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Dr. David J. Ward is the founder and president of NorthStar Economics, Inc. His company provides economic consulting services to public sector and private sector clients. Dr. Ward and his firm have extensive experience in strategic economic development planning in Wisconsin and the Midwest. He has authored a number of strategic economic development plans for clients in Wisconsin, Kansas, Kentucky, New Hampshire and Wyoming.

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Prior to founding NorthStar Economics, Dr. Ward was a professor and administrator in the University of Wisconsin system. He earned a BBA, MBA and Ph.D. in Finance from the University of Wisconsin - Madison. He held teaching positions at the University of Wisconsin - Green Bay and University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh. He served as Vice-Chancellor and Acting Chancellor at UW Oshkosh and concluded his career in higher education as the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for the University of Wisconsin System.

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