



News from the Minnesota/Dakotas Chapter of the **ESOP** Association

## Employee Ownership Moves America

### 2017 Government Relations Year in Review

#### Washington DC Recap

We had a great turn out during the May 2017 DC Conference. We visited every Congressional Representative for Minnesota, South Dakota, & North Dakota. We also visited both of the North Dakota Senators and one Minnesota Senator. We would like to extend a big THANK YOU to the 16 companies & service providers who participated in those visits! Since our visits, both the South Dakota and North Dakota Congressional Representatives have co-sponsored pro-ESOP bills as well as four of the eight Minnesota Congressional Representatives.



**Congressman Colin Peterson visits  
SJE Rhombus in Detroit Lakes, MN**

#### Local Activity

We had several ESOP Companies host visits this year with their local Representatives. Congressman Erik Paulsen visited American Flexible Products and Diversified Plastics. Colin Peterson visited SJE Rhombus, the Employee Owned Company of the Year. Rick Nolan visited Anderson Fabrics and Mann Lake Manufacturing. Thank you for hosting your Representatives! If you are interested in hosting a company visit, the Government Relations Committee would be glad to help organize your visit and work with you throughout the process. Please contact Theresa Ferret at [theresaf@tollgas.com](mailto:theresaf@tollgas.com).



**Congressman Erik Paulsen visits  
Diversified Plastics in Minneapolis, MN**

#### How Can You Help?

##### Host a Representative Visit!

It is just like giving a customer tour and you are not in this alone! We can help! Just shoot Theresa an email! [Theresaf@tollgas.com](mailto:Theresaf@tollgas.com)

##### Volunteer for the Government Relations Committee!

We meet for one hour every other month. No legislative experience needed. Let Theresa Ferret know if you are interested: [theresaf@tollgas.com](mailto:theresaf@tollgas.com).



**Congressman Rick Nolan visits  
Anderson Fabrics in Hackensack, MN**