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Wendy Mihm-Herold Named New Executive Director

Hello everyone,

These are exciting times for UERPC, and I am happy to be part of all the new projects for our communities and re-training opportunities for dislocated persons and disaster affected Northeast Iowans. I would like to let you know what I have been up to in six weeks as your new Executive Director.

Transportation:

- ◆ Finalizing Transportation Planning work plan due June 1, 2009
- ◆ Learning the TPMS computer system to enter/approve projects
- ◆ Providing technical assistance to communities
- ◆ Preparing a Highway 150 presentation for the Iowa DOT on June 9th

Housing

- ◆ Establishing a regional housing trust fund for 4 counties
- ◆ Establishing a Housing Needs Assessment format
- ◆ Restructuring all housing programs under one Manager

Community

- ◆ Arranging Legislative Education meeting
- ◆ Researching available grant funds for communities; calling grant agency to learn about grant opportunities
- ◆ Meeting with communities leaders and starting to arrange community input meetings in June for goal setting for UERPC
- ◆ Provided technical assistance on available funding and planning
- ◆ Tri State Regional Innovation Grant Planning for Economic development activities for Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota

EPA Brownfields

- ◆ Developing brochure and learning about the program
- ◆ Marketing to Communities to line up assessments
- ◆ Meeting with our Consultant to implement Cooperative Agreement

Personal

- ◆ Working together to address information technology needs
- ◆ Planning to address short-term and long-term office space issues
- ◆ Rearranging Staff workload to meet community demands
- ◆ Address personnel policies and benefits

These are a few things that I have addressed with the great UERPC team and we are moving forward quickly but thoughtfully to meet the demands of our communities and individuals we serve. Looking forward to meeting with all of our communities in the near future and working on determining the direction our agency will be leading down in the future. - Wendy

JUNE CALENDAR

5th	EPA Brownfields Planning Meeting
9th	Highway 150 Presentation in Cedar Falls
10th	Howard Green Consultant Meeting on Brownfields Hazardous Materials and Petroleum
16th	Regional Workforce Development Board Meeting
18th	City Clerk's Meeting at 10 a.m.
18th	Transportation Public Hearing at 1 p.m.
18th	Housing Meeting in Waukon at 7 p.m.
19th	Regional Housing Trust Fund Meeting

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES DEADLINES

UERPC and other partner agencies can provide information and assist your communities with these grant opportunities:

* RC&D in Postville accepts project applications. Upon their Board approval, RC&D can assist with approved grant applications

**Cannot apply unless FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan is in place and jurisdiction is National Flood Insurance Program compliant

State Recreational Trails Fund	July 1, 2009
*RECAT	July 15, 2009
*CAT	July 15, 2009
*REAP	August 15, 2009
**HMGP Project NOI	September 15, 2009
**HMGP Project Application	November 1, 2009
CDBG Water/Sewer	November 2009
CDBG Housing	November 2009
CDBG Community Facilities	December 2009
Jumpstart Infrastructure CDBG	Open

PROGRAM DEADLINES:

*(For USDA description of grants, please refer to Iowa Rural Development Handouts)

*Rural Business Enterprise Grant	June 10, 2009
*Rural Business Opportunity Grant	June, 2009
*Intermediary Relending Program	Quarterly (Dec., March, June, Sept)
*Value-Added Producer Grant	July 6, 2009
*Rural Cooperative Development Grant	June 29, 2009
*Multi-Family Housing Loans (515)	June 29, 2009
*Farm Labor Housing Program	July 20, 2009
IJOBS Opportunities	New - please see handout
Office of Energy Independence	See www.energy.iowa.gov
Solar Market Transformation	July 30, 2009
State Energy Program	TBA on July 12, 2009
Weatherization Program	NEICAC is Administering

DESCRIPTIONS**State Recreational Trails Program**

The Iowa Department of Transportation is soliciting applications for the State Recreational Trails Program. The program is restricted to acquisition, construction or improvement of recreational trails that are open for public use or trails that will be dedicated to public use upon completion. Applications are due July 1, 2009, and will cover 75 percent of eligible costs, if successful. Contact Wendy Mihm-Herold with questions regarding this funding program.

***River Enhancement Community Attraction and Tourism (RECAT)**

The RECAT Program supports projects that promote and enhance recreational opportunities on and near rivers or lakes within cities. Applications are submitted to the Iowa Department of Economic Development and the Vision Iowa Board on a quarterly basis. Applicants are reminded that the Vision Iowa Board will require city, county and private funding for each project.

