

Technical Assistance Note #3: Des Moines, Iowa Brownfield Pilot Site, December 98, Vernon P. Deines

III. Iowa State University Extension Services

Iowa State University has two major extension services available for the Des Moines, Iowa Brownfield Pilot Site: 1. Iowa State University Extension to Communities, and 2. Iowa State University Center for Industrial Research and Service.

Iowa State University extension resources are supported jointly by county governments, the State of Iowa, and the United States Department of Agriculture. Extension programs and services are available to all Iowans through local offices in each of Iowa's 99 counties.

The Iowa State University Extension to Communities has provided faculty and staff resources of the university to organizations, community leaders, and local governments for more than 30 years. A Directory of Campus and Field Specialists: Extension to Communities (CRD 325, revised January 1998) is available from Paul Coates, 288 College of Design, Ames, IA 50011-3091; Phone: 515-294-8397; FAX: 515-294-5156; E-mail: xlpaule@exnet.iastate.edu. Also available is a pamphlet, Extension to Communities (Pm-1477, revised September 1996), which describes the community development process, programs, research services, plus campus and field specialists available. Polk County contact person is Norman P. Riggs, 515-263-2660. The community planning specialist at Iowa State University is Stuart Huntington, 515-294-8707. Programs and research services available include training and information for local officials and planning and zoning commission members on land use planning, and economic impact studies on proposed industrial development. This could be useful in planning for the proposed Agribusiness Park in Des Moines, including the possible relocation of existing auto salvage businesses.

The Iowa State University Center for Industrial Research and Service has carried out its land-grant service obligation to the manufacturers of Iowa for some 35 years. A CIRAS Staff Bios publication (revised March 1999) lists the university specialists available for a wide range of industries, including manufacturing, marketing, financial management, customer service, product research, design and development and many other client needs. Contact persons are Richard A. Grieve, Director, CIRAS, ISU Research Park, 2501 Loop Drive, Suite 500, Ames, IA 50010-8286, 515-294-3420, or Timothy Sullivan, Des Moines, 515-965-9355. Also available is a pamphlet, Where You Find Solutions, which describes the programs and services provided by CIRAS to the manufacturers of Iowa. CIRAS is a partner in the Iowa Manufacturing Technology Center where technical expertise and on-site assistance are expanded ever further to the National Institute for Science and Technology. This technical assistance could be useful for those agribusiness firms involved in the proposed Des Moines Agribusiness Park.