

## ***Senator Ernst's Entrepreneur Expo:***

Made in Iowa: Ready for the Mission  
**Iowa State University, Scheman Building**  
**1805 Center Drive, Ames, IA 50011**  
**June 30, 2026**

- 8:00-9:00AM **Attendee and Exhibitor Registration**  
(Ground Floor Lobby)
- 9:00-9:20AM **Welcome & Opening Addresses**  
(First Floor, Auditorium)  
*Carrie Koelker*, Iowa Senator, District 33  
*David Cook*, President, Iowa State University  
*Senator Joni Ernst*, Chair, U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship
- 9:20-10:00AM **Fireside Chat**  
(First Floor, Auditorium)  
*Senator Joni Ernst*
- 10:00-11:00AM **Networking Opportunity with Exhibitors**  
(Second Floor Atrium)
- 11:00-11:45AM **Breakout Sessions #1**  
Understanding CMMC: Cybersecurity Requirements for Federal Contractors  
(Second Floor, Room 262)  
*Melissa Burant*, Supply Chain Project Manager, Cybersecurity Lead, CIRAS
- Navigating Capital Access: Tools for Small Business Growth  
(Second Floor, Room 250)  
*Lisa Maas*, Director of Government Guaranty Lending, Northwest Wealth Management, LLC
- 11:50AM-12:35 PM **Breakout Sessions #2**  
Subcontracting Success: Building Partnerships in the Federal Market  
(Second Floor, Room 262)  
*Melissa Burant*  
*Julie Fagle*, APEX Accelerator Government Contracting Specialist, Iowa State University, CIRAS  
*Amber Hanlon*, Senior Manager, Social Responsibility Programs, Collins Aerospace
- Small Business Pathways in the Defense Innovation Ecosystem  
(Second Floor, Room 250)  
*Col. Yvonne Miller (Ret.)*, Ecosystem Engagement Lead, Defense Innovation OnRamp Hub: Minnesota