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Ames Economic Development Commission to celebrate Economic Development Week

Ames, IA – The Ames Economic Development Commission (AEDC) in partnership with the International Economic Development Council, will celebrate the second annual economic development week in Ames. The weeklong celebration will emphasize the importance of economic development and showcase the efforts and initiatives improving business retention, job growth and quality of life for Ames-area residents. The 2017 event dates are May 8-13.

As part of these celebrations, the AEDC will receive proclamations from Mayor Ann Campbell at the Ames City Council meeting on Tuesday and Story County Supervisor Rick Sanders at the Story County Board of Supervisors meeting also on Tuesday, May 9th. The AEDC will also launch its “Cranes in Ames” campaign on social media starting Monday to showcase the large amount of construction currently going on in the Ames area.

The AEDC has made the commitment to celebrate Economic Development Week in order to emphasize the importance of economic development for Ames, Story County and the state of Iowa. The week is designed to increase an understanding of economic development’s contribution to the State’s business climate, job retention and growth, the tax base and the overall quality of life in our community.

“We are proud of the work we’ve done here in the Ames community and equally proud to work in the Huxley and Story City communities,” said Dan Culhane, President and CEO of the Ames Economic Development Commission. “This week especially we want to show off all the activity in the community. There will be a lot of dirt moving this summer and that’s something we’re excited about.”

To learn more about the AEDC please visit the newly redesigned www.amesedc.com. To learn more about Economic Development Week visit www.medamd.com.

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