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SEARCH FOR CULHANE’S SUCCESSOR TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMITTED TO CONTINUITY AND MOVING FORWARD

MASON CITY – The search for the next executive director of the Mason City Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) is already underway according to MCEDC board president Keith Sersland.

“The board of directors has met and discussed, in great detail, how we will conduct our search for a replacement for Dan Culhane,” says Sersland. “We have been pleased with the way the organization has been operated, the success of the model we have in place and the board is committed to moving ahead with a nation-wide search to find a candidate to continue the important work of the MCEDC.”

Dan Culhane, executive director of the MCEDC since September of 1999 resigned last week to accept a similar position with the Ames Chamber of Commerce and Ames Economic Development Commission. Culhane was the first full-time director of the MCEDC since the late 1980’s. In 1999 the MCEDC board of directors determined that a full-time director was necessary to fulfill the mission of the corporation. As a result of the full-time effort the MCEDC has been part of the creation of over 600 jobs and the attraction of over \$600 million in capital investment the last 6 ½ years.

“The efforts of the MCEDC, with dedicated staff, has been a difference maker for economic development in our community, which is why the board has decided to move ahead with a search to replace this important position,” said Sersland. Applications will be accepted through the month of March and the search committee will interview candidates in early April. “Ideally, we are hopeful that we can have the new director in place by the middle part of May. That does not mean we will rush to a decision as we are confident that Angie Determan and Ken Bales will represent us well in the interim, but with the recent success we have had as a community and the track record that is in place, we are optimistic that we can meet that timeline,” says Sersland.

The search committee will consist of Keith Sersland, Jim Morrow, Jacquelyn Arthur, Jay Urdahl, Steve Gales, Larry Elwood, and Mayor Roger Bang. For more information on the position or the MCEDC, please log onto to www.masoncityedc.com.

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