

TO:

RE: Tony's Wabeno Redi-Mix

Greetings,

The Forest County Economic Development Partnership is pleased to support the request of Tony Smith, DBA Tony's Wabeno Redi-Mix, with the purchase or trade of U.S. Forest Service to ensure the sustainability of his business and employment opportunities in Forest County, Wisconsin. .

The need for expansion was highlighted in 2022, revealing only a few years of sustainable sand and gravel to continue production and employment for his business. He has been in contact with Forest County in discussions on land purchases or trades to sustain the demand of sand and gravel for business purposes. Currently his site will only sustain his business until late 2025 or early 2026.

With the success of land purchase or trade between Tony's Wabeno Redi-Mix and the U.S. Forest Service he will be able to provide Forest County with steady employment and growth of his company. The company currently employees around 25 individuals from around the area, and works on many jobs that increase the growth of the county. Sustaining this business for Forest County and its economic development is critical to the success and growth of the County as a solid unit.

Sincerely,

Chris Shafer

**Executive Director** 

Forest County Economic Development Partnership

Forest County Chamber of Commerce

Forest County Tourism Commission

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September 8, 2023

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter from the Wabeno Area Chamber of Commerce is written in support of the sale or trade of land between Tony Smith, owner of Tony's Wabeno Redi-Mix LLC and the U.S. Forest Service. It was brought to our attention that his purchase or trade is needed to provide the materials needed to continue production in the future.

Tony's Redi-Mix has been in our community for over 20 years and is currently providing employment for approximately 25 employees, which enables them to provide for their families. Tony and his employees are active community members and essential to the economic growth of Wabeno. We support all efforts that will help him to sustain his business.

Sincerely,

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Treasurer, Wabeno Area Chamber of Commerce

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Jim Smith, Chairperson Randy Johnson, Supervisor Benjamin Hermus, Supervisor Raletta Shampo- Ashbeck, Clerk Cheryl Ehlinger, Treasurer

The Town of Wabeno is in support of the request to purchase or trade of the U.S. Forest Service land to Tony's Wabeno Redi-Mix LLC Tony Smith owner.

The need was brought to our attention last year, revealing only a few years of sand and gravel to continue production and the employment of approximately 25 employees and their families.

Tony has been actively searching for property and so far has not found any other options.

With this purchase or trade between Tony's Wabeno Redi-Mix and the

U.S.Forest Service he will be able to provide steady employment and growth

for his company and our community. Tony's Redi-Mix LLC is one of the largest employers in the community and we would to support him any way we can.

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