COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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	Agenda Item:	**28**	Roll Call:	**26-0312**
	Submitted by:	**Carrie Kruse, Economic Development Administrator**		

AGENDA HEADING:

Resolution expressing support for SpinCo (Corteva's seed business) and its Global Headquarters in Johnston, Iowa.

SYNOPSIS:

Corteva Agriscience is a global leader in agriculture innovation, crop protection, and seed technology, with a major business unit and research campus in Johnston Iowa. Corteva is in the process of splitting its chemical and seed business, with its new seed company now referred to as SpinCo.

With this resolution, the City of Des Moines recognizes the substantial regional economic, workforce, and community benefits generated by Corteva and strongly supports relocating SpinCo's global seed headquarters to Johnston, Iowa. This resolution of support will be included as part of the "Plant the HQ Here" campaign in collaboration with a coalition of public and private partners including local business leaders from our region, the Iowa Economic Development Authority, the Greater Des Moines Partnership, Polk County, the City of Johnston, and our neighboring communities.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Corteva's presence in Central Iowa contributes significantly to the regional economy through high-quality employment opportunities, research and development investment, capital improvements, and community engagement.
- Corteva employes thousands of Iowans in highly skilled fields including science, technology, research, business operations, and advanced agriculture, creating economic stability and opportunity for families throughout the region.
- Expanding existing operations and relocating SpinCo's global headquarters to Johnston, Iowa, enhances the state's competitiveness, fosters innovation ecosystems, and promotes long-term economic growth throughout our region.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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