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Regional Image Study
A field survey of all of the communities and other significant facilities (e.g., state and county parks) has been completed. This includes generalized land use maps and a photographic record of each town.

Public Finance Trends
Public finance data for all counties, cities, and school districts have been compiled and analyzed, including especially information about cash reserves available.

Import Substitution
An inventory of industries and services within the region has been compiled. This provides data for an input-output model used to identify goods and services now purchased outside the nine county region which could be made available within the region. Insights gathered here will help guide business recruitment/enhancement efforts.

White Papers and Memoranda
A series of white papers and staff memoranda on topical items have been prepared to capture initial concepts, to focus discussion, and to set the stage for subsequent project planning and implementation phases.

SUMMARY

Iowa State University, with funding from the Northwest Area Foundation, is in the first year of a three-year project designed to focus the expertise and resources of a major land grant university on the community and economic development needs of a nine county rural region in southern Iowa. The region shares many characteristics with other primarily rural areas, and it is anticipated that results obtained from this project will be useful to guide similar efforts elsewhere. The three primary goals of the three-year project are to create a regional planning and development strategy for the region, to develop a model of the regional planning and development process, and to suggest specific implementation steps for private actors and public agencies at the local, regional, and state levels.

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