



Mitchell County
Economic Development Commission

The County Cover

Your MCEDC Quarterly Update — July 2023

Survey Results

Earlier this year we conducted a survey looking for input on the needs in Mitchell County.

Thirty-seven surveys were submitted.

The results are ranked from most need to least:

1. Promoting Mitchell County as a place to live and work
2. Childcare Needs
3. Housing Needs
4. Promoting Tourism
5. Help Finding Employees
6. Help Finding Financial Resources
7. Business Networking
8. Help Locating Land/Buildings
9. Help Training Current Employees

Thank you to all who took time to complete the survey.

Thank You!

Thank You & Welcome

Thank you to Kellie Daughtery for serving on the MCEDC board and representing the City of Riceville over the past couple of years.

Covering her spot on the board will be Lynn Doane, Mayor of Riceville—Welcome!

Construction Loan Program (CLP)

Watch for more details on this new program that will be available later in July...

The **Construction Loan Program (CLP)** is intended to be incentive financing which will assist businesses, individuals, or organizations with building projects **located in Mitchell County**.

The main goal is to provide funds to improve the economic base and the appearance of Mitchell County.

CLP Goals:

- Encourage funding assistance to businesses, developers, and homeowners that are starting up, expanding, or renovating their property.
- Assist development efforts and strengthen relationships between local businesses, homeowners, and local banks.
- Provide funds necessary to leverage other public and private sources of funding to assist in construction.
- Encourage new construction and construction related to renovations.

Financial Resources

Check out our web page for information, guidelines and applications forms on financial resources available for Mitchell County businesses, individuals and non-profits:

<https://www.mcedciowa.com/financial-resources>

- Revolving Loan Funds (RLF)
- Derelict/In-Fill Housing Incentive
- NIACOG
- Local Banks
- FEMC

And more...





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UPCOMING WORKFORCE EVENTS:

(Details on events are listed below)

Please sign-up for the events by emailing: mcedc@mcedciowa.com

July 11 9:00-10:30 a.m. **Digital Marketing Class**

July 12 9:00-10:00 a.m. **Skywalk Group**

July 20 8:00-9:00 a.m. **IowaWORKS**

July 25 3:00-4:00 p.m. **IowaWORKS**

Digital Marketing Class: July 11, 9-10:30 a.m., Osage High School Cafeteria. In this 90 minute session, Sara Broers, CEO of Social Connections, LLC, will show you why digital marketing matters. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn will all be discussed in this session.

Skywalk Group: July 12, 9-10 a.m., M.C. Courthouse or On-line.

Skywalk Group will be on-line to share how they can help with your recruiting and human resource needs.

Join on-line via Microsoft Teams—Meeting ID: **243 366 525 895**

Passcode: **rCtesn**

Or, come to the Mitchell Co. Courthouse for coffee and view with others.

IowaWORKS: July 20, 8-9 a.m., at St. Ansgar State Bank
and July 25, 3-4 p.m., at the M.C. Courthouse

Sara Rye from IowaWORKS will be in Mitchell County on the following dates to let you know what services are available at **no cost** to help you with your hiring needs.

Let us know which events you can join us for!

Email: mcedc@mcedciowa.com or Phone: 641-732-4790



NIACC'S BUSINESS & WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

NIACC's Business & Workforce Solutions team shared 3 Vital ways NIACC supports North Iowa Businesses and their employees at a partnership luncheon held on Tuesday, June 27th, hosted by Mitchell County Economic

Development and NIACC's Business & Workforce Solutions. If you missed it and want to find out how NIACC's Business & Workforce Solutions team can help you grow your business, contact Patti Hanson at 641-422-4170 or email:

patti.hanson@niacc.edu <https://www.niacc.edu/business-and-workforce-solutions/>

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