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## Sohodojo and Montana State U. Northern Collaborate to Launch North American Rural Futures Institute

**1 Nov 2001 - Raleigh, NC USA:** **Sohodojo** has joined with Montana State University Northern (MSUN) and Communities of the Future to envision and launch **NARFI**, the **North American Rural Futures Institute** at Montana State University Northern in Havre, Montana.

“Sohodojo was pleased to assist MSUN in launching NARFI through our role as in the Communities of the Future Network. Our building and hosting the Institute’s founding web site has helped the University Regents and local economic development activists to see the potential of this forward-looking, multi-discipline research center,” said Timlynn Babitsky, a **Sohodojo** Founder and Research Director, “NARFI’s recent recognition by the school’s Regents is a big step forward in our collaboration in Montana. We’ve been especially pleased to work with Jonathon Richter.”

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**1 Nov 2001 – Havre, MT USA:** The **North American Rural Futures Institute**, or **NARFI**, is proud to announce a partnership with **Sohodojo**, a leading proponent of small business networks and the home of the nanocorp movement. “Sohodojo’s expertise is in entrepreneurial small business and in software technologies to enable new models of sustainable enterprise. Our partnership with Sohodojo will be instrumental in developing the Institute’s interests in rural small business collaboration and in innovations in rural economic development,” said Jonathon Richter, founder and director of NARFI. “The expertise that Jim Salmons and Timlynn Babitsky bring to the table, in both the technical and the social action arenas, is rare and valuable.”

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**Sohodojo** is a non-profit applied research and development laboratory supporting entrepreneurial free agents and dejobbed small businesses – the building blocks of *Small is Good Business Webs*. For more information, especially on the lab’s research and social action agendas, visit <http://sohodojo.com>.

**NARFI**, the North American Rural Futures Institute, is a cooperative effort between Montana State University-Northern and the area it serves. It monitors changes and innovations in technology, society, education, economics, and public policy and investigates how they may be applied to rural industries, communities, and challenges inherent to rural life. See: <http://narfi.org>

For more information, contact Timlynn Babitsky of **Sohodojo** or Jonathon Richter of the **North American Rural Futures Institute**.

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***Sohodojo** is dedicated to the exploration and development of innovative “Small Is Good” business models and their associated software technologies for entrepreneurs seeking sustainable futures in rural and distressed urban communities. All software technologies developed by **Sohodojo** are made freely available under Open Source licenses.*

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