



MEMBERSHIP WELCOME PACKET

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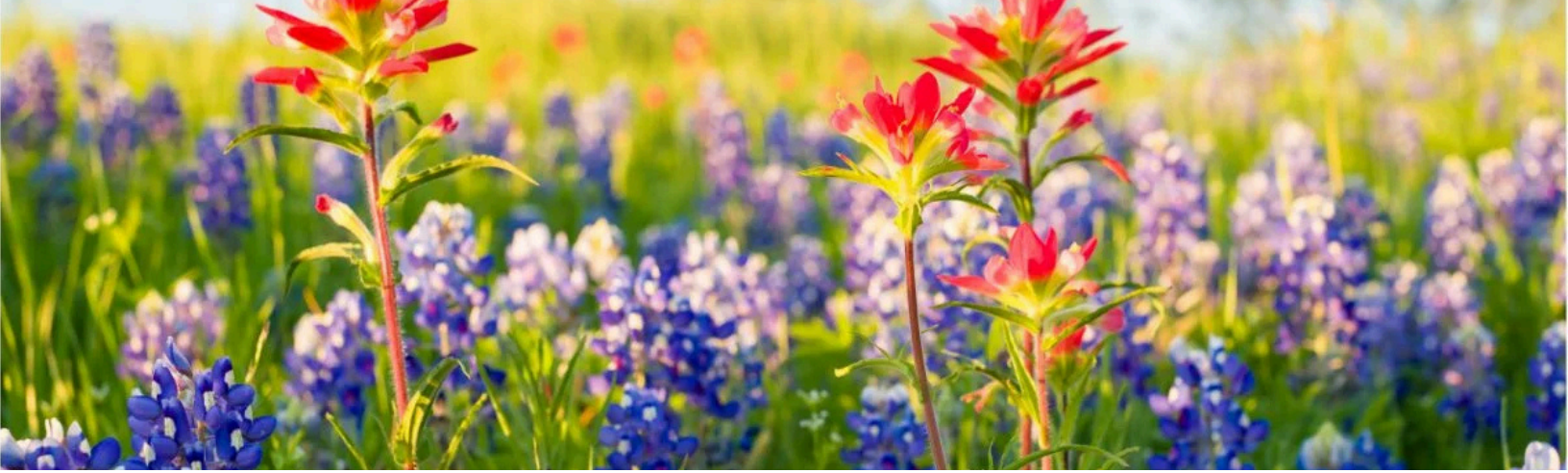
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Thank you for being a member of SIMPCO. Your support and investment in the Siouxland region are highly valued by us. It's through the backing of our members that we can promote growth and positive change in the community. Your support allows us to continue developing crucial community initiatives that drive economic growth, improve transportation, sustain our current housing stock, replace aging infrastructure and enhance the quality of life.

WELCOME



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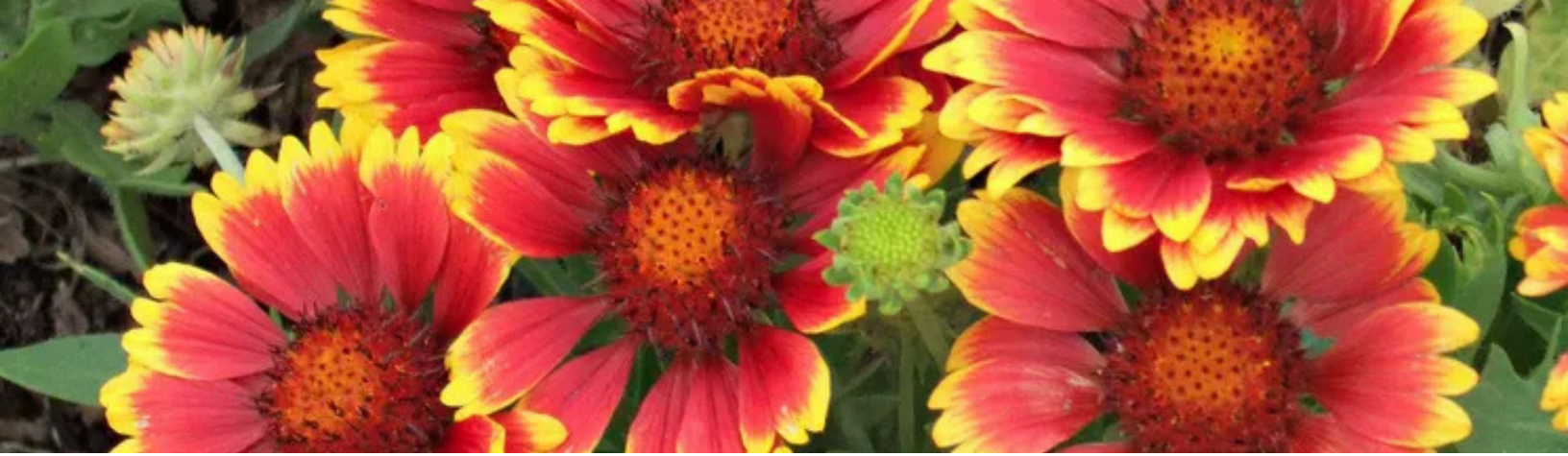
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FUNDING SOURCES

