



## **BOZEMAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SURVEY LAUNCHED**

Bozeman, Montana, December 11, 2008 – Prospera Business Network and the City of Bozeman announced today the launch of an online survey for members of the Bozeman community to participate in the development of the *City of Bozeman Economic Development Plan*.

“Community input is important to this process and we invite members of the Bozeman community to participate through the online Bozeman Economic Development Survey. We have received input from Bozeman business leaders and we would like to hear the broader community’s opinions and suggestions on the City’s role in and support for economic development in Bozeman,” said Prospera Business Network Chief Executive Officer, Bob Hietala.

Completing the survey should not take more than 10 minutes, and survey responses will remain confidential. The Bozeman Economic Development Survey can be found at the following website address: [www.ProsperaResearch.org/community](http://www.ProsperaResearch.org/community)

Prospera Business Network is working under a contract with the City of Bozeman to lead the development of the first-ever *City of Bozeman Economic Development Plan*. Previously, economic development was covered in a chapter in the City’s planning document, the *2020 Community Plan*. For more than a year, the City has been in the process of updating the *2020 Community Plan*, and as a result, determined the need for a separate economic development planning document. *The City of Bozeman Economic Development Plan* will be a comprehensive economic development planning document to provide guidance to the City Commission and City staff.

### **ABOUT PROSPERA BUSINESS NETWORK**

Prospera Business Network is a private, non-profit, member supported economic development organization in southwestern Montana. Originally established in 1985 as the Gallatin Development Corporation, Prospera is now the leading economic development organization serving a region that is one of the fastest growing economic areas in the northern Rocky Mountains. Prospera is dedicated to encouraging and supporting business expansion, retention and relocation by providing access to business consulting, capital, professional development and research. To learn more about Prospera Business Network, visit: [www.ProsperaBusinessNetwork.org](http://www.ProsperaBusinessNetwork.org)