## $\equiv$ President Joe Biden $\equiv$

## INVESTING IN AMERICA

President Biden's Investing in America Agenda is Delivering in

## **IOWA**

Under the Biden-Harris Administration, Iowa has added over **78,000 new jobs** and unleashed nearly **\$5.1 billion** in private sector investment in the state. The state has seen a significant decrease in unemployment, and millions of people in Iowa stand to benefit from the President's actions to lower health care, energy, and education costs.

As of December 2024



**111 thousand** individuals in Iowa signed up for health insurance through the Affordable Care Act Marketplaces during the Open Enrollment Period for 2024.



**\$1.2 billion** in student debt cancellation has been approved for **27,730** people in Iowa under the Biden-Harris Administration.



**675 thousand** seniors and other Medicare beneficiaries will save money on prescription drug costs.



**\$5.1 billion** in private sector manufacturing and clean energy investments under the Biden-Harris Administration.



**3.1%** unemployment rate with **78 thousand** new jobs created under the Biden Administration.



**\$6.1 billion** in public investments in clean energy, infrastructure, and manufacturing under the Biden-Harris Administration.



**123 thousand** applications to start new businesses under the Biden Administration.

The Biden-Harris Administration's Investing in America agenda has unleashed \$5.1 billion in private sector manufacturing and clean energy investments, including:

- ★ Alliant Energy plans to invest \$750 million into its solar power and battery storage capacity in eastern lowa, the state's largest solar and battery storage project to date.
- ★ MidAmerican Energy, a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Energy, plans to construct a \$3.9 billion renewable energy project in Iowa. The project will create an estimated 1,100 full-time jobs during construction and 125 full-time positions once completed.

The Biden-Harris Administration has made historic investments to improve Iowa's infrastructure and build a clean energy economy, including:

- ★ <u>La Port Road Capital Improvements</u>: The **City of Waterloo** has been awarded **\$20.5** million to revitalize La Port Road by investing in complete streets improvements along 2.7 miles of La Port Road, including adding sidewalks, bicycle trails, lighting, transit benches, and platforms, as well as a bus shelter to the corridor.
- **★** Eastern Iowa Airport Modernization: The Eastern Iowa Airport in Cedar Rapids has been awarded \$20.4 million from the Federal Aviation Administration to modernize and expand the airport's passenger terminal by adding more gates and increasing accessibility for passengers with special needs.
- ★ Lewis & Clark Rural Water System: The Lewis & Clark Rural Water System is now complete thanks to an investment of \$142 million from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which accelerated construction by a decade. This project built over 300 miles of water pipeline to deliver reliable clean drinking water from the Missouri River to 350,000 people across rural lowa, Minnesota, and South Dakota who lacked access.
- ★ <u>Upper Mississippi River System Lock Projects</u>: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is investing **\$829 million** in the Upper Mississippi River System, which forms the Missouri, Illinois, and Iowa border, to strengthen supply chains and make it easier to move critical goods like grain. The project will build a new 1,200-foot lock and modernize existing locks and dams.
- ★ MidAmerican Middle Mile Project: The Department of Commerce awarded \$37 million to MidAmerican Energy to build 755 miles of new "middle mile" fiber. Middle mile networks are like the interstate highways of our nation's internet networks, carrying large amounts of data over long distances. MidAmerican Energy will also leverage its existing middle mile network--more than 1,300 miles--to expand access to high-speed internet all across lowa.

- ★ Clay County Rebuilding Bridges: The Department of Transportation awarded Clay County with over \$24 million to replace several bridges in poor condition across nine rural lowa counties. The bridge replacements will bring mobility, community connectivity, and economic opportunity to farm-to-market roadway networks. The bridge replacements will also ensure continued connectivity for residents who otherwise would have an increased travel burden to reach daily destinations.
- ★ Streamline Rail Operations and Improve Yard Safety in Cedar Rapids Project: The Department of Transportation has awarded nearly \$5.9 million to the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City Railway Co. for rail infrastructure and safety improvements in Iowa. The proposed project will conduct final design and construction activities for various improvements (e.g., new tracks, station building, and equipment) to expand the CRANDIC Smith-Dows Rail Yard.
- ★ Red Lion Creston Schools Solar: Red Lion Creston Schools Solar will receive \$1 million in funding from the Department of Agriculture Rural Energy for America Program to install solar arrays totaling 1,771 kilowatts in Creston, Union County. This project will generate 2,346,020 kilowatt-hours per year, amounting to over \$150,000 per year. This is enough electricity to power 216 homes.