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Membership Dues

Communities that become part of SIMPCO pay membership dues calculated on a per capita basis. These fees are utilized to leverage funds for federal and state initiatives like economic development and transportation. They support research, data collection, information dissemination, discussions, collaboration, events, and trainings.

02

Administration Fees

SIMPCO administers a number of federal and state programs on behalf of member communities and agencies. These programs help member communities develop plans and implement strategies that will most effectively meet their needs.

03

Grant Writing Services

SIMPCO's staff provides assistance with grant applications for a variety of federal, state and foundation-funded programs that benefit communities and enhance the quality of life of their citizens. Fees for some grants may be negotiated.

04

Direct Planning Services

SIMPCO's staff offers direct planning services to member communities, such as grant-writing, project administration, special project development, and coordination. They can provide on-site assistance within the community. Cities and Counties have the option to request a professional staff member for a specific number of hours or days per week at an agreed-upon fee.



SERVICES

Community Development (CD) offers a variety of project development and technical assistance:

- Comprehensive & Strategic Planning
- Grant Writing & Administration
- Housing Needs Assessments
- Special Project Coordination
- Natural Resources Planning
- Hazard Mitigation & Control
- Water Issues Research
- Land Use & Zoning Regulations
- Codification Services
- Accessibility Assessment & Training
- Budgeting Assistance

SERVICE AREA

IOWA

- Woodbury
- Plymouth
- Cherokee
- Ida
- Monona

NEBRASKA

- Dakota County

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Union County

Transportation Planning Division involves the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) & the Regional Planning Affiliation (RPA):

- Long-Range Transportation Plans
- Transportation Improvement Programs
- Travel Demand Forecasting
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Intelligent Transportation Systems
- Active Transportation Planning
- Transit Planning



SIouxLAND REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM (SRTS)

The Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS) provides public transportation for individuals of all ages, including those who may require specialized services. SRTS offers convenient door-to-door service on clean, comfortable, ADA-accessible vehicles, with seat belts and car seats available.

Services are available for medical appointments, shopping, school, work, and more. Recurring or critical medical trips—such as dialysis or physical therapy—can be accommodated. Contract transportation is also available for businesses needing reliable employee transportation. SRTS operates modern, well-maintained vehicles with trained drivers and mobility lifts. Demand-response service is available with a 24-hour advance reservation.

Service is provided across Cherokee, Ida, Monona, Plymouth, and Woodbury counties in Iowa; Dakota County in Nebraska; and southern Union County in South Dakota.

To schedule a ride:

Local: (712) 279-6919 or Toll Free: (800) 881-2076

TDD/TTY: RELAY Iowa at (800) 735-2942

Scheduling hours: Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.





DIVISIONS

Community Development

The Community Development (CD) Division of SIMPCO provides a variety of services for member communities including planning services, grant writing and administrative services, research and informational service and other forms of technical assistance. SIMPCO accomplishes this through partnerships with local governments that foster intelligent growth and provide for the current and future needs of the region.

