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PUBLIC NOTICE: Proposed Workforce Training Center

North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) intends to pursue the construction of a Workforce Training Center on the NIACC campus in Mason City, Iowa. The proposed Workforce Training Center will be designed to serve the workforce development needs of North Iowa by providing a centralized facility where NIACC can partner with area employers to onboard new employees, upskill existing employees, and provide industry-focused training aligned with current and emerging workforce needs.

The facility is intended to expand NIACC's capacity to work directly with North Iowa businesses and provide accessible, hands-on training opportunities that support employee recruitment, retention, advancement, and productivity. The Workforce Training Center will help strengthen the region's workforce and support the continued growth and competitiveness of local employers.

NIACC intends to apply for financial assistance through the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) Public Works Program to assist with funding the construction of the proposed Workforce Training Center. The proposed project is subject to the availability of funding and all applicable federal, state, and local requirements. Funding through the EDA Public Works Program is not guaranteed, and construction will be contingent upon securing the necessary financing and completing all required project approvals.

NIACC welcomes public comment regarding the proposed Workforce Training Center. Written comments may be submitted to: North Iowa Area Community College, Attn: Workforce Training Center Public Comment, 500 College Drive, Mason City, IA 50401. Comments may also be submitted electronically to abby.donald@niacc.edu. Public comments will be accepted through August 26, 2026. Comments received will be considered as part of the project development and funding application process.