

TOP 20

BEST PLACE TO START A SMALL BUSINESS IN A HIGH-GROWTH SECTOR

— The Credit Review. 2024

TOP 25 UP-AND-COMING TECH MARKET

— CBRE, 2024

IDEAL LIVING ENVIRONMENT



A 21-minute average commute.
— U.S. Census Bureau



The cost of living is typically 13-15% below the national average.

— The Council for Community and Economic Research

RECENT EXPANSIONS

OPENLOOP

OpenLoop is a telehealth solutions provider focused on connecting clinicians who offer telehealth services to providers who want to increase their offerings.

JOHN DEERE INTELLIGENT SOLUTIONS GROUP

Intelligent Solutions Group (ISG) creates software for precision agriculture and is the company's premier IT development department.

COVIANCE

Coviance is a fintech company that is making the home equity lending process simpler, faster and more scalable through its cloud-based platform.

LANDUS

INNOVATION CONNECTOR

Landus is a farmer-owned cooperative with a multi-year agreement with Google to seek ground-breaking solutions for a more sustainable and profitable farming ecosystem.

POWERPOLLEN

PowerPollen has engineered new technologies that improve seed production and increase agricultural productivity by enabling more effective cross-pollination.



The State recently passed legislation to lower the corporate income tax to 5.5% and personal income tax to 3.9% by 2026.



lowa offers a partially refundable research and development tax credit of 6.5% for qualifying research expenditures.



The cost of doing business is 14% lower than the national average.

— Moody's Analytics



lowa offers several innovation funding and tax credit programs that are especially helpful for technology companies.

KEY TECHNOLOGY CLUSTERS

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Animal and Plant Genetics
- Data Centers
- Digital Media and Marketing
- FinTech
- InsurTech
- Digital and Precision Ag Tech
- Process Control Systems



DSM ACCELERATORS



Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses allows small business owners to learn, grow, and connect with business peers and mentors. Over 300 lowa business owner alumni are in this network.



The **Startup Collaborator** was created by John Deere to enhance precision technology in its agriculture and construction equipment through collaboration with startups.



The **Global Insurance Accelerator** is a mentor-driven accelerator designed to foster innovation in the insurance industry.



BrokerTech Ventures is an innovation hub for startups backed by nine super-regional, privately held brokerage firms.



The Greater Des Moines Partnership's **Scale DSM Business Accelerator** helps businesses gain access to knowledge, management know-how and networks.



The **Cultivo Global Ag Innovation Program** is a unique opportunity hosted by America's Cultivation Corridor for global scaleup companies preparing to enter the U.S. ag, food or bioscience market.



Master the startup process with the premier statewide **Venture School**, an innovative training program focused on real-world experimentation, customer discovery and Lean LaunchPad methodologies.

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QUALIFIED WORKFORCE



Ask us about using state employee withholding tax dollars for training including on-the-job training expenses administered by the lowa Community College system.



2.1% average annual growth in high-tech industries over the past 10 years.

— JobsEQ



38.8% of the population age 25 – 64 hold a bachelor's degree or higher.

— JobsEQ

39,634

workers in high-tech industries.

— JobsEQ

