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ISAC NACo Representative Reminder

NOTICE: Pursuant to the ISAC bylaws, notice is hereby given that ISAC is accepting applications for the position of ISAC NACo (National Association of Counties) representative. The ISAC NACo representative is selected by the ISAC Board of Directors.

The duties of the ISAC NACo representative include attending four NACo Board of Directors meetings a year around the country and representing Iowa on the NACo Board of Directors.

The ISAC NACo representative is automatically a member of the ISAC Board of Directors as well. The ISAC NACo representative will be required to attend nine ISAC Board meetings annually and report to the ISAC Board regarding NACo.

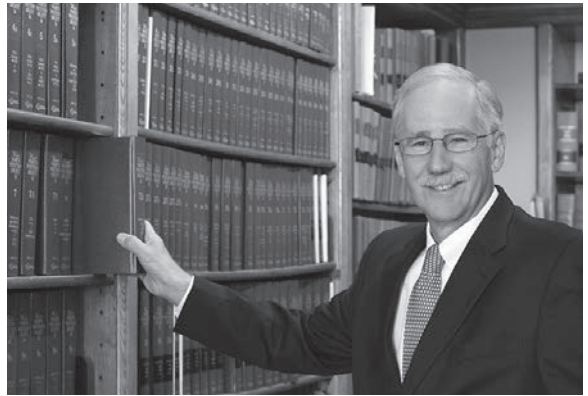
Applicants must be either county officials or county employees. Applicants must be from a county that is a member of NACo. The term of the ISAC NACo representative is three years and commences in July 2022 at the conclusion of the NACo Annual Conference. A person may serve a maximum of three terms.

This is an unpaid position. ISAC will reimburse the ISAC NACo representative for all reasonable travel expenses to attend the NACo Board of Directors meetings and ISAC Board of Directors meetings.

Applications are available on the ISAC website at www.iowacounties.org or by calling the ISAC office at 515.244.7181.

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2022 ISAC Scholarship Awards

ISAC received yet another round of outstanding scholarship applications for the 2022 program year. We would like to thank the volunteers on the 2022 ISAC Scholarship Selection Committee for their time and effort reviewing the applications and interviewing the finalists.

District 1 – Eugene Meiners, Carroll County Supervisor
District 2 – Russell Wood, Franklin County Community Services
District 3 – James Worm, Clay County GIS Coordinator
District 4 – Melissa Wellhausen, Page County Auditor
District 5 – Megan Clyman, Davis County Recorder
District 6 – Mike Kindschi, Black Hawk County Engineer Technician
ISAC Board Representative – Barry Anderson, Clay County Supervisor

The recipients of the 2022 ISAC Scholarship awards are highlighted below. Another incredible group of hardworking and accomplished young adults. We wish them all the best in their education and future endeavors. Congratulations to the scholarship recipients and their families!



Katie Cook

ISAC Member Support Coordinator
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Past Presidents Award



Sloan Klar

Sloan's parents are Janetta Miller-Buck, Christopher Buck, and Kendall Klar. Janetta works at the Grundy County Veterans Affairs Office. Sloan plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa and study Construction Management.

District 1



Anna Lammers

Anna's parents are Brian and Sarah Lammers. Brian is with the Hamilton County Conservation Department. Anna will be attending the University of Iowa and will study Human Physiology.

District 2



Kennedy Dodd

Kennedy's parents are Aaron and Shayna Dodd. Aaron is the Franklin County Sheriff. Kennedy will attend Iowa State University and study Agricultural Marketing.

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District 3



Victoria 'Tori' Vande Hoef

Victoria's parents are Cathy and Jayson Vande Hoef. Jayson is a Supervisor in Osceola County. Tori plans to attend Northwestern College and study Social Work.

District 4



Hannah Thygesen

Hannah's parents are Melissa and Tyler Thygesen. Melissa works for the Audubon County Sheriff's Office. Hannah will attend Buena Vista University and study Criminology, Criminal Justice, Political Science.

District 5



Isabelle Ireland

Isabelle's parents are Karol and Shawn Ireland. The family resides in Keokuk County and Shawn works for the Linn County Sheriff's Office. Isabelle plans to attend the University of Iowa and study Communications.

