

261—1.1(15) Mission. The Iowa department of economic development was established in 1986 pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 15. The authority delegated to the department had previously been delegated to the Iowa development commission and the office for planning and programming. The mission of the Iowa department of economic development is to continually improve the economic well-being of all Iowans by working in focused partnerships with businesses, entrepreneurs, communities and educational entities. The department's primary responsibilities are in the areas of finance, marketing, local government and service coordination, exporting, tourism, job training and entrepreneurial assistance, and small business.