

Benton Development Group

IEDA, Director Debi Durham Visit

Wednesday, June 17th, 2015

Benton County, Iowa

10:00am-3:00pm

10:00am-10:30am – Atkins, IA – Welcome/Morning Coffee

Atkins is a rapidly growing, residential community. The community is located about 15 minutes from Cedar Rapids with many residents commuting to work and a small industry base. Given their location, local officials are preparing for continued residential and commercial growth.

10:30am-11:00am – Travel to Urbana

11:00am-11:45am – Urbana, IA – Tour ClickStop

Clickstop owns and operates 7 online retail stores and employ about 100 people that operate them. Everything from customer service, marketing, purchasing, manufacturing, stocking and shipping product is preformed by Clickstop. In 2015, Clickstop has been named one of the Creative Corridor's Fastest Growing Companies and Coolest Places to Work. Clickstop also landed 2nd on the Des Moines Register's list of Top Workplaces in Iowa in 2014 and 4th in 2013.

11:45am-12:15pm– Travel Van Horne

12:15pm-1:45pm – Lunch/Discussions (Speak for about a half hour – leave time for Q&A)

County and community elected officials, business representatives and community members are invited to attend the luncheon with Dir. Durham. Attendees have been asked to register and attach any questions they may current have to the registration. Those questions will be sent.

2:15pm-2:45pm – Tour Wallace Farms

Wallace farms produces grass raised beef and free range chickens sold on internet and in Chicago. Wallace Farms provided specialty “Nicks Sticks” to the Seattle Seahawks as protein source and now to the Iowa Hawkeyes football team. Nick has really taken his entrepreneurial spirit and focused it on creating a healthy product sold worldwide.

2:45pm – Adjourn

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