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Subject: Economic Development Activities Recognized

Four electric cooperatives were recognized for their economic development activities with awards presented by Iowa Area Development Group at the annual meeting of Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative April 4 in Sioux City.

Rand Fisher, president of the IADG, headquartered in West Des Moines, presented the awards. Recipients of the awards were:

- Harrison County Rural Electric Cooperative for helping secure the successful sale of a 10,000 square foot speculative building in the Woodbine Industrial Park to a trailer assembly and modification firm from South Dakota.
- North West Rural Electric Cooperative for outstanding leadership and financial support of the Wells' Dairy headquarters and corporate campus, and for helping sustain, market and grow dairy production in northwest Iowa.
- Western Iowa Power Cooperative of for outstanding leadership and support of establishing a new countywide development organization for Monona County.

IADG also recognized Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative for policy development for outstanding leadership and support of economic development initiatives for western Iowa for 15 years.

The Iowa Area Development Group is the marketing and economic development agency for Iowa's member-owned electric cooperatives and select municipal electric utilities. Established in 1985, IADG and its member systems have assisted with more than 950 successful business expansions and start up companies. This growth represents capital investment of more than \$3.5 billion and more than 35,000 jobs for Iowa.

Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative is a wholesale electric provider to six rural electric cooperatives and a municipal electric cooperative association. NIPCO also provides transmission services to 13 other municipal electrics in western Iowa.

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