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## **WED releases Midwest Future Forum on Cryptocurrency**

Williston Economic Development (WED) is pleased to announce it is releasing an online panel discussion about emerging innovations in economic development. The first Midwest Future Forum will premiere on Friday, September 3. The panelists will discuss the future of cryptocurrency in the Williston area. The moderator will be WED Executive Director Shawn Wenko.

"We will be discussing a topic that is changing the global economy, cryptocurrency," said Wenko. "The purpose of the forum is to help us understand more about cryptocurrency and to look towards the future."

The four panelists will include James Leiman, North Dakota Commerce Commissioner; Matt Marshall, Economic Development Administrator with Minnkota Power Cooperative; Max Jundt, Co-Founder of ChowCoin, a new cryptocurrency that supports the food service industry and Zach Keenen, Co-Founder of Grand Forks-based SunDog Mining.

The title of the forum is "Cryptocurrency: Boom or Bust?."

Wenko says the panel discussion will showcase a variety of opinions and perspectives on cryptocurrency.

"There is tremendous economic potential for our community and region for new and emerging innovation," said Wenko. "These forums are designed to do a dive into understanding more about the subject and identifying ways to capture the development."

Other Midwest Future Forums will tackle breakthroughs in unmanned aerial systems, carbon capture and more.

The forums are a collaboration of WED and The Creative Treatment in Bismarck. The Creative Treatment directs, produces and edits the video productions. The Midwest Future Forum can be viewed on WED's Facebook and YouTube sites as well as other digital providers.