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## IOWA BUSINESS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES IOWA PARTNERS IN EFFICIENCY AWARD

DES MOINES, IOWA – (July 1, 2009) The Iowa Business Council (IBC), during its 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Partnership Meeting held in Des Moines on January 26, 2009, formally recognized the 100<sup>th</sup> Lean Enterprise event conducted within State government. Teresa Hay McMahon, Administrator of the Performance Results Division of the Iowa Department of Management and Chair of the Lean Government Collaborative, received a formal acknowledgement from IBC for this accomplishment.

At that time IBC also announced the creation of the “Iowa Partners In Efficiency Award,” to be presented for the first time in January 2010. This annual honor will recognize the employees or work units in any political subdivision of local, county, or state government that, through the use of Lean tools and techniques, significantly and measurably increase productivity and promote innovation resulting in the improvement of delivery of public services to the benefit of the citizens of Iowa and the private sector.

The purpose for creating this award is:

- to publicly acknowledge and highlight outstanding efforts at efficiency, productivity, cost avoidance, and waste elimination in government;
- to improve regulatory processes and performance targets;
- to drive economic competitiveness;
- to foster better work environments; and,
- to develop leaders and innovators with a bias for action.

Representatives of the Lean Government Collaborative will judge the entries. “The Iowa Business Council applauds the visionary state agencies that have conducted Lean events, the results of which are providing significant benefits to their departments and the constituencies they serve,” said IBC Board Chair Mel Haught, President & CEO of Pella Corporation. “With the advent of the *Partners In Efficiency Award*, we hope to encourage continued use of Lean Enterprise in the public sector as an initiative that consistently succeeds in producing effective results.”

Award nominations will be accepted from July 1 – September 30, 2009. Finalists will be selected November 16, 2009. The winner will be announced during IBC’s 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Partnership Meeting in Des Moines on January 25, 2010. An application and additional details can be obtained at <http://lean.iowa.gov/> or [www.iowabusinesscouncil.org](http://www.iowabusinesscouncil.org).

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The **Iowa Business Council** (IBC) is a nonpartisan, non-profit, self-funded organization whose 24 members are the top executives of 20 of the largest businesses in the state, the three Regent university presidents, and Iowa's largest banking association. Founded in 1985, the Council's purpose is to focus the personal commitment of its members in active leadership roles on major initiatives that offer opportunity to enhance Iowa's economic vitality and improve the lives of Iowans. Council members identify major economic issues, evaluate options, and assist in implementing solutions through collaborative public/private partnerships. **Collectively**, IBC companies and institutions employ more than 210,000 Iowans and, in just the last ten years, have invested over \$15 billion worth of capital in the state. **Annually**, the Business Council represents more than \$250 million in financial contributions and volunteer hours given to numerous charitable causes around Iowa, and lead in technology innovation with over \$2.5 billion in spending and procured grants for research and development. For more information, please visit the IBC Web site at [www.iowabusinesscouncil.org](http://www.iowabusinesscouncil.org).

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