Dunn County seeks EDC director

MENOMONIE — The Dunn County Economic Development Corp. has launched a nationwide search for a full-time executive director.

Christopher Smith, director of the Discovery Center's Extension, Professional Education and Partnership Services at UW-Stout, has been serving as executive director of organization on a part-time basis since 2008 through a partnership with the university.

"Now that the economy is showing significant signs of recovery, including resurgence in employer expansions and the construction of new manufacturing facilities, it is time for the board and the university to implement the next phase of our plan to support the area's economic development activity," Smith said in a news release. "UW-Stout will remain a major supporter of the corporation's retention, attraction and growth strategy."

During Smith's tenure DCEDC support has led to the creation of 188 documented full-time jobs; helped 290 aspiring entrepreneurs and existing businesses seek local, regional and state assistance; and brought nearly $1.2 million in regional loan fund fiscal resources to county businesses. A new program of educational seminars for businesses in the area is available to the public, with topics ranging from human resources to marketing.

DCEDC will make the transition to a full-time executive director by Jan. 1. For more information about the position, seminars or DCEDC, call 715-232-4009.