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Midway and Grandstand at Iowa State Fair

Information on the Iowa State Fair

Every August hundreds of thousands of people from all over the Midwest flock to the Iowa State Fair, the state's great celebration, a salute to Iowa's best in agriculture, industry, entertainment, and achievement.

The Fair is the home of a 20-acre farm machinery show and the largest art show in the state. More than 600 exhibitors and concessionaires offer modern merchandise and quality foods. Large 4-H and FFA shows provide excellent educational opportunity for youngsters. Five stages of free entertainment are featured every day. The Grandstand offers superstar stage shows and track events. History comes alive in Heritage Village, a tribute to Iowa's hardy pioneers.

The Iowa State Fair is one of the oldest agricultural and industrial expositions in the nation. The first was held in Fairfield, Iowa in 1854, on a six-acre tract. The next year's Fair was also held in Fairfield. From 1856 to 1879, the Fair moved from city to city: Muscatine, 1856-1857; Oskaloosa, 1858-1859; Iowa City, 1860-1861; Dubuque, 1862-1863; Burlington, 1864-1866; Clinton 1867-1868; Keokuk, 1869-1870 and 1874-1875; Cedar Rapids 1871-1873 and 1876-1878.

In 1879, the Fair moved to Des Moines to stay. In 1884 the Iowa Legislature appropriated \$50,000 for the purchase of grounds in Des Moines on condition that the city raise an equal sum for site improvements. The 270-acre site was dedicated two years later. It continued to grow to its present size of 400 acres. The Iowa Fair was the inspiration for the original novel and three motion pictures all titled "State Fair."

A separate Fair Board was created in 1923, consisting of the governor, the secretary of agriculture, the president of Iowa State University, one director from each congressional district and three directors at-large. Reflecting redistricting, make up of the Board was changed to two directors from each of five Congressional districts, plus the three ex-officio members, in 1992. Official delegates, representing Iowa's 103 county fairs and other agricultural associations, elect these directors at the annual State Agricultural Convention in December. The president and vice-president of the Fair Board are elected by the Board from elected directors. The board also selects the secretary and the treasurer.

Operating expenses and capital improvements/repairs are paid for from revenue generated by the Fair. The Fairgrounds are used year-round as a meeting and exposition center, featuring such events as large trade and machinery shows; sports events; national livestock, horse, and dog shows; arts and crafts exhibitions; private gatherings; auto races; concerts; and a wide variety of other activities.

GENERAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

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The Department of General Services, was created in 1971 by the 64th General Assembly of Iowa. Under the general direction and control of the governor, the Department of General Services is headed by a director who is appointed by the governor with the approval of two-thirds of the Senate. The following teams function within the department: Buildings and Grounds; Custodial Services; Customer Service, Administration and Purchasing; Design and Construction; Fleet and Mail; and Printing and Records. The director's office is staffed by the director, a strategic planner, and a secretary. The director serves as the secretary to the Capitol Planning Commission and the Records Commission.

Buildings and Grounds

Merlin Morris, team leader; Hoover State Office Building, Level A, Des Moines 50319; 515/281-5300

The Buildings and Grounds Team is responsible for maintenance of grounds and equipment on the Capitol Complex. This includes electrical/elevator maintenance, locksmith services, painting and wall repair, woodworking and construction repairs, concrete and masonry repairs, snow removal, mowing, tree trimming, garden care, furniture moving, waste hauling and recycling and HVAC systems maintenance.

Capitol Planning Commission, State

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ORVILLE CROWLEY, chair, Cumming; term expires 1999
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 SEN. JOHN JENSEN, Plainfield; term expires 1999
 LORAL KIRKE, Des Moines; term expires 2001
 JACK E. LEAMAN, Mason City; term expires 2001
 MARIE MILLARD, Woodbine; term expires 2001
 SEN. WILLIAM PALMER, Ankeny; term expires 1999
 REP. WILLIAM WITT, Cedar Falls; term expires 1999

The Iowa State Capitol Planning Commission was established by the 58th General Assembly in 1959, and is composed of legislators, residents of the state appointed by the governor, and the Director of General Services. The commission's purpose is to advise on the location and architecture of buildings and other aspects of the development of Iowa's state capitol grounds.

Custodial Services

Tim Ryburn, team leader; Hoover State Office Building, Level B, Des Moines 50319; 515/281-3137

It is the responsibility of the Custodial Services Team to provide dependable, cost effective custodial services that ensure a healthy, safe environment for occupants and