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Great Bend Economic Development Announces Progress on Major Redevelopment Project

GREAT BEND, KS – Great Bend Economic Development (GBED) is committed to fostering positive change and fostering growth within our community. With this mission at heart, we are proud to announce a significant step toward the revitalization of our area. Our attention is focused on transforming a long-standing blighted property that has adversely affected our community.

Formerly a prestigious hotel, this expansive 60,000+ square foot concrete building is set to reclaim the location as a highlight on our commercial corridor. However, the demolition process is no easy task and requires a significant investment. To ensure responsible stewardship of our resources, we diligently sought multiple bids for this project and awarded it to a local contractor. We are excited to reveal that demolition is slated to commence within the next few weeks and is projected to be completed by the end of October, barring any unforeseen challenges. Once the site is cleared, we envision a fresh beginning as we eagerly approach the dawn of a new calendar year.

The transformation of this site marks a major milestone in our journey as we continue to strengthen our thriving and vibrant community. GBED is firmly committed to the betterment of Barton County, and we believe this redevelopment project will set the stage for further positive developments and opportunities.

For more information and updates on this project, stay tuned to Great Bend Economic Development's website: www.gbedinc.com/projectchange and our social media channels.

About GBED (Great Bend Economic Development):

The Great Bend Economic Development, Inc. is a public/private partnership focusing on the economic development efforts in Barton County, KS. Our mission is to improve the economic quality of life for

working families in our community. We do this by creating jobs, through retention, recruitment, and expansion of businesses, strengthening the workforce through recruitment, education and training, improving and increasing the number of living wage jobs, and expanding the tax base through increase capital investment. For more information about GBED visit: <u>www.gbedinc.com</u>, call 620-796-2407. Sara Arnberger, President of Great Bend Economic Development, Inc., can be reached via email at <u>director@gbedinc.com</u>.