

**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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