Economic Development

The Economic Development (ED) Division of SIMPCO provides a variety of services for member communities including assisting local downtown improvement groups with efforts to revitalize the main street and central business districts, providing technical assistance to local communities and counties with needs assessments and resource identification for economic development planning, collaborating with multiple economic developments and business groups, and providing information to promote sustainable economic development efforts throughout the region.

GIS Mapping

SIMPCO offers a wide range of GIS mapping services to our members. Whether you request a static map, interactive map, or both, we can customize these maps to showcase zoning and land use, transportation routes, demographic and economic data, GPS-collected data such as city utilities, and much more. Our GIS staff at SIMPCO are also equipped to coordinate collaborative, regional projects with partners to address our member's needs.

Transportation Planning

The Transportation Division of SIMPCO houses the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Siouxland Regional Planning Association (SRTPA) for the Siouxland region. The SRTPA provides transportation planning services for Cherokee, Ida, Monona, Plymouth and Woodbury counties in Iowa. The MPO conducts transportation planning activities within the Sioux City metro area which includes Sioux City, Sergeant Bluff, a portion of Woodbury and Plymouth counties in Iowa; South Sioux City, Dakota City and a portion of Dakota County in Nebraska; North Sioux City, Dakota Dunes and a portion of Union County, South Dakota.

The planning activities conducted by the SRTPA and the MPO are funded through FHWA and FTA sources, as well as local financial support. The SRTPA and the MPO are responsible for the following work items:

- **Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP)** - outlines the annual transportation planning activities the SRTPA/MPO will undertake during the fiscal year
- **Public Participation Plan (PPP)** - outlines the process the SRTPA/MPO will follow to adequately involve the public in transportation planning activities
- **Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)** - provides direction and guidance for the SRTPA/MPO to make efficient transportation and provides needs-based justification for passenger transportation projects
- **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** - identifies the capital and non-capital transportation projects proposed for federal and state aid funding or action for the SRTPA/MPO over the next four-year period
- **Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP)** - designed to promote joint, coordinated passenger transportation planning programs that further the development of the local and regional public transportation systems for SIMPCO's MPO and SRTPA

The SRTPA and MPO work closely with the Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration, and local city/county staff on work products.

Housing

The mission of SIMPCO's housing division is to further the preservation and new construction of affordable housing to grow affordable housing opportunities for low-to-moderate income persons and families within its service area.

SIMPCO and the WICIRHTF's Owner-Occupied Housing Repair/Rehab Programs are designed to help low-to-moderate-income residents in the service area maintain their homes in safe, decent, and livable conditions. Our service area includes Cherokee, Ida, Monona, Plymouth, and Woodbury Counties in Iowa (excluding Sioux City).

When funding is available, the programs work to complete home repairs that assist in maintaining the integrity of the homes in our communities. Eligible repairs include roofing, electrical work, plumbing, window replacement, foundation work, painting, siding, handicapped accessibility, and other repairs as determined necessary.

We accept program applications continuously and review them on a first-ready, first-served basis until funding is exhausted. If funding is unavailable, the applicant will be placed on a waitlist and contacted when more funding is available.

2026 Income Guidelines

SIMPCO and WICIRHTF housing programs are limited to individuals and families who are at or below 80% of the median family income limits. HUD determines this limit each year.

Household Size	1 person	2 persons	3 persons
Cherokee	\$58,600	\$67,000	\$73,350
Ida	\$52,750	\$60,250	\$67,800
Monona	\$52,750	\$60,250	\$67,800
Plymouth	\$57,900	\$66,150	\$74,400
Woodbury	\$54,850	\$62,650	\$70,500



BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Board and committee members play a vital role in ensuring effective governance by supporting in-depth exploration of critical issues, promoting informed decision-making, and enhancing organizational oversight.

If you are interested in joining any of the boards or committees listed below, please contact SIMPCO Executive Director Michelle Bostinelos at mbostinelos@simpco.org.

