

Whitney Benefits & Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

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MEDIA RELEASE

Headline: Whitney-MDU announces Ground Breaking.

Whitney Benefits and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. cooperatively announce the groundbreaking of the new MDU Building addition located at the current MDU Service Center Building located at 2324 Dry Ranch Road, in Sheridan, Wyoming. Whitney Benefits and MDU agreed to a Sales and Exchange Agreement in October 2003 where Whitney agreed to build a building for MDU in exchange for the MDU Building located on Brooks Street.

Tom Kinnison, Whitney Benefits President, "Whitney Benefits is pleased to work cooperatively with Montana-Dakota Utilities. This is an excellent project that benefits both Whitney, MDU and the community of Sheridan. Whitney will benefit in that they receive a fantastic building located in close proximity to Whitney Commons so that they might continue their community work. Myrlene Wallander, Wyoming District Manager of Montana-Dakota Utilities said, "MDU is proud of its community leadership role and is pleased to be a community partner with Whitney Benefits. This cooperative effort works to benefit Whitney and MDU while consolidating the MDU operations at our Dry Ranch Road location to provide continued customer service." The project is designed and managed by Sheridan firms Dan Stalker Architects and Armstrong Design Studio. The project General Contractor is Larry Baker with A& K Construction of Sheridan, Wyoming.

Whitney is a private, non-profit educational foundation located in Sheridan, Wyoming. Whitney Benefits was created under the Last Will and Testament of Edward A. Whitney, a Sheridan County resident, who passed away in 1917.

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. generates, transmits and distributes electricity and distributes natural gas in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming. This operation also supplies related value-added products and services.

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