

# "Build a Better Mousetrap"

This competition is intended to recognize eight of the best submissions by people working in Iowa's public agencies. "Better mousetrap" include tools, equipment modifications, and systems that public agency personnel created to make their jobs easier, safer, and less costly.

## How to participate

To participate in this competition, complete the form on this page (or include a separate typed sheet) and mail it to the address below no later than August 22. There is no cost to enter.

## Display and demonstration during the Expo

Outside space will be provided for display and demonstration of all inventions. Please also bring an informational sign explaining your invention.

## Judging

On Wednesday, August 29, from 11:00 a.m. to noon, inventors will be asked to demonstrate their concepts. Judging will occur then. Judges will be members of the Expo planning committee.

## Awards

For the five best inventions, a certificate, publication in Technology News as a "tip from the field," and \$100. Three additional submissions will receive a "Best in Show" plaque. One submission will be chosen from each of the city, county, and Iowa DOT participants. Awards will be given at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 30.

## Submit entry

Submit entry form and any photos, drawings, etc. to "Better Mousetrap"

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## Questions

If you have questions about this competition, contact Duane Smith, CTRE, 515-294-8103.

### "Build a Better Mousetrap" submission form

Name of the "Better Mousetrap" \_\_\_\_\_

Inventor's name \_\_\_\_\_ Job title \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Description of the "Better Mousetrap"

Why was it necessary? \_\_\_\_\_

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How does it work? \_\_\_\_\_

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How was it built? (include sketches, photos, drawings) \_\_\_\_\_

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How does it perform? \_\_\_\_\_

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