakers who inform them on such topics as workforce development, funding resources, local updates and events, business resources, customer service, leadership, economic development, tourism and much more. Each session concludes with a question/answer period. ALL are welcome and encouraged by the Chamber Economic Development Committee to attend. For more information please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 218-283-9400.

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