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### **DURHAM TO SPEAK AT PARTNERS MEETING AT NCC**

SHELDON, IOWA – Debi Durham, Director of the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA), will be the featured speaker at the Northwest Iowa Development partners meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2012. The event will be held at the Lifelong Learning and Recreation Center on the campus of Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon.

As Director of IEDA, Durham leads the organization and oversees Iowa's economic development initiatives. She was instrumental in working with Governor Terry E. Branstad and legislators to restructure the Iowa Department of Economic Development to create a public-private partnership to update and improve Iowa's delivery of economic development services.

Durham will discuss the new Iowa Economic Development Authority and its goals for the coming year. "Northwest Iowa is an important asset and resource for Iowa's economic development," said Steve Simons, Northwest Iowa Development Chairperson. "We are pleased and excited by the opportunity to showcase Northwest Iowa to Director Durham."

Northwest Iowa Development is a regional, six-county partnership focused on promoting Northwest Iowa and growing the regional economy. This event will be a great opportunity to meet and network with regional leaders in business, education, economic development, and the public sector.

If you would like to find out more about how this regional collaboration is working to maximize economic development success please contact [lstofferan@nwicc.edu](mailto:lstofferan@nwicc.edu) or call 866-384-2665 by January 5, 2012 to RSVP for the Partner Meeting event.