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Fiscal Update Article

Iowa Economic Development Authority Board Meeting — October 2026

October 21, 2026

Board Meeting
The Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) Board met on October 16, 2026, at 1963 Bell Avenue in Des Moines.

Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT)
The CAT Program provides grants to communities that support the development and creation of multipurpose attraction and tourism facilities. The Board approved a $10,000 CAT grant to the city of Bussey for the construction of a public pickleball court. The project represents an investment of $38,000.

Rules
The Board approved administrative rulemakings related to the following items:
- Business Incentives for Growth (BIG) Program
- Headquarters Expansion and Development for Growth and Employment Program

Vendor Approvals
The Board approved a $385,000 vendor contract with Mead & Hunt, Inc., to review, redact, and prepare State Historic Preservation Office documents for public release.

Reports
The Board heard the following reports:
- Terry Roberson, Accounting Director, provided an update regarding the budget and finances for the IEDA.
- Debi Durham, Director, provided an update regarding IEDA programs and activities.

Next Meeting
The next Board meeting will take place on November 20, 2026.

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