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### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INVITES ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS FOR USE OF FORMER COUNTY FARM PROPERTY**

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors (Board) decided to allow a short deadline extension of its request for proposals from non-profit organizations interested in producing and promoting local foods by utilizing approximately two acres of land located on the former County Farm property. The deadline for submissions is 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 31.

The property is located on the south side of Melrose Avenue adjacent to Chatham Oaks and the Joint Emergency Communications Center (4515 and 4529 Melrose Avenue). Some of the property is currently row-cropped pursuant to a farm lease.

The Board invites proposals that best suit the goals of the proposed projects and is open to negotiating the amount of land to be used, the term of any agreement, and other specific provisions. Temporary use of one or more of the buildings located on the property would be allowed, but any improvements would be the responsibility of the successful applicant. Rent may not be charged.

The project must include the production and promotion of local foods, but other societal benefits will be considered in evaluating the proposals. Cooperative projects involving multiple entities are encouraged.

Proposals should be detailed, providing information about the organization, the intended use of the property, and the long-term benefits to Johnson County residents. No specific format is required for proposals. The Board may ask for more information from the entities after proposals are reviewed. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

Tours of the property will be arranged on request. For more information, contact Andy Johnson, Executive Assistant, at 319-356-6000 or [ajohnson@co.johnson.ia.us](mailto:ajohnson@co.johnson.ia.us).

One hard copy and one electronic copy of the proposal must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, to:

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