District 6



Boede Rahe

Boede's parents are Chad and Kristen Rahe. Chad works for the Linn County Sheriff's Office. Boede plans to begin his college career at Kirkwood University and study Chemical Engineering.



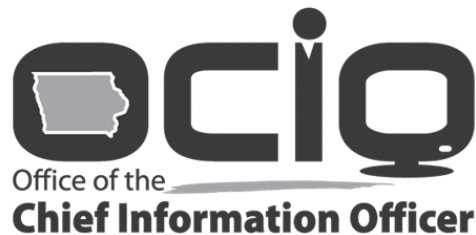
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2022 ISAC Scholarship Awards



The scholarship recipients attended the scholarship awards ceremony during the 2022 ISAC Spring Conference on March 10 in Des Moines to receive their award certificate and be acknowledged by the ISAC membership.

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The 17th Annual ISAC Scholarship Golf Fundraiser

Otter Creek Golf Course, Ankeny, IA

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

Sponsorship registration is now open for the 17th Annual ISAC Scholarship Golf Fundraiser being held at Otter Creek Golf Course on Wednesday, July 13. All proceeds of the event go to the ISAC Education Foundation that funds scholarships for the children of county officials and employees. In an effort to raise funds, please consider supporting the ISAC Education Foundation's scholarship program through the following sponsorship opportunities.

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Hole Sponsor - \$1,000: Exclusive hole sponsorship; signage at tee box; listed in program; opportunity to display company material at tee box; opportunity to provide non-alcoholic beverages, snacks, or small items to golfers; one golf registration; lunch provided for up to two additional people; and a website and magazine listing.

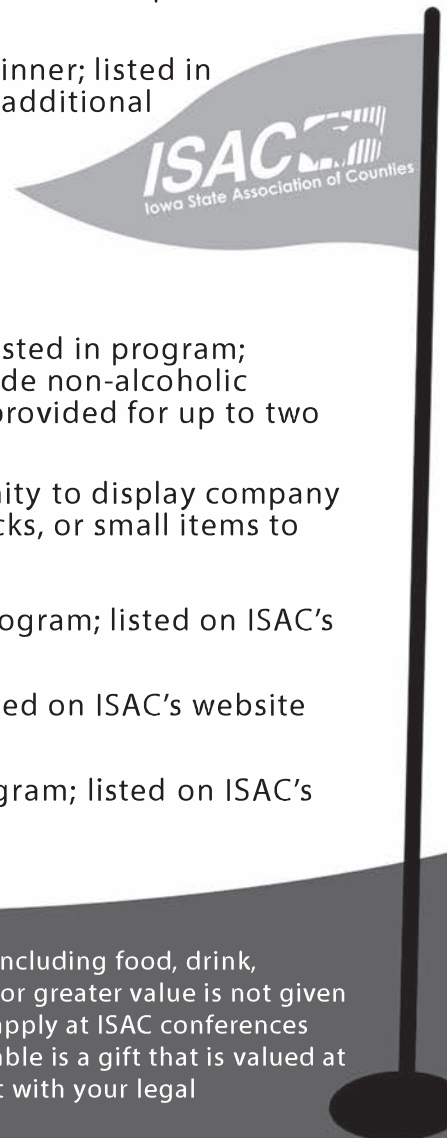
Hole Co-Sponsor - \$500: Signage at tee box; listed in program; opportunity to display company material at tee box; opportunity to provide non-alcoholic beverages, snacks, or small items to golfers; and a website and magazine listing.

Driving Range Sponsor - \$250: Signage at the driving range; listed in program; listed on ISAC's website and in one issue of ISAC's magazine.

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ISAC EXCELLENCE IN ACTION AWARD

A competitive awards program that seeks to identify and recognize innovative county government employees, programs, and ISAC affiliates.

The ISAC Excellence in Action Award committee will rate each nomination based on the following seven attributes: creativity, innovation, cost savings, replication, leadership, increased efficiency, cooperation with others, and perseverance. Awards will be presented at the 2022 ISAC Annual Conference General Session on August 24 in Des Moines. Winners will also be recognized on the ISAC website and in a news release.



