

2026



STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

AMES REGIONAL ECONOMIC ALLIANCE MISSION

The Ames Regional Economic Alliance works to promote quality community development across Boone, Greene, Hamilton, and Story counties in Central Iowa. We are an alliance of people and businesses partnering resources for economic growth to make this region one of excellence, innovation, and a leading area for success in Iowa and the nation.

PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY GOAL

To promote unity and strong involvement across the Alliance region including both our private and public sector partners through informed and active participation as public policy advocates for our local government, businesses, and industry partners.

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To this end, for the 2026 Legislative Session, the Ames Regional Economic Alliance encourages the Governor and Legislature to focus on the following four policy areas of investment:

- Responsible & Sustainable Tax Reforms
- Education & Workforce Talent Development
- Economic Development
- Regional Infrastructure Projects

As various policy proposals are developed and debated, the shared goal should always promote growing Iowa's economy in an inclusive and beneficial way with specific support for these policy areas:

PROPERTY TAX REFORM

We support quality and fair property tax reform that protects taxpayers while providing communities the opportunity of investing in critical economic development partnerships and local government services.

WORKFORCE AND WORKPLACE

We support efforts to make Iowa a welcoming environment that is inclusive of a broad diversity of people that attracts and retains a dynamic workforce and promotes population growth.

EDUCATION

We support investment into quality education that leads to a more skilled workforce and consistent collaboration between education institutions and private business partners. This equal partnership will create the next generation of innovation in all sectors of the economy.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

We support quality community development support and placemaking that are a critical component of 21st Century economic development. Such investments in housing, parks, trails, childcare access and other such amenities are also proven to attract new population growth.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT

We support continued investment into Rural Iowa economic development tools. Regional partnerships are expanding beyond traditional city and county borders and require such investment and more intergovernmental cooperation.

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

We support continued state broadband investment and focus on Iowa's water quality, transportation infrastructure needs at the state and local community levels.

To advance these priorities, the Ames Regional Economic Alliance will continue to collaborate with Iowa State University, the City of Ames, Boone County, Greene County, Hamilton County, Story County, our community school districts, Des Moines Area Community College, Iowa Central Community College, and our numerous local chamber and economic development partners throughout the state.



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2026 BUSINESS ADVOCACY CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

State Legislative Kick Off Breakfast

FEBRUARY

Alliance/Connect + Converse Legislative Reception in Des Moines

MARCH

State Legislative Update with CWL Group

APRIL

U.S. Chamber Foundation/Alliance Student Civic Bee Program

APRIL

Alliance Washington D.C. Fly-In

April 21-23, 2026

MAY

2026 State Legislative Session Review Event

FALL

State Legislative Candidate Forums

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