

# PARAGON PRAIRIE TOWER

THE PARAGON PRAIRIE TOWER RISES FROM THE LANDSCAPE AS A DYNAMIC SYMBOL OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF IOWA AND THE MIDWEST. THIS MONUMENTAL ARCHITECTURAL ICON GROWS FROM THE ORIGINAL IOWA PRAIRIE TO BECOME A NEW AND EXCITING DESTINATION AND CULTURAL LANDMARK.

OUR HORIZON LINE HAS CHANGED. THE PARAGON PRAIRIE TOWER RECALLS THE PRESENCE OF AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURES SUCH AS GRAIN SILOS WHERE FOR GENERATIONS WE HAVE TRADITIONALLY STORED THE BOUNTY OF OUR HARVESTS. SILOS AND CHURCH SPIRES WERE THE TALLEST ARCHITECTURAL FORMS FOR MOST OF OUR COUNTRY'S HISTORY. THE TOWER IS NOW THE MOST PROMINENT FEATURE IN THE "SILOS AND SMOKESTACKS" NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA. THE TOWER SPEAKS TO THE MIDWESTERN WORK ETHIC OF SAVING AND HARNESSING OUR ABUNDANT NATURAL RESOURCES. WHILE RESPECTING OUR PAST, THE PARAGON PRAIRIE TOWER REACHES FOR THE FUTURE.

THE SUCCESSFUL NEW ECONOMY OF IOWA AND THE MIDWEST IS BASED ON APPLYING THE KNOWLEDGE WE HAVE GAINED FROM OUR AGRICULTURAL HISTORY AND TRANSFORMING IT WITH NEW TECHNOLOGIES. THE STORY OF THE PARAGON PRAIRIE TOWER IS THE STORY OF OUR RELATIONSHIP TO OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT. THE TOWER ALSO EMBODIES THE HISTORY OF FOOD PRODUCTION, WESTERN EXPANSION, TRANSPORTATION, AND AGRICULTURAL INVENTION. LIKE A BEACON, IT SIGNALS THE SIGNIFICANT ROLE THAT IOWA AND THE MIDWEST PLAY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES INCLUDING; ENERGY PRODUCTION, BIO-FUELS, MEDICINE, AND THE SCIENCE OF NEW MATERIALS. WE ARE PROUD OF THIS STORY, ONE IN WHICH EDUCATION, BUSINESS, INDUSTRY, AND FAMILIES THRIVE.