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-- C-SPAN TELEVISES IOWA BUSINESSMEN'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON --

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- When the Greater Des Moines Chamber of Commerce Federation comes to Washington next week, C-SPAN cameras will be trailing them as part of its "States of the Nation '85" programming -- an in-depth look at issues facing state and local governments.

On Monday, July 22 at 8:00 am EDT, C-SPAN begins two days of live cablecasts of the federation's visit. The 50 member bi-partisan group, representing several chambers of commerce from the Des Moines metropolitan area, plans to meet with Congressional leaders and administration officials to discuss economic development concerns facing Iowa.

C-SPAN producer Susan Bundock explains, "Our coverage of the Des Moines federation's trip will focus on its 'grassroots' nature." Bundock adds, "This kind of programming is what C-SPAN does best: we are able to show our viewers, who have not had the opportunity to visit Capitol Hill, 'how things work' in Washington."

C-SPAN also plans to cablecast live roundtable discussions with federation group members and a call-in program with John Hyde who covers Washington for the Des Moines Register.

The C-SPAN program schedule is as follows:
(Subject to change)

MONDAY, JULY 22

LIVE	8:00 am EDT*	<u>VIEWER CALL-IN</u> Guest: JOHN HYDE, Washington Correspondent, <u>Des Moines Register</u>
LIVE	8:30 am EDT**	<u>OPENING REMARKS</u> Des Moines Chamber of Commerce Federation members make opening remarks and Congressional staffers are introduced to group.
LIVE	9:00 am EDT*	<u>VIEWER CALL-IN</u> Guest: John Hyde, Washington Correspondent, <u>Des Moines Register</u> (Call-in resumes for reaction to opening remarks)
LIVE	10:00 am EDT**	<u>PANEL DISCUSSION</u> Topic: TAX REFORM Speakers: John Motley, <u>National Federation of Independent Business</u> ; Julie Rabinowitz, Tax Legislative Assistant for Sen. Charles Grassley (R-IA); and representatives from the House Ways & Committee and the Treasury Department.
LIVE	11:30 am EDT**	<u>ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION</u> Guests: PETE CRIVARO, Mayor, Des Moines TOM URBAN, Chairman, <u>Greater Des Moines Chamber of Commerce Federation (GDMCCF)</u> LLOYD CLARKE, Co-chairman, Government Affairs Task Force Topic: Discussion of GDMCCF objectives and goals of their Washington visit. Videotaped clips of the groups arrival will air throughout the program.

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LIVE TUESDAY, JULY 23

LIVE 10:00 am EDT*** PANEL DISCUSSION

Topic: THE FEDERAL BUDGET

Speakers: RICK BRANDON, Staff Director for Minority, Senate Budget Committee; GAIL FOSLER, Chief Economic Advisor for Majority, Senate Budget Committee; BOB HARTMAN, Senior Analyst, Congressional Budget Office (CBO).

LIVE 11:30 am EDT*** ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Guests: HARLAN "BUD" HOCKENBERG, Incoming Chairman, GDMCCF
MARY RICHE, Small Business Task Force
JOHN TAYLOR, Bankers Life representative, Des Moines
Topic: Wrap-up of GDMCCF visit.

Additional taped coverage and re-air times of the federation's meetings will be announced at a later date.

Currently, nearly 21 million American households can watch C-SPAN's public affairs programming via 2,000 cable system affiliates nationwide. For C-SPAN's channel number in your area, contact your local cable system operator.

- * Program originates from C-SPAN studios in Washington
- ** Program originates from Hyatt Regency Hotel in Washington
- *** Program originates from Dirksen Senate Office Building

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