

MEDIA RELEASE

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AEDC to unveil new five-year strategic plan

Ames, IA – The Ames Economic Development Commission (AEDC) will gather Monday, Nov. 28 at the CPMI Event Center to celebrate successes of the past five years and unveil their new, five-year strategic plan during an invite-only reception.

Attendees will hear speeches from Gov. Terry Branstad, Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds, Iowa State University President Gregory Geoffroy, WebFilings CEO Matt Rizai, Iowa Economic Development Authority Director Debi Durham, 2011 AEDC Board Chairman Kurt Kuta, and AEDC President and CEO Dan Culhane.

“Ames must be doing something right,” said Dan Culhane, President and CEO of the AEDC. “We are very fortunate to live in a community that has seen growth in troubling economic times. It’s also very exciting to know the rest of Iowa is taking note and we appreciate key leaders like Gov. Branstad and President Geoffroy taking the time to celebrate with us.”

In addition to wrapping up the past five years’ successes and unveiling the new strategic plan for the coming five years, WebFilings will celebrate their recent groundbreaking of their expansion in the Iowa State University Research Park.

“The Ames area has seen major economic development accomplishments in recent years and it’s picking up momentum,” said Kurt Kuta, 2011 AEDC Board Chairman. “Monday’s reception is mainly to build on the foundation we’ve created and help Ames grow jobs and become even more economically sound for years to come.”

Monday’s reception will set the tone for the future years for Ames and its partnering communities. The strategic plan to be unveiled was compiled by the AEDC Board of Directors.

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