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West Des Moines, IA 50266
- OR email your application form (containing all the information on the form below) to **jripperger@iowacounties.org**.

Please fill out each field completely:

Please indicate nomination type: Program ____ Individual ____

Name of program/individual: _____ County or affiliate: _____

Name of nominator: _____ Title: _____

Nominator's phone: _____ Nominator's email: _____

CRITERIA

Programs nominated must be innovative and do one or more of the following:

- Offer a new service to county residents, fill gaps in the availability of existing services, or tap new revenue sources.
- Improve the administration or enhance the cost effectiveness of an existing county government program.
- Upgrade the working conditions or level of training for county employees.
- Enhance the level of citizen participation in, or the understanding of, government programs.
- Provide information that facilitates effective public policy making.
- Promote intergovernmental cooperation and coordination in addressing shared problems.
- Provide a model from which other counties or affiliates may learn.

Nominated individuals must demonstrate innovative thinking and do one or more of the following:

- Ability to offer new and innovative ideas or methods to citizens, staff, or stakeholders.
- Improve the administration or enhance the cost effectiveness within their county or a specific county program.
- Upgrade the working conditions or level of training for county employees.
- Enhance the level of citizen participation in, or the understanding of, government programs.
- Provide information that facilitates effective public policy making.
- Promote intergovernmental cooperation and coordination in addressing shared problems.
- Showcase exemplary leadership to other counties, officials, and/or affiliates

JUDGING

The Excellence in Action Award committee will rate each application based on the following seven attributes: creativity, innovation, cost savings, replication, leadership, increased efficiency, cooperation with others, and perseverance.

GUIDELINES

- Nominated programs must have become operational after January 1, 2021.
- Individual nominations should reflect the individual actions of the last 24 months.
- Nominations must be made using included application form.
- A detailed narrative of the county program or individual's actions must be included.(one page minimum; three-page maximum).
- Please include two pictures to accompany your narrative.

AWARD PRESENTATION

Awards will be presented during the 2022 ISAC Annual Conference General Session on August 24 in Des Moines. Winners will also be recognized on the ISAC website and in a news release sent to local or statewide media. When appropriate, an ISAC staff member will also attend the board of supervisors meeting to present the award.

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2022 NACo Legislative Conference

"As long as people will accept crap, it will be financially profitable to dispense it." -Dick Cavett

Finally, after two years we were able to meet in person at NACo's Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. Appropriate measures were taken to keep attendees safe. Masks and vaccination cards were required, but it wasn't too much of a burden on us as we all are pretty much used to it by now anyway. We could unmask if we were eating or drinking. I think everybody put on a few pounds because we were always eating or drinking.

Grant Veeder introduced several panelists at the Election Subcommittee of the Finance, Pension, and Intergovernmental Affairs Steering Committee. Ben Hovland from the U.S. Election Assistance Commission said that the 2020 election was the most transparent, litigated, and fair election ever. Not to mention that it was held during a pandemic. Election Commissioners oversaw 109,000 polling sites and coordinated more than 694,000 precinct election officials nationwide. With all that, many were met with threats and harassment on an almost daily basis. Due to these threats many Election Commissioners have resigned. The state of Pennsylvania has lost more than 500 years of experience due to many resignations. Forrest Lehman from Lycoming County, Pennsylvania addressed us on overcoming all of the mis/disinformation regarding elections. He said that using social media would probably not work because we would just be down in the gutter with all of the crap dispensers. The best thing to do would be to meet the public face to face and continue to be transparent. Also, we should address information deserts. That's what I did not do on two occasions. Soon after the 2020 election, a longtime friend of mine said something about a governor ordering a stop to the vote count. I said I wasn't aware of that. He then asked what news I listened to. I didn't answer, and we let the conservation die. Recently, I received a letter stating that we needed to do something about all of this election fraud and that we should get rid of voting machines. It may have been pointless, but I should have responded to both gentlemen. I think it is necessary for all local elected officials to be informed regarding the trials that election folks will be facing in future elections. They will need all the support they can get. Even my nurse at the clinic says she is praying for me!



