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17TH ANNUAL DINNER MEETING SCHEDULED

Keynote Address by ALLETE President, David Gartzke



THE NEW PRESIDENT of ALLETE, Inc., David Gartzke, will serve as the featured speaker during the GDC's annual gathering January 17th at the DECC.

Downtown Duluth has been the home of ALLETE's corporate headquarters since the company was founded in

1923 as Minnesota Power and Light. Today, the company has over 13,000 employees in 43 states and Canada. That includes approximately 500 workers at its Superior Street headquarters location, ranking it among the larger employers in the downtown.

Gartzke has a long history with the company, as well as the Duluth community. He began his career with ALLETE (formerly Minnesota Power) in 1975, and after holding several positions, including Senior Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer; was named President last August.

A known figure by many analysts on Wall Street, the

UMD graduate is also leading the company on additional growth opportunities right here in the Northland. Minnesota Power is proposing to build new electric generation facilities in Superior and Grand Rapids, and it recently acquired the former LTV power plant along the North Shore. ALLETE's core business units are Energy Services and Automotive Services. They include Minnesota Power, the state's second-largest investor-owned electric utility, and Indianapolis-based ADESA Corporation, which has grown to become the second largest vehicle auction company in North America. ALLETE also has significant real estate holdings in Florida. **GDC**

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