

RangeReadiness

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Responsible regional growth.



Range Readiness Initiative Teams

Leadership Team

The Range Readiness Initiative leadership team consists of regional leaders including elected officials and key stakeholder groups. The leadership team serves as a steering committee of key elected officials and public/private stakeholders that would meet as necessary to guide the response process, coordinate resources, review progress and communicate with the media as appropriate.

Leadership Team Composition

- Iron Range Resources (Chair)
- Iron Range Resource Legislative Delegation Board Members
- Congressman James Oberstar
- Senator Amy Klobuchar
- Senator Norm Coleman
- Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Commissioner
- Range Association of Municipalities and Schools (RAMS) Chairs
- Itasca County Board Member
- St. Louis County Board Member
- Northeast Higher Education District (President)

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Strategy Team

The Strategy Team is comprised of regional and local resource professionals responsible for the development, communication and facilitation of a coordinated regional response in cooperation with the Leadership Team and specific Functional Sub-Teams. Day-to-day communications are a primary function of this group. Chairs of the Functional Sub-Teams serve on the Strategy Team.

Strategy Team Composition

- Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC), Andy Hubley
- The Northspan Group, Inc., Randy Lasky
- Range Association of Municipalities and Schools (RAMS), Ron Dicklich
- Arrowhead Economic Opportunities Agency (AEOA), Harlan Tardy
- St. Louis County, Barb Hayden
- Northeast Entrepreneur Fund, Mary Mathews
- Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), Heather Rand
- Itasca Economic Development Corporation (IEDC), Peter McDermott

- Kootasca, Barb Dorry
- Iron Range Economic Alliance (IREA), Duane Northagen
- Area Partnership for Economic Expansion (APEX), Rob West
- Northeast Higher Education District, Sue Collins
- Minnesota Power, Nancy Norr
- Great River Energy, Tom Lambrecht
- Northeast Minnesota Office of Job Training (NEMOJT), Michelle Ufford
- Duluth Workforce Development, Don Hoag
- Northwest Wisconsin CEP, Inc.
- UMD Center for Economic Development, Elaine Hansen
- Blandin Foundation, Wade Fauth
- Northland Foundation, Tom Renier/John Elden
- Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI), Mike Lalich
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Projects Team

The Projects Team is largely comprised of the affected companies with projects underway or planned and other supporting resources that can coordinate and communicate development needs, provide critical information for community planning and help respond to common problems in a coordinated and timely manner.

Projects Team Composition

- Minnesota Power
- Minnesota Steel
- Mesaba Energy
- PolyMet
- Mesabi Nugget
- USS Keetac

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Workforce Team

Comprised of economic development organizations, labor representatives and educational institutions, the mission of the Workforce Team is to identify the number, skills, sources, timing and gaps necessary to define and coordinate strategies for adequate workforce resources.

Workforce Team Composition

- Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)
- Workforce Investment Board (WIB)
- Minnesota State Colleges & Universities (MNSCU)/Roy Smith
- Labor
- Area Partnership for Economic Expansion (APEX)
- Northeast Minnesota Office of Job Training (NEMOJT)
- K-12 Education

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Housing Team

Comprised of government agencies and area realtors, the mission of the Housing Team is to strategically accommodate residential growth short and long-term across the Iron Range.

Housing Team Composition

- County Housing & Redevelopment Authority
- Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA)
- Minnesota Housing Partnership
- Greater Minnesota Housing Fund (GMHF)
- Kootasca
- Arrowhead Economic Opportunities Agency (AEOA)
- Range Board of Realtors
- Itasca Housing Coalition
- Northern Minnesota Builders Association

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Community Readiness Team

The goal of the Community Readiness Team is to assess community readiness and define how well communities will be able to address potential impacts related to large scale project developments in their areas. Specific areas of need will include but are not limited to, land use and availability, water and sewer services, transportation, K-12 education, health and public safety, and community facilities. They will assess and identify needs and funding to accommodate growth impacts both temporary and long-term.

Community Readiness Team Composition

- Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC)
- St. Louis County

- Itasca County
- Lake County
- Cook County
- Consulting engineers
- Range Association of Municipalities and Schools (RAMS)
- Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)
- Iron Range Economic Alliance (IREA)
- Chambers of Commerce
- Iron Range Resources
- Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT)
- United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- Public Facilities Authority (PFA)

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Opportunities Development Team

The mission of the Opportunities Development Team is to maximize local and regional business development and new regional wealth retention by evaluating potential large scale projects determining major supplier, indirect spin-off and value added business development needs and opportunities, and communicating this information to existing businesses, entrepreneurs, investors and local and regional development, recruitment and financing professionals. Coordinate assistance and technical support for land and real estate options, deal structuring and financial packaging, risk assessment and management, and growth management planning for existing and new businesses.

Opportunities Development Team Composition

- Iron Range Resources
- APEX
- Northeast Entrepreneur Fund
- UMD Center for Economic Development
- Itasca Economic Development Corporation (IEDC)
- Northland Connection
- Minnesota Power
- Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)
- Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI)
- Superior/Douglas County Development Association
- Affected community economic development professionals/ IREA reps
- Minnesota Technology
- Iron Mining Association
- Mining Minnesota
- Itasca Technology Exchange

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