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Saunders to Chair RAEDC's Business Retention and Solutions Team

Rockford, ILL., (August 8, 2013) – Larson & Darby is pleased to announce that John Saunders, Principal, has accepted the Chairman position for the Rockford Area Economic Development Council's (RAEDC) Business Retention and Solutions Team (BRE).

The team, which meets monthly, was created by RAEDC's Board of Directors in 2007 to help achieve its mission and goals through committee contributions.

Specifically, the overall role of the Business Retention & Expansion Solutions Team is to identify community opportunity improvements from existing employers. Additionally, the BRE team is working to develop and foster a supportive entrepreneurial environment.

Committee members engage from a variety of sectors including banking, healthcare, corporate and education.

Saunders has practiced architecture for 40 years and has served as the Principal-in-Charge for several award winning projects, including Danfoss Drives in Loves Park and Duo-Fast Corporate Headquarters in Huntley. He is also immediate past president of the Northern Illinois Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Saunders began his role of chairman effective August 1, 2013.

The primary role of the Rockford Area Economic Development Council (RAEDC) is to enhance wealth creation in the Rockford Region by marketing the area and helping employers retain and create quality jobs. The RAEDC works closely with many partners to serve as a one-stop resource for clients, to improve the competitiveness of the region and to engage the community in the work of economic development.

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