***Community Attraction & Tourism Program (CAT)**

The Community Attraction & Tourism (CAT) Program is an opportunity for cities, counties and non-profit organizations to ask for financial assistance for vertical infrastructure projects including museums, recreation centers, aquatic centers, sports arenas and other attractions. Applications are submitted to the Iowa Department of Economic Development and the Vision Iowa Board on a quarterly basis. Applicants are reminded that the Vision Iowa Board will require city, county and private funding for each project.

Department of Energy

The Department of Energy is funding for the public and private sector to fund projects that create the greatest energy savings and/or greatest renewable generation. To gain additional knowledge of these programs, it is important to sign up with www.energy.iowa.gov and sign up for a newsletter or watch for more information in the UERPC Newsletter or UERPC website.

UERPC Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)

Upper Explorerland has a \$500,000 RLF, as well as an Intermediary Relending Program (IRP) fund of \$1,750,000 that currently has 28 loans out. These "gap financing" loan funds were created from local dollars from all five counties (including cities) and federal match from the Economic Development Administration and US Department of Agriculture Rural Development. The purpose of the RLF and IRP is to provide financing to new and expanding businesses for which credit is not otherwise available on terms and conditions. This will permit completion and/or the successful operation of proposed business activities. Over the years these two loan funds have leverage over **\$43,000,000** into the five-county Region.

***Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP)**

Competitive applications for REAP's City Park and Open Spaces program and the County Conservation program will be due to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources no later than August 15, 2009. Since its inception in 1989, the REAP program has provided millions of dollars towards the preservation of open space and the development of outdoor recreation projects throughout the state. Over the years, this portion of the REAP program has become a popular funding source for open space acquisition/preservation, park expansion and recreational trail development. The amount of REAP grant money available to a city in the City Park and Open Spaces category in any one year depends on its population. There is no maximum on the amount of funds a County Conservation Board can apply for; however, to be eligible counties must dedicate at least 22¢ per \$1,000 of the assessed value of taxable property in the county for county conservation purposes.

***Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)**

The Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division will accept Notices of Interest until September 15th, 2009, for the following types of hazard mitigation projects: construction of tornado safe rooms; acquisition, structural relocation or elevation of buildings located in a special flood hazard area; structural and non structural retrofitting of existing public buildings located in a special flood hazard area; structural and non structural retrofitting of existing public buildings, facilities, or utilities to protect against wind, ice, or flood hazards; minor structural hazard control or protection projects; and localized flood control projects. Potentially eligible applicants include state agencies and local governments; federally recognized Indian tribal governments, including State recognized Indian tribes, and authorized tribal organizations; private nonprofit (PNP) organizations or institutions that operate a PNP facility as defined in the 44 Code of Federal Regulations Section 206.221(e). If a community's Notice of Interest is approved, they will be asked to complete a full application, which is due by November 1, 2009.

To date, nearly every jurisdiction that Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission (UERPC) services has been notified that they have been awarded funding under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) to update/create their Hazard Mitigation Plans. Those not yet funded have completed the application and are expected to be funded shortly. This opportunity will provide financial assistance for communities to begin working to reevaluate potential hazards, assess their vulnerability, and develop goals and action steps for mitigating any identified hazards. UERPC staff have begun the update process for these plans. If you have any questions, please contact Abby Cline or Larry Liefeld.

Status of UERPC Communities Hazard Mitigation Planning Grants Applications

<u>County</u>	<u>Jurisdiction(s)</u>	<u>App Status</u>	<u>Plan Completion GOAL</u>
Allamakee	ALL	Funded	February, 2011
Clayton	ALL	Funded	July, 2009
Fayette	ALL	Funded/App Submitted	July, 2009 - March 2010
Howard	ALL	Funded/App Submitted	August, 2010
Winneshiek	ALL	Funded/App Submitted	July, 2009

Jumpstart Business Assistance and Jumpstart Business Rental Assistance

The Jumpstart Business program closed on April 15, 2009. The UERPC Region office received 32 applicants. This program distributed \$541,879 into the five county area. Every county had business recipients. The breakdown by counties were: Allamakee - \$65,875; Clayton - \$270,388; Fayette - \$50,000; Howard - \$60,763; Winneshiek - \$94,853. The Iowa Department of Economic Development has announced a new program to assist tenants moving into buildings that were damaged by last year's floods or tornado. The application and other information can be assessed at: http://www.iowalifechanging.com/jumpstart/business_rental.aspx. The program provides up to six months of rental/lease assistance (maximum benefit of \$50,000) to businesses located in or planning to locate in a business rental space that was physically damaged by the 2008 natural disasters. UERPC will process the applications for businesses located in the five-county region. UERPC POC is Larry Liefeld.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Applications for the CDBG Housing Fund, CDBG Community Facilities & Services Fund and CDBG Water/Sewer Fund are due in Des Moines to the Iowa Department of Economic Development in November 2009.

