In a few sentences, give a summary of the project and why it was needed.
In the past 5 years there has been a 30% increase in fire calls for the department. Much of this is due to the increased residential growth between Ames and Gilbert. The previous fire station location did not allow for additional equipment or gear to be stored, and the area did not allow for the station to be expanded. The small space also made training difficult for the fire fighters.

Project Funding and Execution:
1.5 million

List where funding came from (grants, donations, city funds, etc.)
Land donation, private donations, fundraising events, city funding, township contributions, zero interest loan from Mid-IA Cooperative and a USDA loan.

Total time project took/projected to take for completion:
(to qualify project must be operating or completed between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013)
02-12-14 07-01-2015

Resources
Please list Web sites judges may reference if they seek additional information. Do NOT include supplemental paper information. Only information on this form or the sites listed will be used in the judging process.
kcci.com/news/township-opens-new-fire-station-city-hall

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Explain the specific role of your city in this project.

The Mayor and council worked closely with the township and fire agency to lay out construction plans, funding, and securing land space. Once contraction began the city continued to assist in inspections, plan review and overcoming general construction issues, including securing telecommunications to the building.
City Hall also helps to manage the rentals of the community room and conference room to the public.

In a few sentences, what future impact will this project have on your community?

The additional space allows the fire department to store all of their necessary equipment, machinery and gear, while giving them room to grow along side the community. Training for the fire fighters can now be completed in all seasons, and allows them to maintain their vehicles despite weather conditions.
The community center allows the public more space to hold events and to be used as an emergency operations center, should the need arise.

People’s Choice Caption (not used during judging process)
If your city is not selected as a winner in their population category, this photo caption will be used in a bracket-style tournament on social media to select the winner of the People’s All-Star. Limit one sentence.
Franklin Township, City of Gilbert, and the local Fire Agency worked together to provide modern fire, community and government services to their residents.

Signatures: (Must be signed to be eligible.)

Return this form by Monday, April 6, 2015.

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