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**VISIT MANKATO SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN HOSPITALITY
INDUSTRY**

MANKATO – Visit Mankato is accepting nominations to recognize the outstanding service Mankato hospitality industry personnel provide daily, in observance of National Travel and Tourism Week, May 4-10, 2014.

There are four award categories to recognize a restaurant employee, hotel employee, attraction employee and shopping/retail employee.

A committee will select the final four award recipients and the winners will be recognized at a special Travel and Tourism Week event to be held on May 8.

Nomination forms can be found at <http://visitgreatermankato.com/visit-mankato-partners/>. The nomination deadline is April 21.

“After dining at a restaurant, shopping at a boutique, attending an event or staying in a hotel the customer service a visitor experiences is often what they remember most,” said Anna Thill, president of Visit Mankato. “It’s these positive experiences that keep them coming back and spreading the word about our vibrant community.”

In 1983 Congress passed a resolution designating the first week of May to be National Travel and Tourism week in America, thereby acknowledging and recognizing the impact of travel and hospitality on the U.S. economy and its citizens. Travel and tourism are a vital part of our city, state, national and world economy. It is one of America’s largest industries.

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About Visit Mankato:

Visit Mankato, LLC, the local Convention & Visitors Bureau, is a Limited Liability Corporation of Greater Mankato Growth, Inc. Visit Mankato leads the development of the visitor economy in Mankato by actively promoting Mankato as a premier destination for conventions, tournaments and tourism. These activities bring a steady flow of visitors and business activity to Mankato that benefits local residents and future visitors. The work of Visit Mankato helps strengthen the hospitality industry which provides jobs, a diverse tax base and amenities for everyone to enjoy. www.visitmankatomn.com