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**U.S. Department of Commerce Invests \$627,237 to
Support Workforce Development Opportunities in Indianola, Iowa**

WASHINGTON – Today, the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration (EDA) is awarding a \$627,237 grant to the city of Indianola, Iowa, to help build an access road that will serve a local workforce training facility. This EDA grant, to be matched with \$627,238 in local investment, is expected to create nearly 3,500 jobs.

“Helping our communities implement their plans to cultivate the workforce that businesses need is a top priority for the Trump Administration,” said **U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development Dr. John Fleming**. “This EDA investment will build the necessary road infrastructure to serve a workforce training facility that will fulfil the demand for trained electrical linemen.”

This project will address the local and regional need for a more skilled workforce by expanding the road and utilities along Iowa Avenue to provide access for the expansion of the Missouri Valley Joint Apprentice Training Center. The facility will help train skilled workers and create high-paying jobs in the electrical industry.

About the U.S. Economic Development Administration (www.eda.gov)

The mission of the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting competitiveness and preparing the nation's regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. An agency within the U.S. Department of Commerce, EDA makes investments in economically distressed communities in order to create jobs for U.S. workers, promote American innovation, and accelerate long-term sustainable economic growth.

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