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FOUR NEW MEMBERS ELECTED TO SBDC STATE ADVISORY BOARD

AMES, Iowa — The Iowa Small Business Development Centers elected Dusan Stojanovic, Bob Hartwig, Danny Johnson, Ph.D., and Wendy Mihm-Herold, Ph.D., as new members of its State Advisory Board. The advisory board represents all regions of the state and many of the partners and associations that represent Iowa's businesses and industries.

Stojanovic is the Executive Vice President and Chief Risk Officer for the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines, a wholesale cooperative bank serving members/stockholders, which include commercial banks, savings institutions, credit unions and insurance companies. He has responsibility for the Bank's enterprise risk management area, including credit risk, market risk, operational risk, and model validation.

Hartwig is the legal counsel and lobbyist for the Iowa Bankers Association (IBA), the voice of banking in Iowa. For more than a century bankers have relied on IBA staff for legislative and regulatory representation, compliance assistance, and other products and services.

Dr. Johnson is an Associate Professor of Supply Chain Management and the Interim Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs in the College of Business at Iowa State University, an international, prestigious land-grant university that ranks among the nation's top 50 public universities. Professor Johnson teaches undergraduate, masters, and Ph.D. courses in supply chain management. His research interests are in the design, implementation, operation, management, and improvement of quick response and lean manufacturing and supply chain systems and the problems faced by firms as they attempt to develop and use these systems to improve key performance measures.

Dr. Mihm-Herold is the Vice President for Economic Development Services for Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC), which provides accessible, affordable, quality education and training to meet the needs of the communities in its district. Dr. Mihm-Herold is responsible for training and development services to the business and industry communities of the NICC district.

As Iowa Small Business Development Center State Advisory Board members, these four professionals will join other business and professional peers from across Iowa in providing insight and perspective to this successful business assistance organization.

The Iowa Small Business Development Centers are an outreach program of Iowa State University's College of Business. Partially funded by the U. S. Small Business Administration, the organization has 15 regional business assistance centers located strategically across the state. Since program inception in 1981, the organization has provided expert, confidential business counseling and affordable, practical training workshops to hundreds of thousands of Iowa businesses and entrepreneurs.

For more information on Iowa Small Business Development Center programs or services, call (515) 294-2030 or visit www.iowasbdc.org.

