



MARION COUNTY DEVELOPMENT

# CONNECT

A Quarterly Countywide Economic Development Meeting

You are invited to connect with stakeholders involved in economic development within Marion County at CONNECT. This is a quarterly meeting focusing on resources, planning, and initiatives to grow the area. This quarter, our meeting will focus on state legislative issues and programs. We plan for this to be an interactive discussion so bring questions on the issues facing your business or community. We will plan to gear discussion around infrastructure, economic growth, taxation and commerce. *This is an in-person only meeting.*

**Friday, Sept. 15, 2023**

**9:00-10:30 a.m. CST**

**Vermeer Global Pavilion**

**2110 Vermeer Road, Pella**

## AGENDA

Focus: State Legislative Issues & Programs

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Business Perspectives on Legislative & Policy Issues
3. Legislator Perspectives:
  - a. **Infrastructure:** Broadband, Highways, Rail, Water, Air Transportation, Bridges, Energy
  - b. **Economic Growth:** Housing, Child Care, Talent Attraction/Upskilling, Ownership Transfer, Downtowns, Startups, Tourism, Recreation
  - c. **Commerce:** International, Regulatory, Supply Chain, Automation/Robotics, Workforce Development Services
  - d. **Taxation:** Property Tax, Income Tax, Sales Tax, Fees, Tax Credits, Other Special Taxes
4. Empower Rural Iowa Update-Lt. Governor Gregg
5. Marion County Development Update
6. Adjourn

**Optional Tour:** Vermeer is offering a tour of the new Parts Distribution Center after the meeting. The tour will take 45 minutes.

If you are interested in participating in the tour, please RSVP to [ceysink@marioncountyiowa.gov](mailto:ceysink@marioncountyiowa.gov) by Sept. 13.

Vermeer requests individuals interested in taking the tour wear pants and closed toed shoes.

*Next Meeting: Friday, December 15 from 9-10:30 AM*

