

# "Build a Better Mousetrap" Competition

## about

This competition is intended to recognize six of the best inventions created by people working in Iowa's public agencies that 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 10 business days before the event. There is no cost to enter.

### Award

For the six best inventions (two at each site), a certificate, publication in *Technology News* and \$100.

### Eligibility

Public agency personnel in Iowa.

### Judges

Selected members of the Streets and Roads Conference planning committee.

### Judging

Inventors will be asked to demonstrate their concepts. Judging will occur at each

Win \$100! No cost to enter this competition.

of the following locations:

- Pocahontas, September 14
- Cedar Rapids, September 21
- Ames, October 13

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

### Submit entry

Submit entry form and any photos, drawings, etc. to

"Better Mousetrap"  
Lori Wildeman  
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and Education  
2901 S. Loop Drive, Suite 3100  
Ames, IA 50010-8632

### Questions

If you have questions about this competition, contact Duane Smith, CTRE, 515-294-8103, [desmith@iastate.edu](mailto:desmith@iastate.edu).

## "Better Mousetrap" Submission Form

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

Inventor's name \_\_\_\_\_

Other contributors \_\_\_\_\_

Job title \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

At which location will you present your invention?

Pocahontas, September 14 (enter by September 3)

Cedar Rapids, September 21 (enter by September 10)

Ames, October 13 (enter by October 1)

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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