Melvyn Houser

ISAC NACo Board Representative
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I was asked to host a table at the first-time attendees' breakfast where I met some fine folks from Montana. One was a local foods grower whom I suggested should sign up for the Ag and Rural Affairs Steering Committee. I hope he does. One of the most interesting people I met that morning was Story County Supervisor Latifah Faisal. I said I would introduce her to a few others and show her the ropes so to speak. By the end of the day, she had "left the nest" and was on her own. This is what she had to say about her first NACo Conference: "The opportunity to meet others who are in county government from around the country was a wonderful experience. I loved hearing about others' solutions and ideas for challenges we all face in one way or another. I attended sessions on ARPA, healthcare, mental health, criminal justice, and more. I met with Senators Grassley and Ernst to share some of the issues our local residents are most concerned about. I serve on the NACo Healthy Counties Advisory Board and Arts and Culture Commission, and I would encourage everyone to get involved in at least one NACo committee because NACo is the way we (county governments) amplify our voices in Washington. Get involved! You will be glad you did."

The Arts and Culture Commission had a luncheon with the Healthy Counties Advisory Board that conflicted with the Membership Committee's meeting, so I asked a Mills County Supervisor if he would sit in on that for me. Membership is at an all-time high of 2,584 counties and a retention rate of 99%, which is unheard of in the non-profit world. There are still about 15 Iowa counties that are not yet NACo members. But just because I sit on the Membership Committee doesn't mean that others can't urge their neighbors or respective Boards of Supervisors to become members also. You members know the value of NACo membership. Please express that to others who are not.

The theme of the Arts' Healthy Counties Luncheon was Healing Through the Arts. An ex-felon who had been in prison for 21 years talked about his recovery through writing poetry. He is now a Poet/Ambassador for the Free Minds Project and publicly reads poetry written by those that are still incarcerated. He also wrote a poem just for our meeting. I'm certainly not a critic by any means, but I thought it was very good and moving. A panel of health professionals discussed the advantages

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of art therapy for PTSD and depression. There is plenty of evidence and data that shows that arts participation is a health determinant. Those over 50 and engaged in an artistic endeavor are half as likely to get or die of an age-related disease. Artists live longer. Later, at a different session, a panel talked about the arts as an economic driver for their community. Previously there had been sessions where A&C met with the Veterans Commission discussing the therapeutic benefits of arts on veterans with PTSD. So, when you think about it, the arts touch us personally and our communities in many ways. Health, physical and mental, and community and economic development. Or, how about transportation, rural affairs, justice, public lands, or just promoting our counties?

Something new was added to the General Sessions. The lobby was filled with tables representing various federal government departments like Homeland Security, Veteran's Administration, and many others. Some I didn't even know existed. They were there just to answer questions and learn about local issues. At the sessions were many department Secretaries and Deputy Secretaries speaking. President Biden gave us a nice speech telling us what a great job that counties do. He said that NACo wanted as many officials present so he said they brought the whole federal government. But the best line was from Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, who was formerly the Mayor of South Bend, Indiana. He said, "As mayor, I thought local government was the best way to deliver public services. Now, I know it is the best way."

Next summer the NACo Annual Conference will be held in Adams County, Colorado. They say it has some beautiful scenery. It's close, so maybe you should take advantage and come. Hope to see you there.

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Precinct Atlas Program Update

Primary/General Election Software Update

The Futures Committee and the ISAC/IPAC team are working together to prepare the software update which will be used for the June Primary and November General Elections. The team has been tracking legislation which may impact electronic pollbooks and the software. If any law changes are passed during the session which impacts the software, the team will make the necessary changes to the software and will release in late spring.

Software Rewrite Process

The Futures Committee Workgroup continues to work with Spindustry. The project is progressing and is making definite strides in programming. Screen templates are in place, and the team is currently working on the absentee portion of the software. We are excited the software will be offering a robust absentee option for our membership. Forms are also being created and will include the current helpful steps to assist the PEOs when processing voters. We are keeping the best of the current software and updating the backend to assist auditors and election staff in the administration of the software.



