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MASON CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
ANNUAL MEETING DECEMBER 4TH

MASON CITY – The 2003 annual meeting of the Mason City Economic Development Corporation will be held Thursday, December 4th from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM at the Hanford Inn, Mason City.

The board of directors is pleased to have Mason City's own Deadra Stanton keynoting the annual event. Stanton, a teacher at Mason City High School, is a frequent presenter and motivational speaker for numerous audiences across the United States. Her humorous style and up-beat presentations make her a versatile and sought after speaker.

New board members will be introduced and two directors whose terms have expired will be recognized. Karmen Shriver, director of learning support at North Iowa Area Community College, and Ken Petersen, owner of Ken Petersen Builders, Inc., will be honored for their service to the organization. The meeting will also be an opportunity for the economic development group's summary of activity for the last twelve months, which will be presented by board president, Stephen Gales.

Highlights of 2003 include the new 108,000 square foot distribution center at Kraft Foods, which the development group was instrumental in as well as the beginning of construction for the Golden Grain Energy ethanol production facility, another project of the MCEDC. This last year also saw the MCEDC formalize its partnership with the Clear Lake Economic Development Corporation to initiate the North Central Iowa Growth Partnership.

The public is invited to attend the meeting. For reservations please call 423-5724, the cost is \$20.

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