SIMPCO Executive/Finance Committee

The Executive/Finance Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Council of Officials and Board of Directors on matters related to finance, budgeting, contracts, personnel, benefits, and project management. The committee also acts as the nominating body for board elections. Meetings are held at 7:30 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month.

Board Members:

Jon Winkel, Commissioner, Sergeant Bluff Planning & Zoning (Chairman)
Dan Bousquet, Council Member, City of South Sioux City (Vice Chairman)
Lance Hedquist, City Administrator, City of South Sioux City (Treasurer)
Kelly Kreber, Mayor, City of Hinton (Secretary)
Bob Scott, Mayor, City of Sioux City
Aaron Lincoln, City Administrator, City of Sergeant Bluff
Mike Collett, City Manager, City of Sioux City
Dave Dietrich, Supervisor, Woodbury County
Mark Monson, Commissioner, Sergeant Bluff Planning & Zoning
Julie Burhoop, Council Member, City of North Sioux City

SIMPCO Board of Directors

The Board of Directors serves as the governing body of the organization. Its responsibilities include setting and implementing policy; promoting intergovernmental cooperation; overseeing project and program management; approving plans, programs, and budgets; and conducting regional clearinghouse review and comment for federally assisted or insured projects. The Board also appoints the Executive Director, enters into contracts with member communities and government agencies, administers grant-funded projects, ensures appropriate insurance coverage, and appoints members to various boards and committees.

Each dues-paying member has a seat on the Board of Directors.

Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS) Board of Directors

The SRTS Board of Directors serves as the governing body of the Siouxland Regional Transit System, overseeing operations and guiding decision-making. Meetings are typically held on the fourth Thursday of every other month (January, March, May, July, September, and November).

Board Members:

Vince Phillips, Supervisor, Monona County (Chairman)
Devlun Whiteing, Supervisor, Ida County (Vice Chairman)
Dave Dietrich, Supervisor, Woodbury County
Doug Manley, Supervisor, Plymouth County
Shane Bellefy, Supervisor, Cherokee County

Western Iowa Community Improvement Regional Housing Trust Fund (WICIRHTF) Board of Directors

The WICIRHTF Board oversees housing improvement efforts in Cherokee, Ida, Monona, Plymouth, and Woodbury Counties. It includes equal representation from public and private sectors to ensure balanced decision-making, and meets on the fourth Thursday of every other month (January through November).

Board Members:

Vince Phillips, Supervisor, Monona County (Chairman)
Devlun Whiteing, Supervisor, Ida County (Vice Chairman)
Dave Dietrich, Supervisor, Woodbury County
Doug Manley, Supervisor, Plymouth County
Shane Bellefy, Supervisor, Cherokee County
Scott Brekke, Residential Lender, Great Southern Bank, Sioux City
Bill Anderson, Director, Cherokee County Area Economic Development Corporation
Robert Meyer, Loan Officer, Bank First, Onawa
Jason Rasmus, Market President, Availa Bank, Sioux City
Rita Frahm, President, Ida County Economic Development

Dakota County Nebraska Housing Trust Fund (DCNHTF)

The DCNHTF Board of Directors is the governing body that oversees housing improvements in Dakota County, Nebraska. It includes equal representation from public and private sectors to ensure balanced decision-making and meets on the fourth Thursday of every other month (February through December).

Board Members:

Lisa Harral, Council Member, Village of Emerson (Chairwoman)
Brian Van Berkum, Commissioner, Dakota County (Vice Chairman)
Jim Gunsolley, Council Member, City of South Sioux City
Pamela Adams, Director of Business Development, Long Lines
Dustin Wenger, Council Member, Village of Jackson
Jerry Yacevich, Mayor, City of Dakota City
Amber Barclay, Trustee, Village of Homer
Lori Warner, President, South Sioux City Chamber of Commerce and Tourism
Angela Klemmensen, Loan Officer, Siouxland Bank
VACANT (currently filled in an advisory capacity by Lisa Bousquet), Village Clerk, Village of Hubbard

SIMPCO Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) TTC

The Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) serves as an advisory body to the MPO Policy Board, providing technical expertise on regional transportation planning within the Sioux City metropolitan area. The committee includes staff from local jurisdictions in planning, engineering, and public administration, and works alongside SIMPCO staff to conduct research, develop analysis, and offer recommendations. The TTC meets on the Wednesday preceding the first Thursday of every other month (January through November).