Tammy Norman

ISAC IPAC Program Manager
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Training

Training materials will be provided for the IPAC membership. Tutorials will be updated for the primary and general election setup process. Tutorials and training videos will also be created to assist with the training of Precinct Election Officials (PEOs) for both the primary and general elections.

Equipment and Hardware

Unfortunately, equipment and hardware are in short supply and high demand. We are working to secure hardware options for the membership and will be updating the membership when supplies are available.

We are very excited about the future of the IPAC Program and will continue to provide updates throughout the software rewrite process. If you have any questions regarding the IPAC Program, please do not hesitate to contact Carla Becker, the IPAC Board President or Tammy Norman, the IPAC Program Manager



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February Board Minutes Summary

Summary of ISAC Board of Directors Minutes – Wednesday, February 9, 2022 (via Zoom conference call)

ISAC President Richard Crouch called the meeting to order and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting minutes from the January 22, 2022, ISAC Board of Directors meeting were unanimously approved, and the ISAC Executive Committee meeting from February 2, 2022 were unanimously approved.

Brad Holtan reviewed with the Board the audit agreement for next year with MHCS PC and the board passed unanimously.

Bill Peterson discussed the Golden Eagle, including the history and process, with the Board.

Jacy Ripperger discussed the NACo Leadership Academy with the Board.

Kristi Harshbarger gave a legal update on the Department of Revenue sales tax dispute and the opioid litigation settlement in Iowa, including that all 99 counties had signed on to the settlement.

Brad and Bill reviewed the budget projections for the rest of the FY and recommendations for the upcoming FY. One component is to add a Tech Service Bureau Program Manager as an ISAC employee under the ICTS 28E. The budget was accepted as completed and unanimously approved.

Bill reviewed history of ISAC Group Benefits Program and the need for a 28E entity for the program per the auditors' request for tax reasons. Beth Manley reviewed the draft 28E Agreement. The agreement was accepted as drafted and unanimously approved.

Katie Cook summarized the interviews of the scholarship finalists by the scholarship committee - 49 applications were submitted and two individuals from each district were interviewed. Katie announced the recommendations of the scholarship committee for the winners.

Kelsey Sebern reviewed the agenda for County Day at the Capitol and Spring Conference. Jacy updated on vendor numbers for Spring Conference.

Bill reviewed the process for ISAC to appoint a new ISAC NACo Representative when Melvyn Houser finishes serving his 9th year on June 30, 2022. Because this is the maximum term for this position, ISAC will begin asking for applications for this position.

Jacy introduced Josh Nichols and Beau Hupke with County Risk Management Services, who gave an update and presentation on their operations.

Jamie Cashman and Lucas Beenken gave an update on the legislative session, with the first funnel coming up next week, which is the first major deadline of the session. The Board asked questions and had discussion on various pending bills in the session.

President Richard Crouch adjourned the meeting.



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Planning & Zoning Retirees

The County Planning & Zoning Officials Affiliate (CoZo) honored recently retired members of their organization at the 2021 ISAC Annual Conference last August in Des Moines.

Brian McDonough

Polk County Planning & Zoning

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Les Beck, Tim Huey, and Carl Wilburn were founding members of CoZo, helping establish the organization and achieve official affiliate status with ISAC. Their leadership and professionalism serve as a living example for CoZo's continued efforts.

Les Beck began his career in county planning with Story County in 1983. He was later hired by Linn County and served for many years as the Linn County Planning Director before retirement in late 2020. Les served as CoZo President, Vice-President, Legislative Liaison, At-Large Board member, as well as affiliate representative on the ISAC Board of Directors. Les was also an adjunct professor of land use planning at the University of Iowa.

Tim Huey was hired as Scott County Planning Director in 1996 where he served until retirement in 2021. He twice served CoZo in the roles of Legislative Liaison, President, and Vice President, as well as affiliate representative on the ISAC Board of Directors. Tim is the current Executive Director of Rejuvenate Housing, a non-profit dedicated to neighborhood revitalization and low-income homeownership in the Quad Cities area.

