

Iowa Energy Bank

The Iowa Energy Office provides valuable assistance to **Rebuild Iowa** communities through programs such as

the Iowa Energy Bank Program (*May-June '99 Partner Update*). The Energy Bank Program provides technical assistance to public and nonprofit sector facilities for implementing energy improvements and removes the barrier of limited funds by arranging financing for energy projects approved by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). DNR-designated engineering/architectural firms perform comprehensive energy analyses on candidate buildings following established guidelines. Financing for identified improvements is available through a regional lender, or building owners may work with the financial institution of their choice.

Since November 1997, the Rebuild Iowa Program has identified or implemented \$6.3 million in energy-efficiency improvements including lighting retrofits, heating and cooling system upgrades, motor replacements, and ground-source heat pumps, with an annual savings of over \$600,000. *For more information on this or on performance contracting model documents, contact Kimberly Baxter at 515-281-6486 or kbaxter@max.state.ia.us.*