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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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IOWA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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Department of Economic Development,
 200 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines 50309; (515)242-4700

Michael Tramontina, Director of Department of Economic Development, Secretary

Name	City	Term Ending Date/ Type of Appointment
Robert Bocken, Chair	Fort Dodge	April 30, 2010
Peggy Armstrong-Gustafson	Waukee	April 30, 2010
G. Curtis Baugh	Pella	April 30, 2010
Linda Bloodsworth	Davenport	April 30, 2010
Joni Carroll	Des Moines	April 30, 2010
Jerry Courtney	Burlington	April 30, 2010
Arvind Dandekar	Marion	April 30, 2010
Nancy Dunkel	Dyersville	April 30, 2010
William Gerhard	Iowa City	April 30, 2010
Cynthia Keithley	Council Bluffs	April 30, 2010
John Lisle	Clarinda	April 30, 2010
Ruth MacDonald	Ames	April 30, 2010
Robert Riley Jr.	Des Moines	April 30, 2010
Marcia Rogers	Cedar Rapids	April 30, 2010
Toby Shine	Wahpeton	April 30, 2010

Ex officio, nonvoting members:

M.J. Dolan, designee of Iowa Association of Community College Presidents Statutory
 Michael Gartner, designee of the Iowa Board of Regents Statutory
 Gary Steinke, designee of Iowa Association of Independent
 Colleges and Universities Statutory

Ex officio, nonvoting members from the General Assembly:

Senate

Thomas Courtney
 Burlington | Statutory || Thurman Gaskill | Corwith | Statutory |

House

Clarence Hoffman
 Denison | Statutory || Philip Wise | Keokuk | Statutory |

The mission of the Iowa Department of Economic Development (IDED) is to “continually develop the economic well-being and quality of life of Iowans.” This mission is addressed through a wide variety of programs available throughout the department. Key to the success of IDED is its attention to working with companies that invest in the state through infrastructure development and that create high-quality, high-wage positions.

IDED, working with its board of directors, designs and implements policies which increase opportunities for Iowa, its citizens, and communities. Through an integrated program base, developing a positive quality of life for all Iowans is of utmost importance. Business and

community development, workforce training, international trade potential, and tourism and recreation opportunities all add to enhancing Iowa's excellent quality of life.

There are 15 voting members on the Economic Development Board, as well as seven ex officio, nonvoting members. The Governor appoints the voting members. The ex officio members are two state senators and two state representatives appointed by legislative leadership; one president or designee of the University of Iowa, Iowa State University, or the University of Northern Iowa designated by the State Board of Regents on a rotating basis; one president or designee of a private college or university appointed by the Iowa Association of Independent Colleges and Universities; and one president or designee of a community college appointed by the Iowa Association of Community College Presidents. The IDED director is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

The department has four divisions: Administration, Business Development, Community Development, and Innovation and Commercialization.

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

200 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines 50309; (515)242-4891

Terry Roberson, Administrator

The Administration Division provides budget, accounting, communications, technology, and general administrative support services to the department.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

200 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines 50309; (515)242-4721

Jeff Rossate, Administrator

The Business Development Division seeks to enhance job opportunities for Iowans by helping companies expand, locate, or start up in Iowa. Focusing on three targeted industries — the biosciences, information solutions/financial services, and advanced manufacturing — the division coordinates and administers financial assistance programs that help business thrive in the state. In addition, the Business Development Division provides technical support for entrepreneurial efforts, export assistance, workforce attraction, and regulatory and environmental assistance.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

200 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines 50309; (515)242-4780

Tim Waddell, Administrator

The goal of the Community Development Division is to revitalize Iowa communities and make them aware of opportunities that lie ahead through technical assistance, community outreach, and other building efforts. The division also administers a variety of community planning, housing, and development programs that offer financial assistance to help communities meet their goals.

The Tourism Office within the division has the task of letting Iowa residents and out-of-state travelers know about the hundreds of exciting, fun-filled events and attractions that take place here each year. Tourism is important to economic development, as it creates jobs. Travel expenditures in Iowa were \$5.8 billion in 2006. The division also administers the Community Attraction and Tourism Development Program, which provides financial assistance for multipurpose attractions and tourism facilities.