Carl Wilburn was the Carroll County Zoning Administrator from 1992 until his recent retirement. He served as CoZo Secretary/Treasurer, established the affiliate's online information sharing List Serv, and was an early advocate and resource for the application of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to assist county planners and zoning administrators.

Tom Blake was the Allamakee County Zoning Administrator from 2009 until his recent retirement. He recently served as CoZo Secretary/Treasurer from 2015-2019.

The following quotes were generated when the recent retirees were asked to share their favorite part, or a lasting memory, of CoZo:

- "I am particularly proud of the way the organization works with zoning administrators from all sizes of counties. No one is made to feel inferior because they have a small program, and everyone is willing to provide advice and help if needed. We all have a common goal." – Carl Wilburn, Carroll County
- "CoZo is special because of the interesting mix of backgrounds, training, experience and expertise that the members have. We offer support and advice to each other and everyone benefits from our shared experiences." – Tim Huey, Scott County
- "My favorite part of CoZo is the camaraderie and assistance that everyone enjoys! The group provides invaluable assistance to each and every one of us. Also, the fun stories and humor that is shared provides all members with some respite from the trials we deal with on a regular basis." – Tom Blake, Allamakee County
- "I think what I am most proud of about the organization today is that even though the membership is changing, and we've seen a number of pillars leave the organization over the years, the leadership and new members are bringing a new vitality. Sort of like when a neighborhood changes. The old people move out and the young families move in. The sweet spot is when you are in the midst of that transition and you get a more diverse neighborhood than what you had before." – Les Beck, Linn County



Recently retired CoZo members pictured from left to right are: Carl Wilburn - Carroll County, Les Beck - Linn County, Tim Huey - Scott County, and Tom Blake - Allamakee County (not pictured).

Public Notice - Employment Opportunity

JACKSON COUNTY IS SEEKING QUALIFIED CANDIDATES TO FILL THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER

The position involves assisting the County Engineer in performing professional engineering duties including surveying, planning, design, maintenance, and construction inspection of secondary road projects.

Successful candidates must have a four-year degree in Civil Engineering and possess knowledge and/or experience in the planning, designing and execution of road, bridge and drainage maintenance and construction projects.

Licensed as a professional engineer (PE) in Civil Engineering in Iowa is desired but not required.

Applicants shall have, or be able to obtain, Iowa DOT certifications in Level I HMA, Level I PCC, and Aggregate Technician inspection, have knowledge and experience with AutoCAD, MS-Office and modern surveying equipment. Effective written and oral communication skills are a requirement of this position, along with the ability to establish working relationships and convey information with co-workers, contractors, officials, and the public.

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Candidates must possess valid State of Iowa driver's license.

Successful completion of a post offer physical evaluation will be required.

Position will remain open until filled

Forward formal application, cover letter and resume to:

Becki Chapin, Human Resource Administrator
201 W Platt Street, Maquoketa, IA 52060
Or email to bchapin@jacksoncounty.iowa.gov

Applications are available on-line at www.jacksoncounty.iowa.gov under job openings

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JACKSON COUNTY IS SEEKING QUALIFIED CANDIDATES TO FILL THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ENGINEER

The position involves assisting the County Engineer in performing engineering duties in the planning, design, CAD, surveying, construction administration and inspection and testing of materials for County engineering projects.

Successful candidates should possess a Civil Engineering Associate Degree, a Civil Engineering Technical Degree OR an equivalent combination of education and experience which provides the required knowledge and skill set necessary.

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Preferred Vendor of the Month - Summit Carbon Solutions

Summit Carbon Solutions is moving forward with plans to build the world's largest carbon capture pipeline. The project will connect ethanol biorefineries across five states in the upper Midwest – Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota. The proposed project will capture carbon dioxide emissions from ethanol plants, compress it, and transport it to North Dakota to be permanently and safely stored more than a mile underground.

In March, the company announced a \$250 million investment from Continental Resources, a leader in the oil and natural gas industry. The investment will be used toward the development and construction of the project's associated capture, transportation, and sequestration infrastructure.

"Our project will transform the agriculture and ethanol industry by not only creating a stable corn market for decades to come but accelerating ethanol's path to becoming a net zero carbon fuel," said Bruce Rastetter, CEO of Summit Agricultural Group.

