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**Nationally Acclaimed Author  
Will Keynote DCEDC Annual Investors Meeting**

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The Door County Economic Development Corporation is pleased to announce the details for their annual investors meeting and luncheon on Wednesday, April 28, at the Stone Harbor Resort and Conference Center in Sturgeon Bay. The keynote speaker will be Professor Patrick Carr, co-author of the recently released book *Hollowing Out The Middle: The Rural Brain Drain and What It Means For America*. His remarks will be discussing “Confronting Rural Brain Drain: Strategies and Best Practices.”

“Professor Carr’s book addresses issues of critical importance to Door County,” said DCEDC Executive Director Bill Chaudoir. “Keeping young people in our community is vital if we are going to maintain and continue to grow our local economy. We are extremely fortunate to have a speaker of his caliber come to Door County.”

In addition to the keynote address by Professor Carr, the annual investors meeting will include the presentation of the Door County Industry of the Year and Entrepreneur of the Year Awards. The Industry of the Year Award recognizes a construction, service or manufacturing business that has made a substantial impact on the community and enjoyed significant accomplishments during the past year. The Entrepreneur of the Year Award celebrates those individuals who have taken the initiative to start and grow a successful small business in Door County. The luncheon meeting will also include the annual report to the community about the accomplishments of DCEDC during 2009.

Patrick Carr was born and raised in Drogheda, Ireland and earned his bachelor and master’s degrees from University College, Dublin. In 1992, he was awarded the prestigious National University of Ireland Travelling Studentship to pursue graduate study abroad, and in 1998 he earned his Ph.D. in sociology at the University of Chicago. Professor Carr writes extensively about crime and communities, youth and adolescence, and the transition to adulthood. His first book, *Clean Streets*, was published by New York University Press. He lectures to audiences all over the world about community policing and crime control, and he and his research have been featured in numerous media outlets, including National Public Radio. Professor Carr is an Associate Member of the MacArthur Foundation’s Network on Transitions to Adulthood and he is an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology at Rutgers University-New Brunswick.

Professor Carr's appearance in Door County has been generously sponsored by: Associated Bank, Baylake Bank, Bay Pharmacy, Charter Communications, the Door County Manufacturer's Association, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, Nsight/Cellcom, Sturgeon Bay Utilities, Therma-Tron-X, the Village of Sister Bay and Wisconsin Public Service.

The DCEDC annual investors meeting will start promptly at 12pm. A pre-luncheon networking session with Professor Carr will take place from 11:15 to 11:45am. Tickets for the April 28 luncheon are \$30 per person or \$280 for a table of ten.

Tickets are available from the DCEDC office. For more information, please contact DCEDC at (920) 743-3113 x200 or by email at [janet@doorcountybusiness.com](mailto:janet@doorcountybusiness.com).

The Door County Economic Development Corporation (DCEDC) is a public/private partnership dedicated to improving the economic vitality of the county and its residents. Founded in 1989, DCEDC has been successful in helping existing businesses create and retain thousands of jobs through a myriad of programs and initiatives. Additionally, DCEDC places strong emphasis on fostering entrepreneurial instincts in county residents as well as those who vacation on the Door County Peninsula. Door County Economic Development Corporation offices are located within the small business incubator DCEDC founded in 1997 at 185 East Walnut Street in the Sturgeon Bay Industrial Park.

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