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Southern Iowa Council of Governments (SICOG) is pleased to announce the hiring of an Executive Director. After careful consideration and several interviews, SICOG has hired Beth Waddle as the new Executive Director. She will begin her duties on Monday, May 16.

Beth has over 20 years' experience in economic development. The last 19 years she has been the executive director of the Adams Community Economic Development Corporation. In that position she has written and administered grant funds, managed a revolving loan fund, created budgets, written contracts, and has worked closely with regional and state partners, sitting on various regional boards and committees. "We had several great candidates," said Dan Christensen, Chairperson of the Search Committee. "Beth by far had the most experience similar to SICOG's program of work and a proven track record in business administration as well as a clear vision for SICOG's future."

"The Board is confident that SICOG is moving in the right direction," said Jerry Walker, Chairperson of the SICOG Executive Board of Directors. "The search committee brought the board its recommendation after interviewing all candidates. The Board then had the opportunity to interview their selection. The vote was unanimous to hire Ms. Waddle."

There are still two openings at SICOG: one as a planner and one as a planning tech. One of Ms. Waddle's first major acts will be to interview and hire for these two positions. Then the SICOG staff will be back to full capacity. If you know of someone who would be an asset in these positions, please have them check out the job descriptions at sicog.com.

Walker continued, "know that SICOG is here to serve our region. We continue to work for each of our communities and counties. Please call the office at 641-782-8491 and let the staff know what projects your community is working on.