Committee Members:

Aaron Lincoln, City Administrator, City of Sergeant Bluff (Chairman)
Jeff Dooley, City Administrator, City of North Sioux City (Vice Chairman)
Tom Rohe, Engineer, Plymouth County
Chris Madsen, City Planning Manager, City of Sioux City
Laura Sievers, Engineer, Woodbury County
Mike Collett, City Manager, City of Sioux City / Airport
Andrew Tramp, District Manager, Dakota Dunes CID
Lance Hedquist, City Administrator, City of South Sioux City
Tom Pingel, Engineer, City of Sioux City
Jason Allen, Transit Director, City of Sioux City / Transit System
Pamela Camarillo, City Administrator, City of Dakota City
Jerry Buum, Highway Superintendent, Union County
Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, Dakota County

SIMPCO Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Board

The MPO Policy Board serves as the governing body of the MPO, guiding transportation planning and decision-making for the Sioux City metropolitan area. The Board is composed of locally elected officials, state department of transportation representatives, and transit operators, providing a forum to establish regional transportation priorities and policies. Meetings are typically held on the first Thursday of every other month (January through November).

Board Members:

Ken Beaulieu, Supervisor, Dakota Dunes CID (Chairman)
Craig Anderson, Supervisor, Plymouth County (Vice Chairman)
Dave Dietrich, Supervisor, Woodbury County
Bob Scott, Mayor, City of Sioux City
Mark Reinder, Council member, City of Sergeant Bluff
Mike Tokarczyk, Advisory Board Member, City of Sioux City / Transit
Brian Van Berkum, Commissioner, Dakota County
Randy Groetken, Council Member, City of Dakota City
Mike Dailey, Commissioner, Union County
Chris Bogenrief, Council Member, City of North Sioux City
Julie Schoenherr, Council Member - City of Sioux City
Randy Meyer, Council Member - City of South Sioux City

Siouxland Regional Transportation Planning Association (SRTPA) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) serves as a technical advisory body to the SRTPA Policy Board, supporting regional transportation planning within the rural planning area. The committee includes staff from local jurisdictions in planning, engineering, and public administration across Cherokee, Ida, Monona, Plymouth, and Woodbury counties, and works with SIMPCO staff to conduct research, develop analysis, and provide recommendations. Meetings are typically held on the second or third Wednesday of select months throughout the year.

Committee Members:

Tom Rohe, Engineer, Plymouth County (Chairman)
Laura Sievers, Engineer - Woodbury County (Vice Chairwoman)
Colin Ryan, Engineer, Ida County
John Rasmussen, Engineer, Monona County
Kyle Basten, Engineer, City of Cherokee
Jason Vacura, Engineer, City of Le Mars
Brian Pearson, Transit Director, Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS)
Kelly Puhmann, Engineer, Cherokee County

Siouxland Regional Transportation Planning Association (SRTPA) Policy Board

The SRTPA Policy Board serves as the governing body of the Siouxland Regional Transportation Planning Association, guiding transportation planning and decision-making for the rural areas of Cherokee, Ida, Monona, Plymouth, and Woodbury counties in Iowa. The Board is composed of locally elected officials, state department of transportation representatives, and transit operators who work together to establish regional transportation priorities. Meetings are typically held on the fourth Thursday of select months (January, March, May, September, and November).

