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**BLACK HILLS ENERGY TO DONATE \$10,000 TO
ONAWA FIRE DEPARTMENT**

First \$3,500 contribution of 3-year pledge for new fire station

ONAWA, Iowa, July 26, 2010 – Black Hills Energy has contributed \$3,500 to the Onawa Fire Department, which will go towards construction costs associated with building a new fire station.

“The Onawa Fire Department is a vital community service, and we support their efforts and the volunteers who give their free time to protect and serve the community,” said Gordon Hough, Black Hills Energy senior lead of operations.

“We’re very excited to receive the contribution from Black Hills Energy,” said Jeff Sander, fire chief for the Onawa Fire Department. “It’s very important that we have the necessary facilities, and contributions from businesses like Black Hills Energy make it possible for us to build a new fire station so that we can continue to deliver top-notch services.”

To learn more about the Onawa Fire Department, or to make a tax-free contribution to support its efforts, contact Fire Chief Jeff Sander at 712-433-1511 or onawavfd@longlines.com.

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