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To: Ames Media
From: Ames Chamber and Economic Development Commission
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Re: Brenda Dryer to join AEDC/Chamber Team

Ames Chamber Introduces New Director of Workforce Solutions

Ames, IA –The Ames Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Commission are pleased to welcome Brenda Dryer to the team as the Director of Workforce Solutions and Story County Community Outreach. Dryer will start in the position on April 3rd.

“Brenda is a logical addition to our team,” says Dan Culhane, President and CEO of the Ames Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Commission. “She has an extensive economic development background and is excited about the momentum of our Workforce Solutions program. She has served a number of Iowa communities over her career which gives her great perspective in the Story County Community Outreach portion of this position.”

In this position Dryer will serve as the lead staff person for the WorkInAmes.com website, The Summer Intern program and all talent recruitment efforts. She will also provide economic and community development to Story County communities as part of her Story County Community Outreach role.

“I am thrilled to be joining the team at the Ames Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Commission,” says Dryer. “Ames has been on my radar because of its impressive growth and this position peaked my interest because it allows me to focus on building the Ames workforce but also continue working with smaller communities which is a large part of my background. I’m excited to be a part of this community am ready to hit the ground running.”

Dryer graduated from Iowa State University with a BS in Adult Education and minor in Communication. She is an active member of Professional Developers of Iowa, and served on the State of Iowa SBDC Advisory Board as well as the NIACC John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center Advisory Board prior to accepting the position at the Ames Chamber. She is also the past chairperson of the North Central Iowa Alliance.

Prior to joining the Ames Chamber and Economic Development Commission team, Dryer was the Executive Director for Mitchell County Economic Development Commission.

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