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UPDATE ON HIGHER EDUCATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Dr. Ray Thompson, Vice-President of Higher Education Services, with MGT of America, Inc. will provide an oral update on the Higher Education Needs Assessment for the Des Moines Metro Area which has been conducted on behalf of the Board of Regents.

The Board of Regents has contracted with MGT of America, Inc. to conduct comprehensive assessment study of the need for new or expanded access to baccalaureate, graduate, and certificate programs across the Des Moines metro market. Resulting higher education opportunities to meet identified needs/demand could come in the form of online, hybrid and in-classroom opportunities that reduce the barriers and obstacles faced by area citizens, whether they be time-bound, place-bound, or financially constrained to choose private alternatives or travel to existing public university campuses. The assessment study will help to refine and focus efforts and resources that will be most appropriate to meet local needs. The study will provide an analysis of potential locations (not specific sites) for a Regents Resource Center (RRC) that would most fully respond to critical unmet needs.