

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
200 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines 50309; (515)725-3080

Tim Waddell, Administrator

The goal of the Community Development Division is to revitalize Iowa communities and make them aware of opportunities for 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 informing Iowa residents and out-of-state travelers 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 \$6.4 billion in 2008. The division also administers the Community Attraction and Tourism Development Program, which provides financial assistance for multipurpose attractions and tourism facilities and the River Enhancement Community Attraction and Tourism Program, which provides financial assistance for the construction of recreational and entertainment attractions that relate to, connect with, and enhance a river, lake, or river corridor, within cities.

INNOVATION AND COMMERCIALIZATION DIVISION
200 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines 50309; (515)725-3190

Karen Merrick, Administrator

The mission of the Innovation and Commercialization Division is to grow Iowa's economy by fostering entrepreneurship and supporting the workforce, commercialization, and marketing activities of the advanced manufacturing, biosciences, and information technology industries. The new reality for business is that local companies must continually innovate, adapt, and create new products, processes and services to compete beyond regional borders. This requires a comprehensive approach to our economic development efforts and necessitates a focus on developing a skilled workforce, promoting job and wealth creation, creating a world class quality of life, and promoting entrepreneurialism.

CITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Term Ending</i>
Dennis A. Plautz, Chair.....	Fort Dodge.....	April 30, 2010
Barbara Brown.....	Cedar Falls.....	April 30, 2015
James Halverson.....	Cedar Rapids.....	April 30, 2012
Jay Howe.....	Greenfield.....	April 30, 2015
C. J. Niles.....	Carroll.....	April 30, 2014

GENERATION IOWA COMMISSION

§15.421

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<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Term Ending/Type</i>
Jodi Grover, Chair.....	Rowley.....	April 30, 2012
Kyle Carlson.....	Colfax.....	April 30, 2010
Ragen Cote.....	Sioux City.....	April 30, 2011
Christian Fong.....	Cedar Rapids.....	April 30, 2011
Kate Gronstal.....	Council Bluffs.....	April 30, 2012
Mitchell Gross.....	Coralville.....	April 30, 2010

Sarah Hinzman	Cedar Rapids.....	April 30, 2011
Rachel Judisch.....	Lake View.....	April 30, 2012
Emiliano Lerda.....	Urbandale.....	April 30, 2011
Eric Raker.....	Des Moines.....	April 30, 2012
Claudia Ramirez.....	Waterloo.....	April 30, 2012
Michael Schneider.....	Grimes.....	April 30, 2010
Khara Washington.....	Davenport.....	April 30, 2010

Ex officio, nonvoting members:

Elisabeth Buck, Director, Department of Workforce Development.....	Statutory
Bret Mills, Director, Department of Economic Development.....	Statutory

*Ex officio, nonvoting members from the General Assembly:**Senate*

Jeff Danielson.....	Cedar Falls.....	January 10, 2011
Shawn Hamerlinck.....	Dixon.....	January 10, 2011

House

Peter Cownie.....	West Des Moines.....	January 10, 2011
Elesha L. Gayman.....	Davenport.....	January 10, 2011

The Generation Iowa Commission was established to advise and assist in the retention and attraction of young adults to Iowa. The commission is required to submit a report or status update every year to the Governor and the Iowa General Assembly with findings and recommendations regarding the status of efforts to attract and retain the young adult population in the state, career opportunities and educational needs of young adults, and the movement of the young adult population between rural areas and urban areas and between Iowa and other states. The commission will also make available best practices guidelines for employers to attract and retain young adult employees.

RENEWABLE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE BOARD

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<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Term Ending</i>
Jeff Hove, Chair	Altoona	April 30, 2010
Diane Dennler	Mason City	April 30, 2010
Cindi Grover.....	Elma.....	April 30, 2010
K. Allen Hillgren.....	Stuart.....	April 30, 2010
Kenneth Pangburn.....	Corning.....	April 30, 2014
Jill Reams-Widder.....	Johnston.....	April 30, 2011
Eric Seuren.....	West Des Moines.....	April 30, 2011
Keith Sexton.....	Rockwell City.....	April 30, 2011
Sandy J. Simpson.....	Onawa.....	April 30, 2011
Brian Wiegert.....	Winterset.....	April 30, 2014

SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL

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James Davis, Chair.....	Charles City.....	April 30, 2010
John Cullen.....	Storm Lake.....	April 30, 2010
Bryan Dalton.....	Vail.....	April 30, 2013
Nancy Kasperek.....	Marion.....	April 30, 2013
Timothy Neugent.....	Des Moines.....	April 30, 2011