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219 Eighth Street Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

DES MOINES, Iowa (Feb. 27, 2017)—EMC Insurance Companies is opening a new four-story office building at 219 Eighth Street located on the northwest corner of the block bordered by Seventh and Eighth Streets and Walnut and Mulberry Streets. EMC President and CEO Bruce Kelley will host a dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, March 7, at 8:30 a.m.

"EMC is pleased to expand and modernize its corporate office," explains Kelley. "The company has been headquartered in downtown Des Moines since the company was founded 106 years ago and our campus supports over 1,300 team members that work right here in central Iowa. This new addition marks our continuous commitment to the economic growth and success of our community."

The new building complements the designs of the EMC buildings at 717 Mulberry and 700 Walnut, and connects with a new skywalk concourse across Eighth Street. The building includes below-grade parking, tenant space and an employee entrance on the ground level facing Walnut Street, with additional space for essential electrical, mechanical and printing equipment. The entire second floor is a new wellness facility with two exercise rooms and wellness coaching rooms. The third floor includes a 124-seat auditorium, training rooms and an open collaboration area. The fourth floor accommodates Information Technology office space. Brooks Borg Skiles Architecture Engineering in Des Moines designed the new facility; Neumann Brothers was the general construction contractor.

EMC Insurance Companies was recognized with the 2016 Economic Impact Award from The Des Moines Business Record and the Greater Des Moines Partnership for having a significant impact on the local Iowa economy through job creation, capital investment and facility expansion.

About EMC Insurance Companies

EMC Insurance Companies is among the top 50 insurance organizations in the country based on net written premium, with more than 2,300 employees. The company was organized in 1911 to write workers' compensation protection in Iowa. Today, EMC provides property and casualty insurance products and services throughout the United States and writes reinsurance contracts worldwide. Operating under the trade name EMC Insurance Companies, Employers Mutual Casualty Company and one or more of its affiliated companies is licensed in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. For more information, visit www.emcins.com and www.CountonEMC.com.