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**America’s SBDC Iowa’s Michael Wampler Becomes Certified Exit Planning Advisor**

***Regional Director at Northwest Iowa SBDC becomes CEPA***

AMES, Iowa - America’s SBDC Iowa (SBDC) is pleased to announce that Michael Wampler, Regional Director of the Northwest Iowa SBDC, Spencer, has achieved certification in the Certified Exit Planning Advisor (CEPA) program.

The Certified Exit Planning Advisor (CEPA) Program is an executive MBA-style program that trains and certifies qualified professional advisors in the field of exit planning. The CEPA Program integrates exit strategy into business, personal, and financial goals of the business owner. The program focuses on enterprise value as well as a common language for all parties from all specialties navigating the exit planning conversation.

Wampler has been counseling businesses in Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Kossuth, Lyon, O’Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto and Sioux counties since July 2017.

Lisa Shimkat, SBDC State Director, says, “Michael is a valuable member of our statewide team, as can be seen by the impact created at his center. He is dedicated to giving his SBDC clients sound business advice and connecting them with resources they need to succeed. I am proud of his hard work and dedication to achieving this certification.”

More information about the Certified Exit Planning Advisor Program can be found at <https://exit-planning-institute.org/program/certified-exit-planning-advisor/>.

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Funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration, America’s SBDC Iowa has 15 regional assistance centers located strategically across the state. Since program inception in 1981, the SBDC has helped Iowa businesses and entrepreneurs through no fee, confidential, customized, professional business counseling and practical, affordable training workshops.

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