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Resurging Agriculture and Food Technology in Southeastern Minnesota:

A Forum for Farmers, Producers, Food Processors, and Ag Business Entrepreneurs

Help us crystallize the vision for an Agricultural Systems and Computer Technology training center in Austin. Determine current and future technical workforce needs of farmers, food processors, agricultural equipment suppliers and service stations in Southeastern Minnesota.

**Thursday,
April 16, 2015
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

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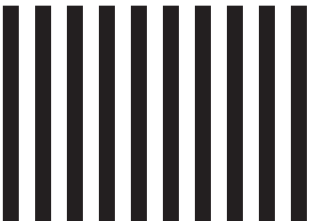
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Bridging Skills Gap at the Convergence of Agriculture, Information Technology and Engineering:

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SCHEDULE:

- 8:30 – 8:40 Welcome and opening remarks (Gary Ray, Chair, The Hormel Foundation)
- 8:40 – 9:00 Vision for the Agricultural Systems and Computer Training Center (Adenuga Atewologun, President, Riverland Community College)
- 9:00 – 9:30 Keynote Address (Mark Greenwood, Vice President of Agri-Business Capital, AgStar Financial Services, ACA)
- 9:30 – 10:00 Financing of Center (Jerry Anfinson, Treasurer, The Hormel Foundation)
- 10:00 – 10:10 Break
- 10:10 – 11:20 Group Exercise (Pam Bishop, Business Senior Program Officer, Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation)
- 11:20 – 11:50 Reporting Out (Team Recorders)
- 11:50 – 12:00 Closing Remarks (Bonnie Rietz, Past Mayor of Austin)
- 12:00 – 12:30 Lunch and Networking

RSVP Card

Please fill out this card, tear it off, and place it in the mail to confirm your attendance. You may also RSVP online at www.riverland.edu/rsvp.

Name: _____

Company: _____

Occupation or Line of Business: _____

Email: _____

Please include me in future electronic mailings about this project.

What are the immediate technician/technologist needs in your operation?

How do you meet your current technical expertise needs?

- Contract Service (In-State / Out-Of-State)
 Self-Service Service Agreement With Suppliers
 Unable To Meet
 Other _____

How satisfied are you with how you meet your needs for technical know-how?

- Very Satisfied Satisfied
 Minimally Satisfied Not Satisfied

What are the future technology needs in your operation? Check all that apply:

- Computer Applications Programming
 Robotics Bookkeeping Modeling
 Statistical Analysis and Projections
 Other _____
