

## Rich Siegert

Rich has lived in the Bemidji area for over 40 years and expanding his ventures from owning the area's nicest hotel, The Hampton Inn and Green Mill Restaurant, to now breaking ground on The Double Tree hotel that will be attached to the Green Mill.

Rich went from running a smaller motel on Lake Bemidji to turning his prime real estate investment into now a beautiful place to stay for business travelers and tourists that also the community and those who visit can enjoy. Rich said, "There is a great sense of pride that goes with owning these hotels and restaurants."



Rich said that he utilized the SBDC's services mainly because the local banks financial services really like the way the SBDC assists with the proposals. Rich commented that the "professional business consultant made it much less of a hassle and helped smooth everything out." "I could say a lot of positive things about the SBDC but I really noticed how friendly and professional the staff and the consultants were in their profession. They were good to work with, the staff is refreshing and pleasant and when we really needed them, they always pulled through. When dealing with financials they were able to tell me if I was on the right track or completely off."

Rich continues to say, "The SBDC has been instrumental in my success of this large project and I will continue to utilize their services for future big projects."