Housing programs include First-time Homebuyer Assistance, Owner-occupied Rehabilitation, and Rental Rehabilitation.

Eligible Applicants are Cities, Counties and Non-Profits.

Eligible Activities for Community Facilities & Services Applications: Child Care Centers, Group Homes, Facilities for Physically and Mentally Challenged, Senior Centers, Health Facilities, Homeless Shelters and Storm Sewer & Drainage (can also be submitted under the Water/Sewer Fund)

Eligible Activities for Water and Sewer Applications: Public Water Facilities, Public Wastewater Facilities and Public Storm Sewer Facilities

Eligible Costs for Community Facilities & Services and Water & Sewer Funds: Architectural & Engineering Fees, Acquisition, Construction, Expansion, Renovation, New Service and Increase in Service
Additional funding sources available to assist with Community Facilities & Services Projects is USDA – Rural Development and for the Water & Sewer Projects:

USDA – Rural Development

Iowa's Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (IDNR)

Iowa's Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (IDNR)

Just announced in the I-Jobs bill, there is \$55 million for water quality and wastewater infrastructure improvements, with \$35 million specifically dedicated to communities with populations under 10,000. Draft rules will be out for public comment in the next few weeks. This viewable on www.uerpc.org.

New Projects starting to work on:**Northeast Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund**

Working on establishing a Northeast Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund for Allamakee, Clayton, Howard, and Winneshiek County. The goal is to develop, redevelop, rehabilitate, and renovate single-family and or multi-family owner occupied and rental dwellings. This will be to render assistance to economically and socially disadvantaged persons in Allamakee, Clayton, Howard, and Winneshiek Counties.

The benefits of the NE Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund: Will bring \$250,000 to NE Iowa's low-moderate income residents for the above-described services and fund possible services: roof repair, furnace repair and replacement, energy efficiency updates, electrical and plumbing, handicap accessibility, home buyer assistance etc. For information contact, Wendy Mihm-Herold.

Economic Development Administration Grant Administration (EDA)

UERPC is in the process of signing an Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) for the Guttenberg Marine Project that will be funded through EDA for the amount of \$983,000. UERPC staff will be assisting the City of Guttenberg to meet all EDA funding requirements and guidelines of the funding. The project is already in progress, and the funding through EDA will assist this project to go to the next phase of building boat slips for the marine and a service center. For more information, contact Wendy Mihm-Herold.

U.S. Census 2010

The U.S. Census is issuing a call to action for every resident of our nation to be counted in 2010. The Census day is April 1, 2010, and this is very important for each of communities to be planning on how they are going to get the word out. To learn more, contact Wendy Mihm-Herold.



CURRENT PROJECTS/GRANTS

UPPER EXPLORERLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Fiscal Year 2009 Project Dollars Funded

Grant/Program

COUNTY PER CAPITA FUNDS	\$45,267.00 Admin
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DOLLARS	\$1,758,231.00
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STIMULUS DOLLARS	\$3,530,508.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA)	\$129,680.00
DISABILITY NAVIGATOR-ADMINISTRATION	\$410,619.00
COORDINATING SERVICE PROVIDER FISCAL AGENT (CSP)	\$361,764.00
BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT - HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	\$200,000.00
BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT - PETROLEUM	\$200,000.00
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA) FORMULA	\$750,651.00
WIA STIMULUS	\$472,187.00
WIA-DISCRETIONARY GRANTS	\$1,044,053.00
WIA PROMISE JOBS	\$208,735.00
WIA-YOUTH OFFENDER	\$70,400.00
REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY (RHA)	\$1,048,304.00
OELWEIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT	\$600,000.00 Admin
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE (COG)	\$8,823.00 Admin
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	\$8,000.00
HOME/TENANT BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE	\$200,000.00
EDA COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVEL. RECOVERY COORDINATOR	\$139,000.00
JUMPSTART HOUSING-1	\$338,000.00
JUMPSTART HOUSING-2	\$40,000.00
JUMPSTART-BUSINESS	\$541,879.00
JUMPSTART-FEDERAL	\$13,000.00
IA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITION PROGRAM	\$13,500.00
POSTVILLE HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT	\$273,592.00
OELWEIN HOUSING-GENERAL	\$334,998.00
OSSIAN HOUSING-GENERAL	\$208,194.00
INTERMEDIARY RELENDING PROGRAM (LOANS)	\$1,400,000.00
STRAWBERRY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SET ASIDE	\$66,000.00
REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF)	\$375,000.00
OELWEIN INTERMEDIARY RELENDING PROGRAM (IRP)	\$500,000.00
ELMA HOUSING	\$199,194.00
ELMA CDBG WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT	\$300,000.00
CRESCO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SET ASIDE	\$55,000.00
NORTHEAST IOWA BIZ NETWORK	\$289,895.00
POSTVILLE/CALMAR APARTMENT MANAGEMENT	<u>\$15,000.00</u>

