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# NEWS RELEASE

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## Dubuque Named a 2009 ‘Crown Community’

DUBUQUE, Iowa – *American City & County*<sup>®</sup> magazine today announced that Dubuque is one of 11 cities selected as 2009 “America’s Crown Communities.”

*American City & County* presents the awards annually in recognition of outstanding leadership in local government. This year’s award winners are: Alexandria, Va.; Casselberry, Fla.; Chandler and Gilbert, Ariz.; Decatur, Ala.; Dubuque, Iowa; Hillsborough County, Fla.; Mounds View, Minn.; Polk County, Fla.; Richmond and York County, Va.; South San Francisco, Calif.; and West Palm Beach, Fla. A profile of each community’s winning project is featured in the December issue of the magazine and is available online at <http://digital-edition.americancityandcounty.com>.

Recipients of the annual awards are selected by the editors of *American City & County* based on nominations submitted by the magazine’s audience, city and county leaders, and associations. Any local government initiative substantially completed within the last year can qualify for the awards, including those that repair infrastructure, introduce new technology, improve quality of life for residents, or beautify public places. Entries are judged on uniqueness, short- and long-term value to the community, and effective/innovative financing.

Dubuque’s nomination featured the partnerships and collaboration among the City of Dubuque, State of Iowa, Iowa Department of Economic Development, Iowa Workforce Development, Dubuque Initiatives, Greater Dubuque Development Corporation, area colleges and universities, and local financial institutions that resulted in IBM’s decision to locate a new global technology service delivery center that will employ 1,300 in downtown Dubuque.

“Dubuque's selection underscores our community's ability to partner and achieve great things of value for the City's long term success, and is one of the things that makes Dubuque unique,” said Dubuque Mayor Roy D. Buol. “We are proud to be a ‘Crown Community’ and to share this honor with the many individuals and organizations that were so important to the success of the IBM project.”

“Despite the downturn in the economy, local government leaders produced a record number of winning Crown Communities’ projects,” said Bill Wolpin, editorial director and associate publisher of *American City & County*. “The judges had a tough time selecting because there were so many outstanding entries to choose from.”

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