

SITE DEVELOPMENT AND FACILITY EXPANSION REGULATORY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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Assisting Your Business to Meet Your Economic Development Project Timelines

► AN INNOVATIVE WAY TO RESPOND TO YOUR BUSINESS NEEDS

The Iowa Department of Economic Development (IDED) helps businesses expand or locate all or part of their business in Iowa. It just makes sense for companies engaged in advanced manufacturing, biosciences and information solutions/financial services to look at Iowa and IDED helps to ensure their economic development timelines are met.

Iowa is nationally recognized as an innovator in helping businesses by meeting their development needs in a timely and effective manner. IDED networks with Regulatory Assistance Coordinators in agencies across state government to reduce response time to businesses. This agency coordination helps to ensure that regulatory and compliance questions, or other needs associated with project site development and facility expansion are serviced quickly. We have listed information below about some of the more common regulatory requirements related to site development and expansion. If you have additional questions or need assistance with these requirements please visit www.iowalifechanging.com or contact us at 1-800-245-IOWA.

Facility Design

New project design, or major alteration to an existing facility, may require a registered architect or licensed engineer to design your project. Industrial and educational facilities always carry this requirement. For additional assistance:

- Requirements concerning registered architects and building design visit www.state.ia.us/government/com/prof/architect/exceptions.html or call 515.281.7362.
- Licensed engineers and building design visit www.legis.state.ia.us/ACO/IAChtml/193c.htm#rule_193c_1_5 or call 515.281.4126.
- City/County Building Code and Permits www.iabo.net/officials.htm.

New construction which is financed in-whole or in-part with funds from the state of Iowa must adhere to the State Building Code if there is no local building code or if there is a local building but it is not enforced. For more information visit <http://www.dps.state.ia.us/fm/building/index.shtml> or call the Iowa Department of Public Safety, State Building Code Bureau, at 515.281.5821.

Evaluating Sites

As you evaluate site locations, different options for supporting your facility's environmental resource needs will be considered, such as water supply or waste water discharge. Many times these resource needs are serviced by local government. If your business plans to manage these responsibilities directly - such as taking water supply from ground or surface water, or planning direct discharge to a stream, you will work with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). Please visit www.iowadnr.com/other/bizreg.html for more information.

Once you have a particular location or site in mind, you will need to verify if a flood plain permit is needed. Visit <http://www.iowadnr.com/water/floodplain/fppermits.html> for permitting information. It is not a common requirement but if any of your business operations, activities or structure will be within the "100-year flood plain" you will need this permit.



If you are considering purchasing and redeveloping an existing commercial or industrial property IDNR has resources available to help you understand environmental conditions with regard to the property. Information on common issues associated with "environmental records of properties," such as internet databases of registered underground storage tanks (USTs), and sites where IDNR has responded to known contamination concerns are available.

Additionally, records relating to permitted solid waste and hazardous waste disposal sites, water supply, waste water and water quality issues associated with business and industry are available. For assistance with these questions please contact the IDNR Brownfield Coordinator at 515.281.8489.

