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**MCEDC Executive Director Speaks at
Annual Iowa Commercial Real Estate Expo in West Des Moines**

MASON CITY— Dan Culhane, executive director of the Mason City Economic Development Corporation recently was part of a four-member panel that spoke on the benefits of working with local economic development officials at the 8th annual Iowa Commercial Real Estate Expo in West Des Moines, IA.

Culhane, director of the MCEDC since 1999, spoke on the impact the Avenue of the Saints has had on North Iowa and explained the importance of solid working relationships and ongoing communication with the commercial real estate community. Culhane explained in his part of the presentation how mutually beneficial working hand in hand with commercial real estate professionals enhanced the ultimate objectives of both the for-profit broker and the non-profit economic development group in a community.

Over 300 Iowa real estate professionals were on hand for the event. Culhane was joined on the panel by Mike Swesey of the Greater Des Moines Partnership, Joe Raso of the Iowa City Area Development Group, and Steve Dust of the Greater Cedar Valley Alliance in Waterloo. The panel was lead by long-time economic developer, John Wetzel of Mid American Energy.

Attending the event and representing the Mason City commercial real estate community at the Expo were Bob Vandenbosch of American Realty and Lyle Holmgaard of Heartland Realtors.

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