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April Showers Bring May Flowers!

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Look For CRDC in *THE HERALD*

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April 16, 2009 CRDC will begin a regular monthly column in the Clinton Herald. Steve Ames and staff will be taking the opportunity to talk to local readers about our mission as the longest established Economic Development agency in the region. The focus will be the positives taking place in the area everyday, how they enhance our ability to bring economic growth to the region, and what that means to the people who live and work in our communities. We have dozens of topics in mind, but we are happy to receive suggestions from you, our investors.

Is there something you are curious to know more about? Please e-mail your ideas to mail@clintondevelopment.com.

HUB Zone Designation for Clinton County

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As a business owner, have you ever thought of having a contract with the federal government? Think of all the supplies and services the federal government needs to operate. Would your product or service be needed?

Clinton County is one of 20 counties in the State of Iowa that has a HUB Zone designation. Only 1/6 of the counties in the United States have that designation. A HUB Zone allows a business wanting to provide a product or service with the federal government to have preferential treatment. Recently, we learned there is a resource located within our area that assists businesses with the application process. Thus, the possibility can become a reality for more businesses.

The Clinton Regional Development Corporation and the Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce are working together to assist businesses to learn more about contracting with the federal government.

A presentation is planned for May 21, 2009 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce Board Room, 721 South 2nd Street. There will be more details next month.

For additional information, contact Sylvia Banes at the Clinton Regional Development Corporation. Office Phone: 563 242-4536; Email: sbanes@clintondevelopment.com.

"ONE GREAT EVENT"

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Quad Cities Regional Government Contracting Small Business Symposium is being held on May 7 & 8, 2009, at the new Quad Cities Waterfront Convention Center, 2021 State Street, Bettendorf, Iowa. Three individual programs are planned under this "One Great Event."

These events are planned to provide information, opportunities, and programs to small businesses that have done contracting with the federal government and for those who want to learn more about it. The sessions feature small business success stories in contracting and the buying opportunities at the RI Arsenal. Programs also include information on how contracting is done at the RI Arsenal, future contracting opportunities, as well as the contracting processes and tools needed.

For questions, call John Masengarb at 563-650-3252. To register, go to the website: www.regonline.com/rgsbs. Select your registration package color. To view the package agenda, click on the "Details" link at the end of the package line.

College Internship Program

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The Iowa Department of Economic Development (IDED) provides monies for a summer and semester internship programs. The purpose of the program is to connect talented students with existing and emerging biosciences, advanced manufacturing, and information technology companies, statewide. The goal is to provide the traditional internship experience in Iowa's industries with an emphasis on small- to mid-size companies.

Students must be within one to two years of graduation and enrolled in one of Iowa's community colleges, private colleges or the regent institutions.

Awards are available up to $3,100 for any single internship. A company can apply for a maximum of three internships per fiscal year. The company must match the award with two dollars of non-state funding for every dollar of state funding.

For more detailed information about the program, go to www.iowalifechanging.com. To apply for program funds, a company should submit an application, located on the website, to the Iowa Department of Economic Development for review. **The deadline for summer internship applications is May 1, 2009.**

H.S. Welding Classes Fall 2009

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A partnership between the community college, Clinton County high schools, and interested companies was formed to develop a vocational welding program for upper-level high school students that will begin the fall semester of 2009. The county school superintendents presented a challenge to local companies to assist them in creating a welding program in less than four months. Our companies met the challenge and there will be two sections of welding classes held at Clinton High School. CHS was the only location that had enough equipment to provide for a quick start-up.

Many thanks go to the local Employers Council of Iowa, who donated $1,000 for the support of the project, and to the suppliers in the region, who provided for and endorsed the vocational programs in the high schools. Without the assistance from local companies and the community college, the schools could not have presented this opportunity to the students. The CRDC appreciates the importance of providing workforce skills that can be used for local employment.

Annual Trip to Washington D.C.

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Clinton Regional Development Corporation (CRDC) participated in the annual Mayors' D.C. Summit to Washington from March 4th to the 6th. About thirty (30) leaders from the public/private sector converged on the nation's capitol to advocate for a variety of projects ranging from transportation, economic development, labor relations and cultural affairs, to education.

The City of Clinton continued to represent the completion of 19th Avenue North Extension as the City's number one priority to federal legislators. Clinton also had discussions related to funding for the new waste water treatment facility. Camanche, Iowa met with legislators about the Washington Boulevard Project; and Illinois leaders discussed the merits of having a four-lane, U.S. Highway 30 all the way to Interstate 88.

CRDC's main mission in D.C. was selling our economic advantages, relative to our rail and barge capacities, and our ability to attract an array of industries. CRDC has appropriations requests in to Senators Grassley and Harkin, and to Representative Braley, for assistance in building rail based on the plan that was approved by Union Pacific. The Railport has also been well positioned to receive potential stimulus dollars.

The annual trip to D.C. is vital to keeping our legislators apprised of important projects occurring in our region; and in the past, we have been successful in securing a significant amount of federal funds. In times of a tight federal budget, we must be persistent and consistent in our messages in order to secure any assistance.

Plans are under way for next year's trip to D.C. which is tentatively scheduled for early March 2010. We encourage those that have not attended this event in the past to place this date on their calendars. The larger the number of regional participants, the better we are recognized.

Activity Score Card

Since 1953, the Clinton Regional Development Corp. has offered professional, client-driven site selection services. Our goals are to enhance the regional business climate, attract new investment, expand existing industry, and encourage quality new jobs.

A "scorecard" tracking our sales and marketing activities is available to our investor on our website: www.clintondevelopment.com

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Investors who would like more details about our current project mix,

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