



January 26, 2022

Ms. Brenda Dryer  
Chairman of the Mid Iowa Planning Alliance for  
Community Development (MIPA)  
420 Watson Powell Jr. Way, Suite 200  
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Dear Chairman Dryer:

I am pleased to inform you that the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) has approved the Mid Iowa Planning Alliance for Community Development's (MIPA) request for designation as an Economic Development District (EDD). The EDD is comprised of the Boone, Dallas, Jasper, Marion, Polk, Story and Warren Counties of Iowa.

EDA is committed to providing financial assistance to meet the economic development needs of distressed communities throughout the United States. Our mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. To that end, this designation will serve as a foundation for future economic successes that will benefit both families and businesses in your region.

I trust that this designation will strengthen the economies of the Mid Iowa region and wish you every success in carrying out your economic development activities. Ali DeMersseman, Economic Development Representative for the state of Iowa, will remain your primary point of contact regarding this designation and may be contacted by telephone at (605) 877-2866, or by email at [ademersseman@eda.gov](mailto:ademersseman@eda.gov).

Your ongoing efforts to stimulate growth and business expansion through local economic development programs are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Alejandra Y. Castillo*

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Assistant Secretary of Commerce  
for Economic Development



**MEMORANDUM OF OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF  
AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

In accordance with Section 401 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 3171), I hereby designate the Economic Development District identified below:

<u>Name of EDD:</u>	Mid Iowa Planning Alliance for Community Development
<u>State:</u>	Iowa
<u>Regional Definition:</u>	Boone, Dallas, Jasper, Marion, Polk, Story and Warren Counties of Iowa.

*Alejandra G. Castillo*

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