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Mason City EDC Staff Attend Congressional Conference

MASON CITY—Curtis Brown, Executive Director and Angela Determan, Project Manager of the Mason City Economic Development Corporation represented Mason City at Congressman Latham's Iowa Community Conference 2006 held at Iowa State University in Ames this week. Community leaders from the 4th Congressional District were invited to learn more about federal issues impacting North Iowa.

Conference topics included rural economic development, renewable energy, telecommunications and broadband, and pandemic influenza preparedness.

Congressman Latham's guest speakers included opening welcome by Iowa State University President Gregory Geoffroy and Nancy Cox, Ph.D. Chief of the Influenza Division at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and recently named as one of *Time* magazines "The 100 Most Influential People of the Year" and *Newsweek* magazine as one of the "15 People who Make America Great".

Ron Laudner general manager of OmniTel Communications in Nora Springs, Iowa also spoke on the future of telecommunications and the Internet in rural Iowa.

Congressman Latham has hosted conferences in Iowa and Washington D.C. since he became a member of Congress in 1995.

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