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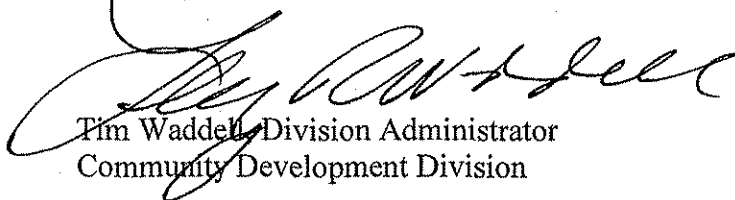
Dear Recipient:

Congratulations on receiving a 2010 Community Development Block Grant award! We are looking forward to working with you on your project as we fulfill the Iowa Department of Economic Development's mission "to improve the economic well-being of the State of Iowa by working with businesses and communities to strengthen their foundations for growth in the New Economy." The Community Development Division supports that mission by working with local governments, community organizations, businesses, and others to build the organizational, entrepreneurial and physical capacity needed for community and economic improvement. As a CDBG recipient, you are an integral part of that mission.

Whether you are new to the program or a CDBG veteran, this Management Guide will provide important information as you administer your project. Please review it carefully and refer to it often.

While this guide is meant to assist you and answer your questions, please do not hesitate to call your project manager or other staff members if you have further questions. We will do all we can to make your project a successful one.

Sincerely,



Tim Waddell, Division Administrator
Community Development Division