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Yellowstone Business Partnership Receives Grant from Idaho Community Foundation

IDAHO FALLS --- The Yellowstone Business Partnership (YBP) has received a grant of \$500 from the *Eastern Region Greatest Need Fund in the Idaho Community Foundation* to allow the expansion of participation in YBP's *UnCommon Sense: Business Leadership for a Sustainable Future* program.

The *UnCommon Sense* program is a leadership and peer support program for businesses seeking to operate more efficiently and responsibly. The four-year old program teaches how to incorporate environmentally-sound and community-friendly practices that make long-term business sense, including energy and water efficiencies, waste stream management, local purchasing, transportation alternatives, climate protection and social and community investment.

“The grant will make it possible for us to equip more businesses to achieve significant sustainability milestones” said Jan Brown, Executive Director of the Yellowstone Business Partnership. “The Idaho Community Foundation deserves special thanks for helping use with this.”

A maximum of 20 businesses will be accepted into the next UnCommon Sense class, which begins in April 2010. Apply by March 1, 2010 at www.yellowstonebusiness.org/our_programs/sustainability.

YBP is a tri-state nonprofit organization working to resolve the major cross-boundary challenges facing businesses and communities in the Yellowstone-Teton region. YBP believes that to achieve long-term profitability in this place, businesses must fulfill their social and environmental responsibilities, and care for the region as a whole. YBP has offices in Bozeman, Montana and Idaho Falls, Idaho. For more information about the Yellowstone Business Partnership, visit www.yellowstonesbusiness.org.

The Idaho Community Foundation is a statewide organization composed of over 400 individual funds, pooled together for efficient management. Total assets are more than \$55 million. Since its inception in 1988, ICF has made charitable distributions totaling more than \$41 million.

The Idaho Community Foundation attracts assets from a wide range of donors within and outside the state of Idaho. It manages and invests its assets primarily as permanent endowment. Return from the endowment is distributed to charitable organizations such as grants aimed at enriching the quality of life throughout Idaho. The Idaho Community Foundation encourages citizens to join as members to help support the statewide philanthropic outreach mission. To learn more about the Foundation or join as a member, visit ICF's website at www.idcomfdn.org, or call 800-657-5357.