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Charles Sukup to Lead ABI, Iowa's Largest Business Group

Charles Sukup has been elected Chair of the Iowa Association of Business and Industry

Sheffield, Iowa – Charles Sukup is among the well-known Iowa business leaders who will serve as the Board Officers for the Iowa Association of Business and Industry. Elected during the organization's 105th annual meeting, Sukup has been actively advancing ABI's vision for many years. As Chair of the organization, Sukup hopes to advance the business environment in Iowa and expand opportunities for growth.

Sukup is President of Sukup Manufacturing Company, Sheffield, Iowa. He is a registered professional engineer and serves as past President of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers. He is also involved in several leadership roles at Iowa State University, where he earned both his BS and MS degrees in Agricultural Engineering.

Sukup is the second Sheffield businessman to serve as chair of ABI. In 1939, S.J. Galvin of the Sheffield Brick & Tile Company served as Chairman of the Iowa Manufacturer's Association, which was the predecessor group for ABI. "It may surprise many that Sheffield, with a population of about 1000, has been home to two Chairs of this great organization. It's a testimony to the strong manufacturing history of Sheffield and North Central Iowa," said Sukup.

As The Voice of Iowa Business Since 1903, ABI is comprised of approximately 1300 Iowa businesses employing more than 300,000 Iowans. Member organizations represent all types and sizes of business. ABI's mission is to collectively provide a strong, unified voice to business and industry on issues impacting Iowa employers. Specific emphasis is given to legislative and regulatory matters and to education and leadership development, including ongoing training to member businesses annually. Additionally, to date, ABI's Foundation has engaged nearly 800 Iowans through Leadership Iowa and provided business fundamentals to 4500 Iowa high schools students through Business Horizons.

Sukup Manufacturing Co. produces a full line of grain drying, handling and storage equipment. The Sukup product line includes farm and commercial grain bins, continuous flow grain dryers, tower dryers, axial and centrifugal fans and heaters, the Fastir™ Stirring Machine, bin unloading equipment, bin floors, and a variety of other grain handling accessories. Along with the main manufacturing facilities in Sheffield, Iowa, Sukup Manufacturing Co. also owns and operates distribution centers in Arkansas, Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, and South Dakota. For more information on Sukup Manufacturing Co. or any of their products contact: Sukup Manufacturing Co.; Box 677; Sheffield, IA 50475-0677. Phone: 641-892-4222. Fax: 641-892-4629. Email: npooock@sukup.com or visit the Sukup web site at www.sukup.com.

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