Board Members:

Vince Phillips, Supervisor, Monona County (Chairman)

Devlun Whiteing, Supervisor, Ida County (Vice Chairman)

Doug Manley, Supervisor, Plymouth County

Dave Dietrich, Supervisor, Woodbury County

Brad Pick, Council Member, City of Le Mars

Shane Bellefy, Supervisor, Cherokee County

Tony Puffett, Mayor, City of Cherokee



To keep informed about upcoming meetings and events, or to access meeting agendas and minutes, you can either scan the QR code provided below or visit our website at: <https://simpco.org/about-us/meetings/>

ADDITIONAL COMMITTEES

SIMPCO Regional Policy & Legislative Affairs Committee

The committee reviews and prioritizes regional legislative issues and provides recommendations to the Board of Directors. Meetings are typically held on the first Thursday of each month from September through April.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee (CEDS)

The CEDS Committee oversees the development and implementation of the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), a five-year plan guiding economic growth within SIMPCO's Economic Development District, which includes Cherokee, Ida, Monona, Plymouth, and Woodbury counties in Iowa, and Dakota County in Nebraska. The committee promotes regional collaboration, shares economic development information, supports grant applications, and helps implement key action steps outlined in the plan. It also identifies gaps and overlaps in regional strategies, updates the five-year plan as needed, and may provide recommendations to the SIMPCO Board of Directors. Meetings are typically held on a quarterly basis.

SIMPCO Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Bicycle/Pedestrian Roundtable

The Bicycle/Pedestrian Roundtable is a group of local stakeholders with an interest in bicycle and pedestrian issues within the Sioux City metropolitan area. The committee works with the MPO to discuss and implement projects that improve active transportation infrastructure, including efforts such as decorative bike racks, bike racks on buses, on-street bicycle networks, Bike to Work Day events, Safe Routes to School, walking school buses, sidewalk deficiency analysis, downtown greenspaces, bike lanes, and trail connectivity. Membership includes representatives from city and county staff, Iowa DOT, Sioux City Blue Zones, Sioux City Community School District, Siouxland Trails Foundation, Siouxland District Health, Siouxland Cyclists, Downtown Partners, local bicycle shops, and interested citizens. The committee may make recommendations to the MPO Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) and the MPO Policy Board. Meetings are typically held on a quarterly basis.

SIMPCO Transportation Advisory Group (TAG)

The Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) serves as an advisory committee for the development of the Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP), a required document for both the SIMPCO MPO and SRTPA. The group works to connect health and human services, private transportation providers, and public transit to improve mobility for individuals with disabilities, low-income populations, and older adults. The TAG may provide recommendations to both the MPO and SRTPA to support coordinated and accessible transportation systems. Meetings are typically held twice per year.

Dakota County Rural Economic Development (RED) Committee

The Dakota County RED Committee is a collaborative group that advances community and economic development efforts in Dakota County, Nebraska. The committee focuses on enhancing property, promoting commerce and industry, supporting business retention, recruitment, and expansion, strengthening workforce development, and identifying opportunities for commercial and industrial growth. Meetings are typically held on a quarterly basis.

Water Resource Committee

The Water Resources Committee serves as an advisory group to the SIMPCO Board of Directors, addressing issues related to area rivers, flooding, and water resource management. Meetings are typically held on a quarterly basis.

Startup Siouxland (*formerly Iowa's West Coast Initiative*)

Startup Siouxland supports entrepreneurship in Woodbury, Plymouth, and Monona counties by connecting and inspiring individuals to collaborate, explore ideas, and take entrepreneurial action. Meetings are typically held on the second Tuesday of each month.

Region IV Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) works to build partnerships among local governments, emergency responders, and industry to strengthen hazardous materials preparedness and response. The Region IV service area includes Cherokee, Ida, Monona, Plymouth, and Woodbury counties in Iowa. Meetings are typically held on the third Wednesday of select months (January, July, and October), with the April meeting scheduled separately.

Region IV Hazardous Materials Response Commission

The Region IV Commission was established through a 28E Intergovernmental Agreement representing Cherokee, Ida, Monona, Plymouth, and Woodbury counties in Iowa. The Commission serves as the governing body for the Region IV Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), providing oversight and guidance for its activities. One annual meeting is typically held on the fourth Wednesday of April.



CONTACT US

Thank you again for your support and investment in the Siouxland region. Your contributions make a real difference.



Thank you!

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