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The Region Five Development Commission presented local partners with awards at their annual meeting on December 18th at Prairie Bay Restaurant in Brainerd. The intent of these awards is to honor their partners who have significantly made a difference in their ability to meet the R5DC mission to improve the quality of life in this region.

This year's award recipients are:

Outstanding Service Providers: Michael Krause and Jim Robins, who have gone above and beyond their compensation in ways that have notably assisted in managing operations

Outstanding Regional Partner: MN USDA Rural Development, who has significantly made a difference in the ability for Region Five to meet their mission

Outstanding Micro-Business Partner: Wurdeman Cabinet Company, as Jeff Wurdeman is the true definition of being an entrepreneur, having overcome obstacles to turn around a negative equity position into a positive in the past 10 months

Outstanding NCEDA Business Partner: National Precision Manufacturing and Engineering, who has demonstrated their business leadership and contributions to the region



Dan Imbrock, Chris Robinson, Don Wurdeman, Jeff Wurdeman, Phyllis Wurdeman, Kale Wurdeman, Julie Anderholm and Sandy Voigt

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Dan Labat, USDA Area Director; Brian Lehman, R5DC Chair; Cheryal Hills, R5DC Executive Director; and Mike Monson, USDA Area Director



Michael Krause; Cheryal Hills, R5DC Executive Director; Brian Lehman, R5DC Chair; and Jim Robins

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