

# **Iowa Businesses Will Continue to Receive Services**

Two state agencies are working together to make sure Iowa businesses will continue to receive services. The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship announced that the Iowa Weights and Measures Metrology Laboratory will be moving to Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls. Occupancy of the new facility will be effective December 1, 2009.

The lab, which will now be called the Iowa Falls Metrology State Lab, certifies that weights and liquid measures used to calibrate commercial scales and measuring devices are accurate. The types of devices certified using these weights and measures include grocery scales, gas pump meters, truck scales, and grain moisture meters.

This collaboration will ensure that companies are still able to be certified in Iowa; service companies will not have to drive out of state to calibrate their weights.

In addition, the new lab will offer Ellsworth students a new course area. Ellsworth will be one of very few colleges in the country to offer students the opportunity to study metrology for future career opportunities in business and government.

The metrology lab will be located in the newly completed Agriculture & Renewable Energy Center located at Ellsworth Community College's Robert and Arlene Hamilton campus south of Iowa Falls on Highway 65. Larger weights will be calibrated at the Trades and Industry Building located on Ellsworth's main campus.