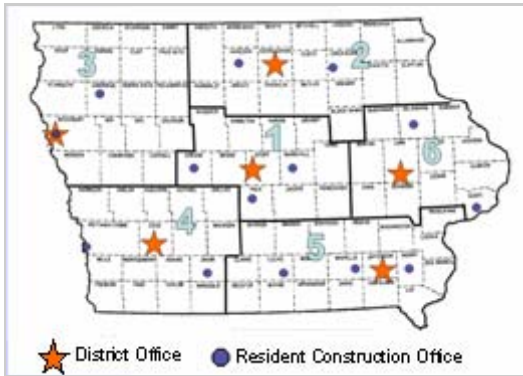


## A Great Place to Work

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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## What is the co-op program?

Typically, the Iowa DOT employs 15-18 civil and construction engineering students through university cooperative education programs each year. These co-op students work alongside permanent staff, gaining practical experience to complement and enhance their education.

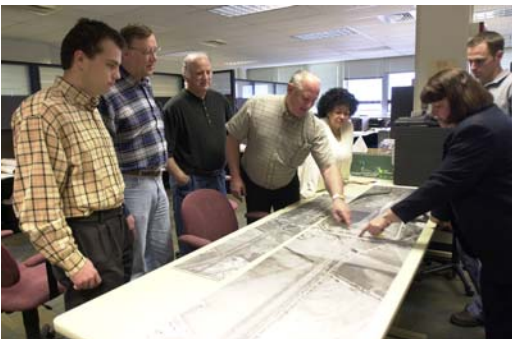
Iowa's climate dictates that our workload in construction and maintenance is heaviest during the summer and fall semesters, so the majority of co-op placements are made for that period. However, co-op recruitment goes on year-round.

## What are the qualifications for co-ops?

To qualify for the program, students must

- enroll in their university's co-op program;
- be eligible for permanent employment in the US; and
- be able to work full time in two six- to eight-month terms as an undergraduate.

About half of the positions are in the field and half in the central complex in Ames. Field assignments usually require a valid driver's license.



## What kind of work does Iowa DOT do?

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

- Road Design
- Bridge Design
- Construction (central and field)
- Contracts
- Local Systems
- Location & Environment
- Maintenance (central and field)
- Materials
- Research & Technology (includes Intelligent Transportation Systems)
- Right of Way
- Traffic & Safety



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## Where are co-ops stationed?

Co-op students may be assigned to the field or the central office. 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. Locations are noted on the map at the back of this brochure.

## How can I get more information?

For more information about the co-op program and other engineering opportunities at Iowa DOT or to submit a resume, contact:

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