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DETERMAN ATTENDS INTERNATIONAL WIND ENERGY EVENT

NORTH CENTRAL IOWA—Angela Determan, Project Manager for the North Central Iowa Growth Partnership Corporation recently attended the HUSUM WindEnergy 2008 trade fair in Husum Germany from September 7 through the 13th.

The conference had over 23,000 visitors from 40 countries attending this year's wind show, and over 700 exhibitors from 35 countries participated. This was the eleventh annual international wind energy trade show.

Managing director Messe Husum, Hanno Fecke said, "the international character of the trade fair reflects the development of wind energy as one of the most important energy generation forms for the future. Businesses in the industry are seeking international contacts to assist them to become involved in the newly development markets in the USA, Central and Latin America, Asia and in some African states."

Determan along with Iowa Department of Economic Development (IDED) Des Moines representatives and IDED European office representatives Anke Goebel de Mendez and Heike Zollner met with companies interested in the United States as a place to do business.

Determan stated, "having Anke and Heike in the IDED Frankfurt office is key to getting good quality appointments. The region is poised for growth in the wind industry and the conversations we had with key decision makers reinforced that. They are definitely watching the Production Tax Credit extension vote and the presidential elections."

Determan attended the conference on behalf of the North Central Iowa Alliance, a seven county marketing alliance representing Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Franklin, Hancock, Mitchell, Winnebago and Worth counties. In June she attended the AWEA Wind Energy event in Houston Texas and the Des Moines AWEA Wind Supply Chain Conference held in May.

Due to the growth in attendance and exhibitors, the 2009 AWEA Wind Energy event has been moved from Minneapolis and will be held in Chicago May 4-8, 2009.

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