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Welcome to another edition of the Seidman Business Review (the "Review"). As the new global economy presents new challenges to all West Michigan's businesses, the Seidman College of Business continues to provide cutting-edge, relevant, and real-world commentary focused on sharing existing and emerging business knowledge, legislation, and innovations, in ways that are relevant and compelling for West Michigan businesses and other public and private organizations.

Moreover, for this region to continue to thrive in the face of increased national and international competition, it must embrace and utilize fully the breadth and depth of its many resources. Grand Valley State University and the Seidman College of Business are especially proud to provide to this community significant resources of intellectual, cultural, and social capital, especially in light of the history of the University, and its founding by a group of business leaders. During its brief history Grand Valley has fulfilled very well its promise to the West Michigan community in the best sense of the expectations of those founders. The Review continues the fulfillment of that promise.

As usual, this edition begins with West Michigan economic and commercial real estate forecasts for 2006 and a performance review of West Michigan's regional stocks. It also includes articles addressing a number of other very timely topics—from economics literacy, to healthcare savings accounts, costs and benefits of ocean vessel shipping in the Great Lakes, impending free trade agreement with Thailand, the impact of quality schools on housing values, profitability of family rated movies, and religion in the workplace.

I trust you will find this edition of the Seidman Business Review quite informative, even provocative. Seidman's faculty experts excel at both teaching and applications-based research and implementation. I direct your attention to our "Panel of Experts," on the last page of this issue. Perhaps, you can utilize Seidman's faculty expertise to improve your operations and facilitate your business and management initiatives.

—I. H. James Williams
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