This November, fifty young leaders will gather on the University of Minnesota campus to consider how best to help their cities – and our state – prosper. After a highly competitive selection process, we are very pleased to announce the leaders who will attend the inaugural Minnesota Young American Leaders Program. These leaders will attend the Program to share knowledge regarding the state and trajectory of our regional and national economic development, learn and practice tools of cross-sector collaboration and establish a network of new relationships.

**Fargo-Moorhead Cohort**
Farhiya Abdulkarim, Concordia College
Hakun Abdullahi, AfroAmerican Development Association
Fowzia Adde, Immigrant Development Center
Scott Holdman, Initiative Foundation
Derrick LaPointe, Downtown Moorhead, Inc.
Megan Myrdal, NorthHarvest Bean Growers Association and Food of the North
Jenny Olson, State of North Dakota, Office of the Governor
Greg Tehven, Emerging Prairie
James Whirlwind Soldier, Goldmark Property Management
Taya Spelhaug, Microsoft TechSpark

**Rochester Cohort**
Ruth Bello, Mayo Clinic School of Health Services
Kevin Bright, Destination Medical Center Economic Development Agency
Annie Burt, Mayo Clinic
Chad Campbell, Boys & Girls Club of Rochester
Nick Campion, City of Rochester
Jenny Casper, University of Minnesota – Rochester
Holly Masek, Rochester Downtown Alliance
Chao Mwatela, Rochester Community and Technical College
Nicole Nfonoyim-Hara, R-Town (KSMQ Public Television program) and Mayo Clinic

**Twin Cities Cohort**
John Doan, Mobility 4 All
David Edgerton, Andersen Corporation
Drinal Foster, Wells Fargo
Dayna Frank, First Avenue
Amelia Hardy, Best Buy
Tim Huebsch, General Mills
Emily Johnson-Piper, Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation
Shoua Lee, Wells Fargo
Max Musicant, Musicant Group
Toni Newborn, City of Saint Paul
Sam O’Connell, Metropolitan Council
Alejandra Pelinka, City of Bloomington
Alicia Sojourner, City of Saint Louis Park
Chris Swanson, US Bank
Ellen Trader, Carlson School, University of Minnesota
Jen Wagner-Lahr, AURI (Agricultural Utilization Research Institute)
This Program shares themes as well as selected faculty and content with Harvard Business School’s national Young American Leaders Program, which is typically held in June and includes cohorts from between nine to fourteen U.S. cities. The Harvard Program grew out of Harvard Business School’s ongoing research on U.S. competitiveness and its conclusion that cross-sectoral collaboration at the city level is key to advancing our shared prosperity. The Minnesota Young American Leaders Program complements the Harvard Business School Program by providing an opportunity to focus more specifically on exchanging knowledge and tools to advance collaboration for shared prosperity in our cities and across our state. It is our hope that alumni of both Programs will join together to expand the power of cross-sectoral collaboration for our region and state.