The economic impact includes creating thousands of construction jobs and boosting the local economies along the route.

"Aside from enhancing the economic sustainability of the ethanol and agriculture industries, our project will also deliver substantial benefits to communities across the Midwest in the form of significant private investments and job creation," explained Rastetter.

The ethanol industry plays a critical role across the United States. It supports 360,000 jobs, contributes more than \$45 billion to annual U.S. GDP, utilizes approximately 40% of corn produced in the U.S., and provides a \$14 billion boost to grain markets.

Thirty-two facilities are signed on to the project which will put the ethanol producers on track to become a net-zero fuel by 2030. The project will allow the plants to access new and emerging markets with low carbon fuel standards.

"Siouxland Energy is proud to be part of a project that is transforming the ethanol industry. The Summit Carbon Solutions' project is necessary to strengthen the future of the agriculture industry. Without a reliable, competitive ethanol industry, corn prices will plummet," explained Jeff Altena, Operations Director at Siouxland Energy.

O'Brien County farmer Kelly Nieuwenhuis has been farming with his brothers for nearly four decades. He sees this project as a safety net for the next generation of farmers.

However, for the past several years, he like other farmers across the Midwest have faced uncertainty when it comes to the corn and ethanol industries. When Nieuwenhuis heard about Summit Carbon Solutions' proposed carbon capture pipeline, his uncertainty faded and was replaced with hope.

"The past couple of years have been difficult on farmers across the Midwest," Nieuwenhuis explained. "This project will create a substantial boost to ethanol and deliver stability to corn growers who desperately need it."

Once completed, the project will have the capacity to capture and permanently store up to 12 million tons of carbon dioxide every year. Summit aims to have the construction completed and the project operational by 2024.




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Summit Carbon Solutions is proud to partner with ethanol plants across Iowa to make the industry more competitive and profitable for decades to come.

- Summit Carbon Solutions will help its ethanol plant partners **lower their carbon emissions and compete in fuel markets across the country.**
- Opening these new marketplaces will **maintain strong land values and commodity prices**, while **improving the long-term economic outlook** for ethanol producers and Iowa landowners.
- This project will **support local businesses, suppliers, and workers** to provide a meaningful, ongoing boost to the economy of local communities.
- Summit Carbon Solutions will create **thousands of high-quality jobs** during construction and **hundreds of full-time jobs** once operational.

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2022 Calendar

April 2022

- 10-13 ISSDA Civil School
(Holiday Inn Airport, Des Moines)
- 28 ISAC Board of Directors Meeting
(Virtual)

May 2022

- 3-5 Public Health Conference of Iowa
(Hybrid - Scheman Conference Center, Ames)
- 10-13 Treasurers May School
(Honey Creek Resort, Moravia, Iowa)
- 18-20 Western Interstate Region (WIR) Conference
Anchorage, Alaska
- 25-27 CoZo Spring Conference
(Hilton Garden Inn, Cedar Falls, Iowa)

June 2022

- 15-17 Recorder's Summer School
(Decorah, Iowa)
- 21-24 ISACA Summer Conference
(Hotel Julien, Dubuque)
- 29 ISAC Board of Directors Meeting
(ISAC Office)

July 2022

- 13 ISAC Scholarship Golf Fundraiser
(Otter Creek Golf Course, Ankeny)
- 21-24 NACo Annual Conference
(Adams County/Aurora, Colorado)

August 2022

- 2-4 ISAC Board of Directors Retreat
(Mills County)
- 24-26 ISAC Annual Conference
(Veterans Memorial Community Choice Credit
Union Convention Center, Des Moines)

September 2022

- 20-23 ISSDA Fall Jail School
(Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines)

October 2022

- 9-12 Assessors Fall School
(Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines)

November 2022

- 17 ISAC Board of Directors Meeting
(ISAC Office)

December 2022

- 13-16 ISSDA Winter School
(Holiday Inn Des Moines Airport)
- 14-16 ICEA Conference
(Veterans Memorial Community Choice Credit
Union Convention Center, Des Moines)

If you have any questions about the meetings listed above or would like to add an affiliate meeting to the ISAC calendar, please contact Kelsey Sebern at ksebern@iowacounties.org.

