We are excited that IES has become an economic phenomenon. Watch us grow or better yet, join us.

Let’s grow together!

The IES planning committee obtained the following data from the service providers and IES sponsors, showing the impact of IES since 2012:

- As of November 1, 2013, there were 115 new companies formed in Iowa by IES attendees. Both Governor Branstad and Lt. Governor Reynolds signed the Congratulations Certificates for each of these companies.
- Over the past five years, IES has helped Summit Participants create more than 575 new businesses.
There were 507 participants from 44 countries.

**ASIA**
- Bhutan
- China
- Japan
- Laos
- Myanmar
- Philippines
- Sumatra
- Vietnam
- India
- Malaysia
- South Korea
- Thailand
- Indonesia
- Singapore

**AFRICA**
- Burkina Faso
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Ethiopia
- Ghana
- Morocco
- Nigeria
- South Sudan
- Sudan
- Kenya
- Somalia
- Chad
- Senegal
- Mauritania

**AMERICA**
- Canada
- Columbia
- Ecuador
- Guatemala
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Nicaragua
- Peru
- Uruguay
- USA
- Costa Rica
- Guyana
- Mexico
- Puerto Rico
- USA
- Venezuela

**EUROPE**
- Bosnia
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Russia
- France
- Germany
- Ireland
- Poland

**OCEANIA**
- New Zealand

At the 2013 IES, there were 507 participants who migrated to Iowa from 44 countries. IES was attended by 471 people in 2012, 468 people in 2011, 425 people in 2010, 350 people in 2009, and 300 people in 2008.

Since the first IES in 2008, collectively the Summit has generated more than 575 new businesses across the midwest. There were 115 new companies formed by 2012 attendees.

**Dear IES Sponsors, Supporters and Participants,**

The 2013 event was the best IES yet! We had 507 participants who migrated from 44 different countries and celebrated the birth of 115 new companies since our last event in November of 2012! Each year, we have the great honor of witnessing our previous attendees utilize the resources we provide at the seminars to become proud, new business owners in the state of Iowa!

IES is very special and near to everyone’s heart. From the heartfelt speech by Lt. Governor during the opening ceremony to inspiring personal stories of our award winners during the luncheon, and the “20 Practical Ways to Access Capital” seminar, the “togetherness” of the IES mantra was undeniable and gave us all hope for a better tomorrow.

To our attendees of 2013, we thank you for your participation in IES. Your drive to learn and aspiration to make your dream of entrepreneurship a reality is contagious. Our hope is for others to see you succeed and dare to dream as you have dreamt. We wish you the best. We are rooting for you.

Dear volunteers, thank you for helping bring structure to this event. From setting up the night before to the very end of the event, you worked tirelessly. We received many comments from individuals about the seamless organization that resulted from your earnest attention to every detail of your assigned role that day. We hope all of you return next year so that we are able to provide the same quality experience to everyone at the 2014 Immigrant Entrepreneurs Summit!

We have not missed a beat since the conclusion of the event. The planning team has already met to begin preparation for next year’s events. IES is expanding into different cities of Iowa for the first time – Cedar Rapids (Jan. 14th), Iowa City (April 22nd), Davenport (July 22nd), Sioux City (Sept. 23rd), and Ankeny (Nov. 8th)! We are excited to come see you at your home cities!

We exist because of you. IES is the people of this community. Our IES dream is to see all businessmen and women successful in their field of expertise. Dear friends, please mark your calendars today for Saturday, November 8th, 2014 for the 7th Annual Immigrant Entrepreneurs Summit. We hope to see you next year!

Let us grow together!

Ying Sa, Chair
Immigrant Entrepreneurs Summit
Congratulations to 2013 IES Award Honorees!
From left: Dr. Chirantan Ghosh, Dr. Mark Grey, Dr. Michele Devlin, Marco Miranda, Roberto Gomez, and Tej Dhawan

What attendees say...

I went to Immigrant Entrepreneurs Summit. I enjoyed being around such great people like successful business people, great politicians to doctors and lawyers. I was inspired by governor’s words and how he encouraged continued business creation in state of Iowa because this is the best place to start a small business. I witnessed a lot of people who reached their goals and dreams; some of them are millionaires and some of them were PhD. How can one not be motivated when they are at an event like this? I left with a hope knowing I can reach my goal. Not only that, but actual tools, in order to better my company, Des Moines Day Care LLC.

Thanks a lot, IES.
Abshir Mohamed

Dear Mrs. Ying,

Thank you so much for inviting me to attend the Immigrant Entrepreneurs Summit. I am now much more motivated to set up my company.

Also, please thank on my behalf to your list of sponsors who made the Summit possible once again... These are the kind of events that motivates the business development in our area... Thank you All... Well Done !!!

With best Regards,
Elmer Robert Luna
Drake Transport

We congratulate the organizers of this year’s Immigrant Entrepreneur Summit for another successful event. As a company dedicated to diversity and to helping small business owners, Wells Fargo appreciates the summit’s focus on providing immigrant entrepreneurs the tools they need to launch and build their businesses. It matches our commitment to helping small business – and diverse business owners – succeed financially.

Shane Zimmerman
Des Moines Market President
Wells Fargo Bank

My favorite workshop was put on by Leng Vong Reiff touching on social media marketing. The mathematical equations behind the impact of social media marketing intrigued me.

IES is a great facet for inspiration, networking, and useful information.

Annie McDanel
Student at Drake University

IES is expanding to multiple locations within the State of Iowa. Come join us at these IES EVENTS and learn more about business and entrepreneurship!

January 14, 2014 Cedar Rapids Mini IES
April 22, 2014 Iowa City Mini IES
July 22, 2014 Davenport Mini IES
September 21, 2014 Sioux City Mini IES
November 8, 2014 Ankeny Annual Event
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