Community Relations Series 1000

Policy Title: Communications and Public Relations Code No. 1001

Policy Statement

Heartland AEA establishes, promotes and maintains open communication with stakeholders.

Scope of Policy

- The Agency operates a comprehensive communications and public relations program that will share information about Heartland AEA and encourage input and inquiries from stakeholders.
- The Agency is committed to providing an agency website that is accessible to the widest possible audience, regardless of technology or ability.
- The designated spokesperson for the Board is the Board president, or his/her designee, and for the Agency the chief administrator, or his/her designee.

Accountability Overview

The chief administrator or designee ensures that the communications and public relations program accomplishes the following:

- 1. Builds awareness and engagement in the Agency's mission.
- 2. Uses a variety of methods to reach diverse audiences for information sharing and feedback.
- 3. Uses current guidelines and tools to comply with best practices and standards for website accessibility.
- 4. Uses measurable results to improve programs and services.

A progress report is made routinely to the Board regarding the communications and public relations program efforts.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 21.4; 22

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