\$16,149,474.00

NEW GRANTS AWARDED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010**REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY (RHA)**

The Iowa Department of Economic Development (IDED) announced that they intend to conditionally award Upper Explorerland Regional Housing Authority a Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) award for \$215,050 for Tenant Based Rental Assistance. These funds will provide rental assistance to 30 households and security deposit assistance to 50 households. The Tenant Based Rental Assistance funds when awarded will provide assistance to the Upper Explorerland Regional Housing Authority area of Allamakee County, Fayette County, Clayton County, Howard County and Winneshiek County. Upper Explorerland will be working with families in all of these communities this summer. For more information contact Bev Krambeer at UERPC.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AWARDED

Governor Chet Culver and the Iowa Department of Economic Development announced that the City of Oelwein was awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The \$600,000 grant was awarded to assist the city to finance water system improvements within the City of Oelwein.

BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT GRANT

EPA has selected UERPC for a \$200,000 Brownfields Assessment Grant. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct 10 to 11 Phase I and 5 to 6 Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to support community outreach activities. For more information, please contact Wendy Mihm-Herold.

HEALTHY IOWANS

The Councils of Government across the state were asked to partner with Iowa's Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and Iowa's Department of Public Health (IDPH) to establish a pilot project to get Iowan's healthy by visiting their local resources (parks) and using them. IDNR and IDPH provided \$13,500 to UERPC to establish this program in NE IA. UERPC facilitated and joined with the partners listed below to create what we are calling "Northeast Iowa Passport 2 Fitness". County conservationists and UERPC worked with a group of 3rd graders from each county, provided them a paper passport-like booklet that had maps of each county location and questions about parks, as well as a place to write journal notes. In addition, we handed out water bottles to the students and backpacks with the Healthy Iowan website www.neiapassport2fitness.org. The Upper Iowa University Biology Department, which has a conservationist curriculum, is helping create and maintain the website that will not only provide ample info on parks in NE Iowa but also will record students names, and help remind them of special events going on. It is hoped that this program will become a model across the State and become sustainable on its own. It fits well with other healthy initiatives being funded throughout the state. Partners are: IDNR and IDPH for funding; Allamakee, Clayton, Fayette, Howard and Winneshiek County Conservation and GIS Coordinators; Allamakee Community School District; Central Community School District in Clayton County; North Fayette Community; Howard – Winneshiek Community and North Winneshiek Community. In addition, local Public Health, local DNR, local educators and Economic Development Coordinators assisted. For more information contact Bill Ziegler or Vicki Bloxham at UERPC.

Navigator Progress Report
Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission
Mary Lynn ReVoir, State Lead Disability Navigator



Update on Iowa State Workforce Partners Employment Network (EN)

Employment Network training to regional workforce staff at Burlington, Mason City and Carroll. in coordination with Iowa Medicaid Infrastructure Grant, Iowa Work Incentive Planning and Assistance, Iowa State Workforce Partners Employment Network, Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Iowa Department for the Blind, and other area EN's held outreach events to ticket holders in the following locations: Des Moines, Fort Dodge, Newton, Mason City and West Des Moines.

Iowa State Workforce Partners Employment Network data

(Mason City Regional Workforce is their own EN)

-as of 4/7/09, 53 tickets assigned representing 10 workforce regions + 12 Mason City for total of 65

-EN Payments received through 3/31/09, \$22,769 representing 8 workforce regions + \$3,937 Mason City for total of \$26,706

Employment Status of DPN

As of 4/7/09, 9.5 Navigators employed. Hired a new Navigator housed in Dubuque and new Navigator housed in Waterloo. Vacant position in Cedar Rapids.

