



NOTICE OF INTENT TO DE-DESIGNATE EXISTING AND DESIGNATE NEW AREA AGENCIES ON AGING

In accordance with the federal Older Americans Act, 42 U.S.C. 3025, 45 CFR 1321.35, and 17 IAC 4, the Iowa Department on Aging is required to designate an Area Agency on Aging for each designated planning and service area within the State of Iowa. With this notice, the Department on Aging is beginning the process for de-designation of existing Area Agencies on Aging as well as the process to designate new Area Agencies on Aging through a Request for Application (RFA) process. The de-designations will be effective June 30, 2012 and the designations will be effective July 1, 2012.

The Department on Aging is de-designating the existing thirteen Area Agencies on Aging and recommends designating five Area Agencies on Aging in order to implement a reduction in the number of Area Agencies on Aging as mandated by state law, 2011 Iowa Acts, HF 45, Section 20.

Procedures for Area Agency on Aging De-Designation:

The Department on Aging will submit to the Commission on Aging a plan to de-designate the existing thirteen Area Agencies on Aging after providing notice and an opportunity to be heard through a public hearing and a process to receive written comments.

Procedures for Area Agency on Aging Designation:

To apply for designation as an Area Agency on Aging for one of the five planning and service areas listed on the Notice of Intent to designate planning and service area boundaries or change existing planning and service area boundaries, an interested entity must submit a RFA and an Area Plan on Aging. The application process for release of the RFA will be announced through the Department on Aging's website at www.aging.iowa.gov.

Qualifications to Serve as an Area Agency on Aging:

Any entity applying for designation as an Area Agency on Aging must have the capacity to perform all functions of an Area Agency on Aging as outlined in the federal Older Americans Act and Iowa Code chapter 231. An Area Agency on Aging shall be any one of the following:

1. An established office of aging operating within a planning and service area;

- 2. Any office or agency of a unit of general purpose local government, which is designated to function only for the purpose of serving as an Area Agency on Aging by the chief elected official of such unit;**
- 3. Any office or agency designated by the appropriate chief elected officials of any combination of units of general purpose local government to act only on behalf of such combination for such purpose;**
- 4. Any public or nonprofit private agency in a planning and service area, or any separate organizational unit within such agency, which for designation purposes is under the supervision or direction of the Department and which can and will engage only in the planning or provision of a broad range of supportive services, or nutrition services within such planning and service area; or**
- 5. Any other entity authorized by the most current federal Older Americans Act.**

Written comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on January 4, 2012 by emailing contactida@iowa.gov or mailing to 510 East 12th Street, Ste 2, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.