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U.S. Commerce Assistant Secretary to Present National Award to Dubuque

DUBUQUE, Iowa – U.S. Commerce Assistant Secretary John Fernandez will be in Dubuque Monday, May 10, to present the highest national award for economic excellence to Dubuque Mayor Roy D. Buol. The presentation will be held in the lobby of the Historic Roshek Building at 4:30 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

The City of Dubuque will be awarded the 2009 Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Excellence in Economic Development in Historic Preservation-led Strategies for the redevelopment of the Historic Roshek Building. The award recognizes for efforts in revitalizing the Historic Roshek Building as the new home for IBM's Global Information Technology Service Delivery Center. The project will create 1,300 new jobs in the community and bring the Roshek Building, once the largest department store west of the Mississippi, back to its original grandeur. The lobby will be home to several businesses: Café Manna Java, Beijing Grill, Rocky Mountain Candy, and Premier Bank. Several spaces are still available for lease.

The redevelopment of the Roshek Building was identified in the EDA award as part of Dubuque's larger commitment to research-based, market driven economic development strategies, which is often paired with the community's dedication to preservation of its historic structures. "Dubuque was successful in recruiting IBM to our community in part because they saw the redevelopment of this building as one of the truest forms of sustainability, a mission we share with them," remarked Mayor Roy Buol.

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