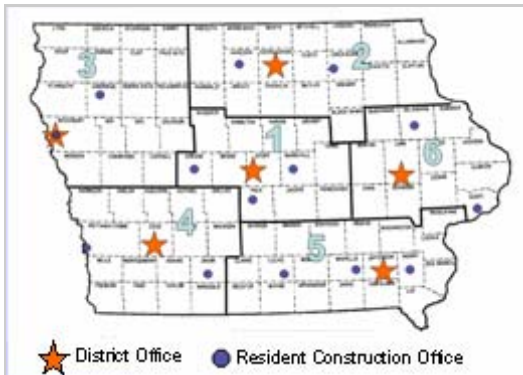


A Great Place to Work

The Department of Transportation advocates and delivers transportation services that support the economic, environmental and social vitality of Iowa. The Highway Division is responsible for designing our highway system with environmentally sound practices, safety, and efficient land use; letting contracts; inspecting the construction work ensuring tax dollars are used efficiently; and maintaining highways to promote longevity of the system.



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Employment FAQ's

For Engineers



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What kind of work does Iowa DOT do?

Iowa DOT is responsible for planning, building and maintaining the state's transportation system. Most engineers are employed by the Highway Division in one of these offices:



Road Design
Bridge Design
Construction
Contracts



Local Systems
Location & Environment
Maintenance
Materials



Research & Technology
Right of Way
Traffic & Safety

Does Iowa DOT have an engineering co-op program?

Typically, the Iowa DOT employs 15-18 engineering co-op students each year. To qualify, you must meet the requirements of your university's co-op program, be eligible for permanent employment in the US, and be able to work two six-month co-op terms as an undergraduate. The heaviest workload occurs in the summer and fall, but co-op recruitment occurs year round. About half of the positions are in the field and half in the central complex in Ames.

Apply online:

http://www.das.hre.iowa.gov/state_jobs.html

Does Iowa DOT have a summer job or internship program?

Summer workers are typically employed by the Office of Transportation Data as traffic counters. We do not normally hire engineering students for summer work.

What's the pay for a new engineer?

New engineering graduates start as Transportation Engineer Interns (TEI's) at an annual pay rate of about \$50,000. Most Highway Division offices employ TEI's, so the opportunities are wide-ranging. The State of Iowa offers a generous benefit package. Also, when you are ready to take the PE exam, Iowa DOT will provide supplementary study materials and allow you to prepare for the exam during some work hours.

Where would I be stationed?

About 1/3 of the department's employees, and over half of its engineers, work in the central complex in Ames. The rest are distributed throughout the state. Engineers in the field are located in one of six district offices, located in Ames, Mason City, Sioux City, Atlantic, Fairfield and Cedar Rapids, and in fifteen Resident Construction offices. You can see the locations on the map at the back of this brochure.

How can I find out about open jobs?

The State of Iowa maintains a web site which lists all openings. Positions are generally posted for about two weeks, so check this site regularly for new additions. You can also complete an application online from the site in the text box at the head of this page.

How can I find out the status of the co-op and summer job programs?

For more information and to get on the mailing list for co-op and summer job status, phone 515-239-1208 or e-mail Carol.Culver@dot.iowa.gov.

