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**Iowa Workforce Development to Meet with Community Leaders,
Discuss Employment Issues, Trust Fund Integrity & Recovery**

New Hampton, IA – Iowa Workforce Development Director Elisabeth Buck and Deputy Director Joe Walsh visited the New Hampton office Wednesday, June 16th. They discussed Iowa’s state and county unemployment numbers, general employment issues affecting the area and the integrity of Iowa Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

“Throughout the recession, Iowa Workforce Development has worked diligently to provide Iowans with the services needed to move quickly into a new career awhile providing the necessary economic safety nets to the community that are vital to its survival.”

Even though the downturn in the economy has reduced Iowa’s potential workforce shortage, a number of jobs are still available, including the growing fields of healthcare and renewable energy, which require advanced training.

“It’s important that we work to provide Iowans with the necessary skills to meet the needs of Iowa’s employers,” responded Buck.

Iowa Workforce Development has taken a number of steps over the recent years to protect the integrity of Iowa’s Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, provide unique benefits such as the voluntary shared work program and to develop a new layoff notification system. All steps designed to lessen the impact of a recession and provide valuable services to both Iowans and businesses.

Iowa Workforce Development provides resources for all Iowans regarding their employment needs. Visit one of 55 field offices across the state for personalized job search assistance; attend Iowa Advantage classes for increasing job search skills and interviewing techniques and utilize the Resource Center to develop your résumé and search for jobs. The state jobs database is available at www.iowajobs.org. This self-directed job search system allows the job seeker to view over 13,000 current job openings listed with Iowa Workforce Development all across the state. The user-friendly system allows jobseekers to register for work and search by keyword, location and more.

For more information, visit www.iowaworkforce.org or call your local office.

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