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U.S. Commerce Department Awards \$1.5 Million to Dubuque Parking Ramp Project

DUBUQUE, Iowa – U.S. Commerce Secretary Gary Locke today announced a \$1.5 million Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant has been awarded to the City of Dubuque to assist in the construction of a 477-space parking ramp at 10th Street and Central Avenue in downtown Dubuque.

“This grant will fund a critical economic development project with sustainability components including charging stations for hybrid vehicles, indoor bicycle storage area, and public restrooms,” said Dubuque Mayor Roy D. Buol. “We’re grateful to the U.S Commerce Department and Senators Harkin and Grassley and Congressman Braley for their support.”

The 10th and Central Parking Ramp will be a seven-level parking facility clad with a combination of thin brick-faced architectural precast concrete and solid color precast panels to emulate a buff limestone façade. Vehicle entrances and exits will be on Iowa Street on the southwest corner and onto Central Avenue on the east side of the site.

The \$9.8 million project is underway and scheduled for completion in March 2011. The ramp is being built to support and encourage economic development in Dubuque’s downtown. With the potential development of the nearby Historic Millwork District, this ramp will also serve as a stimulus for development in the district.

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