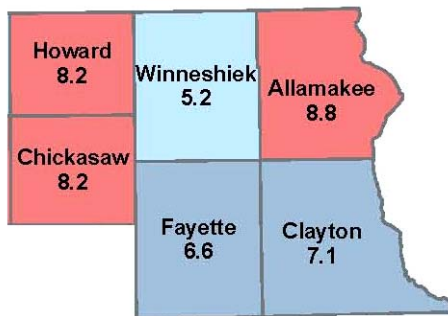
7 are employed by UEPRC

Questions can be directed to Mary Lynn ReVoir, State Lead Navigator, 866-520-8986 x 107 or mary.revoir@iwd.iowa.gov

"Exploring Differences, Embracing Diversity"

The 2009 Diversity Conference held at NICC Calmar Campus received high ratings from the 70+ attendees. March 10, 2009 brought together individuals throughout Northeast Iowa to learn about our changing work and communities. Numerous topics from expert presenters addressed current issues facing the workplace today regarding the differences among the workforce and accepting the value of these differences. The day started with a colorful breakfast offering baked goods from local vendors' representation of many ethnic cultures. The keynote presentation was provided by Mr. Nick Redden, Business Development Manager for Manpower. He covered the unique work environment of at least four generations working side by side and how the characteristics of each generation brings solutions and challenges to the workplace. A variety of breakout sessions were held addressing poverty, veterans, Americans Disabilities Act, Migrant Farm Workers, cultural competencies, and more. Throughout the day a demonstration of assistive technology was available to view and lunch entertainment was a diverse dance troupe from Luther College, "Diversity". The closing presentation of Dr. Bill Withers of Wartburg College, addressed how all of us need to be an "agent of change". The event was sponsored by NICC, Northeast Employers Council of Iowa, and Iowa Medicaid Infrastructure Grant. Members of the planning committee include personnel from UERPC. The next diversity conference will be held in 2011.

Iowa Unemployment Rates by County April 2009



U.S. = 8.9%
Iowa = 5.1%

NOTE:
The U.S. and state unemployment rates are seasonally adjusted.

County unemployment rates are *not* seasonally adjusted.

Unemployment Rate



Region I have been dealing with numerous permanent lay offs in our six county area. We have held **34 Worker Information Meetings to educate 1,377 affected individuals.** We have applied for Early Intervention Grants and National Emergency Grants for those targeted populations that qualify. We have two National Emergency Grants pending with Department of Labor for the Featherlite and Atwood Mobile groups. Companies closed or bought out since August of 2008:

- Northern Engraving of Waukon;
- Knife River of Decorah;
- Atwood Mobile of West Union and currently;
- H & H business buy out

Additionally, permanent lay offs at the following businesses:

- Dura
- Northern Engraving
- Atwood Mobile
- Agri Processors
- Knife River
- Featherlite
- Donaldson's
- Alum Line
- Monona Wire
- DECO
- Soy Basics
- Greene
- VMG
- Blessing Industries
- MPC of Prairie Du Chien
- Guttenberg Industries
- Tri Mark
- Precision

Source: Labor Force and Occupational Analysis Bureau, Iowa Workforce Development



Region 1 Employment & Training

Upper Explorerland's Region 1 has received stimulus funds of \$472,187 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for our Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth programs in our 6 county area.

Adults and Dislocated Workers

- ◆ 34 Worker Information Meetings were held to educate 1,377 affected individuals since August, 2008
- ◆ Two National Emergency Grants are pending approval with Department of Labor for the Featherlite and Atwood Mobile groups
- ◆ Short Term Training options are currently being explored with Northeast Iowa Community College to break apart some existing courses into short term training certificates to assist the adult and dislocated workers for reemployment
- ◆ Networking Job Clubs are hosted in Waukon, Decorah, Cresco, New Hampton, Oelwein and Postville. Networking Clubs assist with job search activities such as applications, resumes, interviews as well as a "support system" during this stressful time for people
- ◆ Emergency Public Jobs is taking applications for Business Assistance Tornado/Flood Disaster Grant through June 30th for up to \$5,000. Also assisting with Unmet Needs Disaster Grants for Fayette and Howard Counties

Youth activities "in addition" to regular programming

- ◆ Stimulus Summer Youth Program - We plan to run an 8 week summer youth program starting on June 15 for youth ages 14-24 years of age who meet program eligibility. Youth must meet low income eligibility and have a barrier to employment. Youth will work at non-profits agencies at minimum wage. We hope to place around 40 youth throughout the six county area
- ◆ State Set Aside Grant - We have been approved for an additional State Set Aside grant that will allow us to serve an additional 8 youth who have specific barriers such as offenders
- ◆ Summer Action Program - We have agreed to run a summer youth program for Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation for youth who meet the 200% Poverty Income Guidelines and do not have a barrier to employment. Our goal is to enroll 21 youth in the 6 county area
- ◆ Youth Offenders Program - We are also serving 19 youth through a Tri-State Youth Offenders Grant with Wisconsin and Minnesota

Incentive Award – Region 1 received an incentive award of **\$88,567** for program year 2007 for meeting or exceeding the 17 WIA performance standards.

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