Economic Development Corp., City of Cascade, East Central Intergovernmental

The 2022 Cascade Hiring Crawl was a partnership of the Cascade Economic Development Corp. and the City of Cascade and was designed to promote the community to those who are coming from outside the area. In the past, job seekers would go door to door and talk to small businesses looking to fill seasonal opportunities. Participating businesses were placed on a map that was available to job seekers and pilot the way to where the jobs were located.

The Cascade Hiring Crawl took place in January and provided job seekers access to over 20 Cascade businesses that opened their doors and allowed them to take a look around. Businesses participated in the hiring process by offering a variety of positions in the manufacturing, healthcare, service, general contracting, hospitality, and other industries. Participating businesses were located on a map that was available to job seekers, and they were encouraged to scope out the businesses on their own and pick and choose who they may want to work with.

Brad Ludwig, Cascade Economic Development Corporation

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Legislative Listeners Take Action

The Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) has announced that the 2022 session of the Iowa General Assembly has passed Senate Bill 236, a $1.5 billion economic stimulus spending bill that will be used to create grant programs and support various state initiatives. The bill is expected to create thousands of jobs and provide millions of dollars in funding for projects that will benefit Iowa communities and residents.

As part of the legislative session, the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) has created a list of legislative “listeners” who are available to meet with legislators and discuss issues that are important to their communities. These listeners are IEDA employees who have been trained to provide information on the authority’s programs and services and to listen to concerns and ideas from community leaders.

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LeadSafe Iowa

ECIA recently received a $1.95 million Healthy Homes Production Grant which will be used to help homeowners and renters in the five-county area of Clinton, Delaware, Dubuque, Jackson, and Maquoketa to complete the remediation and improvements. While the work is being completed, it is a priority for the program.

Steffensmeier at 563-690-5776 or ksteffensmeier@ecia.org.

ECIA promotes Program in Green Fashion!

On Saturday, March 12th, ECIA staff participated in the Dyersville St. Patrick’s Day parade to promote the Lead Paint and Healthy Homes program. The group passed out candy and distributed flyers saying “It’s your Lucky Day. Call us for home repair and remodeling help!”

By focusing primarily on moisture issues and the “Keep it Dry” principle, the aim is to help prevent childhood asthma and allergies, as well as enteric and respiratory infections, and to address items such as: mold, lead, allergens, asthma, carbon monoxide, home safety, and radon.

ECIA recognizes that many communities in our region struggle to recruit and retain EMT volunteers for their fire departments. Watch for a free training opportunity on this topic! In the meantime, click on the link to see a video of some very impressive youth stepping up amidst a volunteer EMT shortage in the state of Iowa.

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Example:

The Bear River Cottages in Maquoketa is making strides toward becoming a sustainable community. The project is available to both homeowners and renters who are at or below 50% of their area’s Low Income Limit. Interested persons should contact ECIA’s Katie Buhl Steffensmeier at 563-687-5776 or ksteffensmeier@ecia.org.