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Grabenbauer Retires from Northwest Iowa Community College

Woody Grabenbauer, Executive Director of the Business & Industry Center, has recently retired, November 30, from Northwest Iowa Community College. Grabenbauer had been with NCC for just over 10 years - since July, 2000.

Before coming to NCC, Grabenbauer was involved in the transportation manufacturing industry for twenty-five plus years. The primary amount of time he was with Rockwell International Automotive Operations with involvement in the Heavy Truck, Off-Highway Division. Assignments included: Engineering, Operations Management and Change Leadership.

During his career Grabenbauer has been recognized many times with various awards. While at Rockwell he was recognized several times for outstanding achievement. He was also recognized by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) as a Certified Lean Trainer and authorized to certify new NIST Lean Trainers.

Grabenbauer commented, "There are many favorite moments at NCC. To be at NCC and witness the facility growth the last few years in areas that will fill the needs of the region ranks high. NCC has been involved with the region's economic development organizations for a number of years and it was gratifying to be involved in the process to have this area be the initial Economic Development Region formally recognized by the State of Iowa."

Grabenbauer continued, "After I retire I am looking forward to the completion of several home projects that are currently in various stages. However, I will be available to work with the college periodically in advising or assisting NCC and/or industry. It is not my desire to just disappear as I have thoroughly enjoyed my career at NCC."