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Gov. Culver: \$43.7 million in city street, and county and state roadway projects
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GOVERNOR CULVER ANNOUNCES \$43.7 MILLION IN CITY STREET, AND COUNTY AND STATE ROADWAY PROJECTS

Federal Recovery-Funded Projects Help Create Jobs, Improve Infrastructure

DES MOINES – Today, Governor Culver announced that \$43.7 million in infrastructure projects – including 23 county road and city street projects valued at \$21.4 million and four state highway projects at \$22.3 million – have been let by the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT).

These projects are funded in total or part through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). Acceptance of the low-bid proposals and awarding of contracts are contingent upon final approval of the respective parties. These projects were let by the Iowa DOT July 21, 2009, and included the final state highway project funded with Recovery Act funds to be let. In just five months the Iowa DOT has put its entire 228.2 million in Recovery Act state highway funds to work toward the economic recovery effort. There will be additional Recovery Act-funded city and county projects let through December 2009.

Governor Culver said, "These projects represent Iowa's commitment to improving our infrastructure. I am proud of our ability to get the projects let and underway quickly."

Iowa will receive approximately \$358 million for state and local roadway, bridge, trails and freight rail projects through the Recovery Act. In addition, Governor Culver's \$830 million I-JOBS initiative will provide \$115 million for transportation projects throughout the state. I-JOBS was the Culver/Judge Administration's top legislative priority for the 2009 session.

Combined with regular state and federal highway funds, and carry-over work from the 2008 construction season, Iowa will set an all-time record for highway and bridge spending in the 2009 construction season.

Projects announced today are located in the following counties: Adams, Benton, Buena Vista, Calhoun, Cedar, Clarke, Clayton, Des Moines, Harrison, Johnson, Keokuk, Polk, Pottawattamie, Ringgold, Shelby, Story, Union, and Worth.

For more information on Iowa and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, visit recovery.iowa.gov.