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**America's SBDC Iowa's Amy Dutton Becomes Economic Development Finance Professional
*Regional Director of University of Northern Iowa Center Becomes EDFP***

AMES, Iowa - America's SBDC Iowa (SBDC) is pleased to announce that Amy Dutton, regional director of the University of Northern Iowa SBDC, Cedar Falls, has achieved certification as an Economic Development Financial Professional (EDFP) from the National Development Council (NDC).

EDFP Certification is a professional credential given to individuals who successfully complete NDC's intensive economic development finance training series. The training provides individuals working in the field of economic development with instruction in business credit analysis, real estate financing, loan packaging, deal structuring and negotiating and the creation and implementation of development programs.

Dutton has been counseling businesses in Black Hawk, Bremer, Buchanan, Butler, Chickasaw, Fayette, Grundy, Howard and Tama counties since 2016. She advised more than 260 clients last year. Dutton has also achieved designation as a Certified Business Advisor (CBA).

Lisa Shimkat, State Director, America's SBDC Iowa, says, "I am very impressed by Amy's continuous desire to increase her knowledge base. She is a valuable member of our statewide team and is dedicated to giving her SBDC clients sound business advice. This designation will provide additional knowledge that she can pass along to benefit those she advises."

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