

# AFFILIATE CHAMBER BENEFITS









## WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER

Your Chamber's Membership as an Affiliate Chamber of Commerce with the Greater Des Moines Partnership bolsters a unique dual-membership model and provides affordable benefits to your Members, your Chamber organization and team.

- Help businesses grow and be successful in the community
- Small business consultations, support and programming to scale-up
- Talent/workforce attraction, retention, upskilling support and strategies
- Event participation, including options for virtual engagement
- Professional development and training opportunities for employees
- Best practice sharing and access to resources
- Advocacy and public policy support
- Marketing and storytelling to prospective businesses and talent, including prospective Chamber Members



## BENEFITS FOR YOUR MEMBERS

For \$18 per year per member, each of your Chamber Members can access:







## **Award-Winning Small Business Programming**

## **Spark DSM Business Incubator**

This incubator program is free to your Chamber Members and provides early-stage businesses with opportunities to vend at the Downtown Farmers' Market, #2 in the Top 10 Farmers' Markets in the U.S. by *Shape Magazine*, which hosts over 30,000 people each week. Also, opportunities to sell at the World Food & Music Festival and Winter Market and participate in a newly designed business curriculum.

#### Scale DSM Business Accelerator

This six-month program is free to your Chamber Members to help them scale up their business. It provides businesses with access to knowledge, management know-how and networks needed to increase revenue, create jobs and positively impact the community.

#### Top 5 for Small Business Webinar Series

This free webinar series provides business leaders with actionable insights to implement in their business operations.

#### 1:1 Business Consultations

Affiliate Members have access to 1:1 consultation services with Partnership team members.

## **Increased Visibility**

- Listing on the Regional Business Directory and membership on The Partnership's website
  provide a searchable platform to help potential customers find businesses online, increasing
  visibility in front of the local audiences we target.
- Access to post job openings on the online DSM USA Career Center promoted nationally.
- Marketing and storytelling through The Partnership's blogs, newsletters, websites and social media channels. This includes items such as:
  - Ghost writing of blogs for business owners who are too busy to write their own blog post.
  - Photos of Member Businesses and Chamber communities are featured in national marketing campaigns, storytelling and national media pitches.
- Speaking opportunities during Partnership events and discounts to Partnership events.



## BENEFITS FOR YOUR MEMBERS Continued

#### **Local and National Promotion**

- Included in a national marketing campaign, Do Something Greater, to attract talent to the Greater Des Moines (DSM) region.
- Participation in DSM RFI Ready economic development site readiness program.
- Inclusion in the DSM Local marketing campaign to support shopping and supporting local during summer, fall and the holiday season. The 2024 campaign had 2 million ad impressions.
- Features on The Partnership's Blog, which has over 172,300 annual views on average.
- Promotion through Partnership videos and digital ads.
- Affiliate Chamber events are shared on The Partnership's social media channels, newsletters and regional calendar.
- Affiliate Chamber stories are shared in The Partnership's One Partnership column in the *Business Record*.



- The Partnership subscribes to Placer Al for location intelligence and foot traffic insights, which are helpful data points for determining the success of events and audience market information. Reports are available to Affiliates upon request.
- Workforce and laborshed information.
- · Resource bank and benchmarking resources.
- The Partnership is a member of national and state chamber and economic development
  associations and has access to resources and data which can be shared upon request. This
  saves Affiliate Chambers time and money from making the investment on their own.





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Adel Partners Chamber of Commerce
Altoona Area Chamber of Commerce
Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce
Bondurant Chamber of Commerce
Carlisle Area Chamber of Commerce
Clive Chamber of Commerce
Des Moines Downtown Chamber of Commerce
DSM West Side Chamber of Commerce

Greater Newton Area Chamber of Commerce
Grimes Chamber & Economic Development
Grinnell Area Chamber of Commerce
Indianola Chamber of Commerce
Johnston Chamber of Commerce
Knoxville Chamber of Commerce
Madison County Chamber of Commerce

Norwalk Area Chamber of Commerce
Pella Area Community & Economic Alliance
Perry Chamber of Commerce
Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce
Go Polk City
Urbandale Chamber of Commerce
Waukee Area Chamber of Commerce
West Des Moines Chamber of Commerce



#### BENEFITS FOR YOUR MEMBERS Continued



## **Connection to Regional Leaders**

The Partnership is committed to providing professional development and networking opportunities for the Executive Director and Chamber Board President to learn about best practices from experts and meet peers in the region. Affiliate Chambers and Members are convened for:

- Affiliate Presidents' Council Monthly Meetings
- Quarterly Director Meetings
- Annual Chamber Board Retreat

Partnership staff reach out to your new members to welcome them, thank them for joining your chamber, and find out what their top priorities are so we can share with them customized information about the resources available to them through their dual-membership.

## **Public Policy Support**

The Partnership's Public Policy team engages with state and federal officials to create public policy that generates economic growth, business prosperity and talent development. Through these advocacy efforts your Chamber receives:

- Connections to lowa's Congressional delegation and staff, State Legislator and lowa's Executive Branch.
- Support and advocacy on issues important to your Chamber and Members, including economic development, small business, quality of life, workforce housing, workforce, education and childcare.
- Invitation to participate in the Government Policy Council (GPC), which is made up of Partnership Investor and Affiliate Chamber Member organizations, which shapes The Partnership's state and federal public policy agendas.

## **ABOUT THE GREATER DES MOINES PARTNERSHIP**

The Greater Des Moines Partnership is the economic and community development organization serving Greater Des Moines (DSM), united to drive economic growth with one voice, one mission and as one region.

Together, with more than 400 Investors, 12 Counties and an Affiliate Chamber of Commerce network of more than 6,700 Regional Business Members, The Partnership is the third largest regional chamber of commerce in the nation. Through innovation, strategic planning and collaboration, The Partnership drives economic growth and talent development to enhance quality of life in DSM by creating opportunities, supporting job growth, and promoting the region as the best place to build a business, career and future.

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