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*Waterloo, Sioux Center Receive New Street Funding,  
Investments Made in Freight Rail*

AMES – Governor Chet Culver today announced that the Iowa Transportation Commission has approved funding to aid in the completion of several key infrastructure projects across the state. Up to \$402,887 was approved through the state's Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) program for Waterloo and Sioux Center, while four freight rail improvement projects totaling \$5 million were approved.

"Investing in our transportation infrastructure is key to not only rebuilding our state, but attracting new jobs and putting Iowans back to work," said Governor Culver. "These projects, along with our I-JOBS initiative, will play a vital role in revitalizing our communities, and our economy. I look forward to working with all Iowans as together we build a brighter, stronger, and more secure future for our state."

The following projects were approved by the Commission for funding through the RISE program:

**Sioux Center** will receive up to \$295,719 for the construction of approximately 453 feet of Fourth Avenue Northeast and 883 feet of 21<sup>st</sup> Street Northeast. The completed improvements will provide initial access to 10 lots totaling 17 acres in the Bioscience Research Park.

**Waterloo** will receive up to \$107,168 to assist with construction of approximately 753 feet of Bruns Machine Drive south from West Airline Highway in the MidPort America Industrial Park. The completed improvement will provide access to five lots totaling almost 15 acres.

In addition, \$5 million in rail improvements were approved using funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for railroad development and rehabilitation activities.

The **Clinton Regional Development Corporation** will receive \$2 million to build rail access into an industrial park, and add passing track that facilitates switching. This will help the community attract rail transportation-dependent industries to the area.

The **City of Keokuk** will receive \$235,800 to update electrical components on the 1913 Mississippi River bridge that serves the city. This will help improve the reliability of rail traffic, and increase efficiency by allowing more trains to utilize the bridge.

The **Iowa Interstate Railroad Intermodal Facility** in Council Bluffs will receive \$2 million to upgrade and improve efficiency. Improvements include a drainage system, paving and track rehabilitation to enhance customer service and serve additional markets.

The **D & W Railroad** will receive \$764,200 to upgrade up to nine railroad bridges between Dewar and Oelwein, enhancing safety and allowing for increased weight capacity.

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