



Partners for Prosperity

NEW BEGINNINGS FOR EASTERN IDAHO

October 8, 2003

Ms. Diane Wanner, Community Liaison/Team Leader
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Saint Paul, Minnesota 55107

Re: Final Plan Submittal

Dear Ms. Wanner:

It is with great excitement and pleasure that we submit for your consideration this final planning document from Partners for Prosperity: New Beginnings for Eastern Idaho. Our hope is to be selected as a Venture Community so that we may continue our working relationship with the Northwest Area Foundation.

This final plan has changed in content and format. Content has changed to reflect the suggestions and recommendations put forth since the creation of the draft plan in June. These suggestions have come to us from the Northwest Area Foundation, from our Steering Committee, and most importantly, from the community at large. We are confident that this plan represents the best thinking of our region's people from all walks of life. Format has changed in hopes of making this document easier to read. We want anyone who picks up this document to feel comfortable navigating its pages.

While we believe the above mentioned changes have made for a better planning document, we have not changed our core values or strategies. These, in fact, have only been strengthened by continued reaffirmation by the regional community. Hence, our initial implementation focus will continue to be in the areas of education and personal assets. We are poised and ready to begin implementation in these areas. In fact, a number of initiatives have already begun which have strengthened our posture in the region and increased our presence in the State as a valuable partner in the effort to eliminate poverty in our area of focus. We are a group of citizens committed to the plan before you. Failure is not an option. We will move forward and we will make a difference.

Our work and our effort have been made possible by the wonderful support of the Northwest Area Foundation. We value this relationship and consider the Foundation to be a valued partner. We express our great appreciation to you for an experience that has been, and promises to continue to be, most exhilarating. Thank you. We submit this plan with gratitude and hope of being given Community Venture status.

Sincerely,

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