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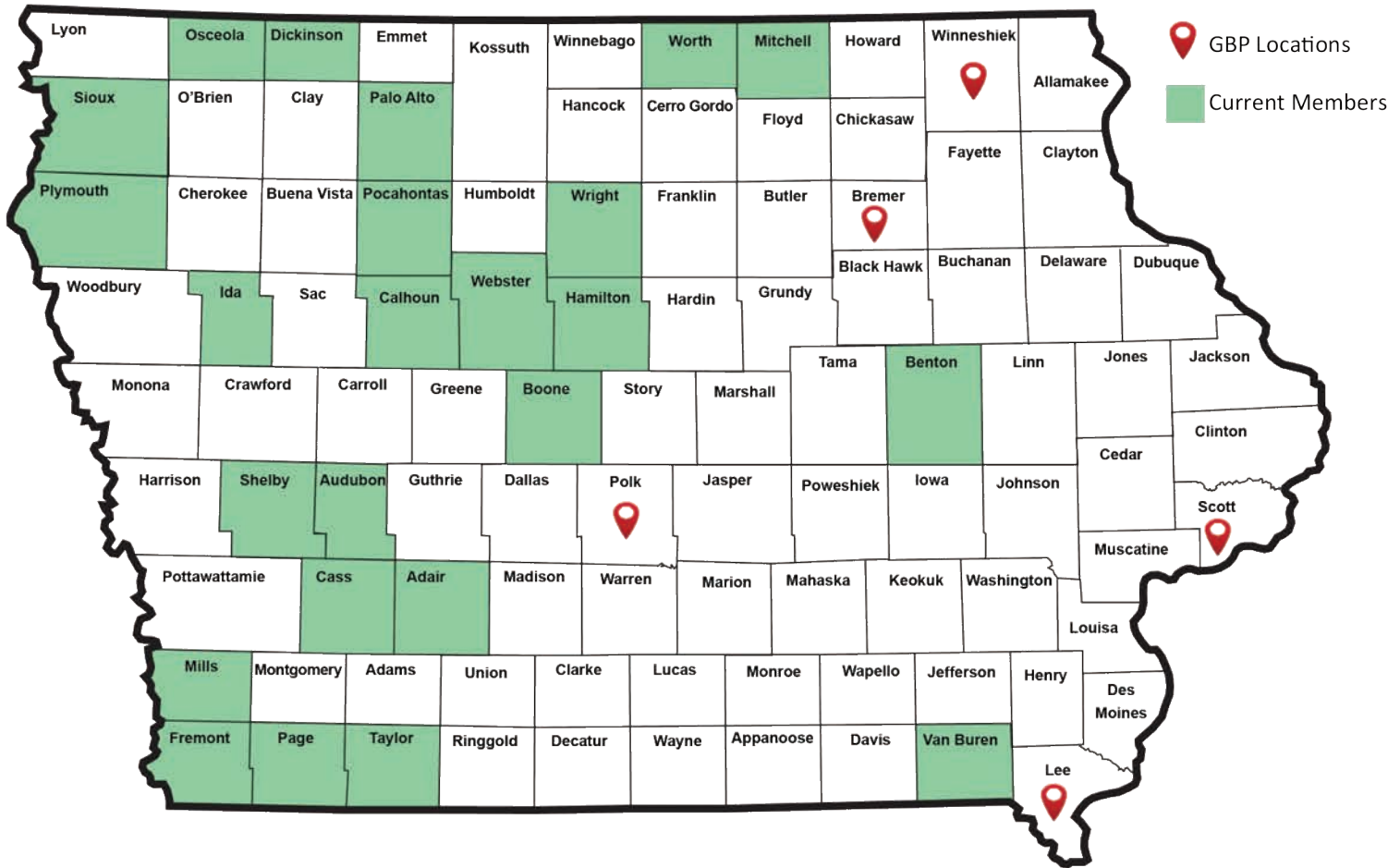
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