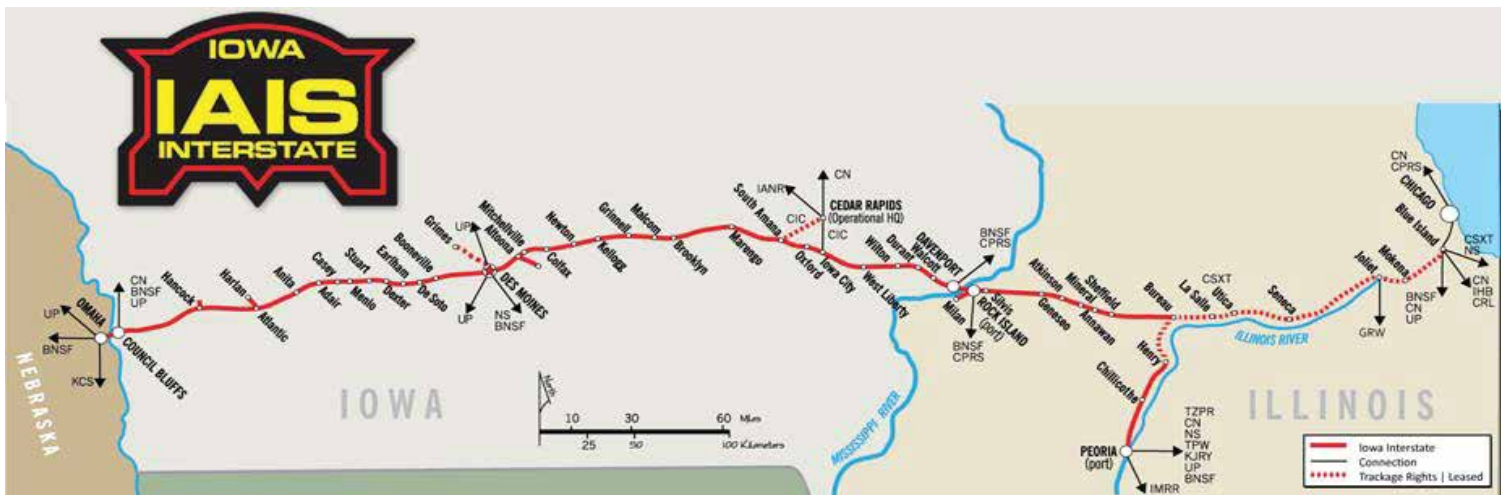




IOWA INTERSTATE RAILROAD JOINT ELIMINATION SUCCESS STORY

**SUPERIOR QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY
SETS HOLLAND APART FROM THE COMPETITION
WHEN IT COMES TO MANAGING CWR**





CHALLENGE

Holland's Track Maintenance and Construction division was contracted to perform a Joint Elimination program for the Iowa Interstate Railroad's Council Bluffs Subdivision. The subdivision had a joint count approaching 600 joints over 36 miles.

SOLUTION

Using a consist of a backhoe, rail cart, bear saw, hi-rail crew truck, spiker, and flash-butt welding truck, Holland crews were able to complete, on average, 27 welds per shift, with track windows averaging 6-8 hours on single main territory. In total, Holland performed 888 welds in a little over a month using just over 300 crew hours. This project demonstrated the efficiency and effectiveness of Holland's welding technology and highly specialized Track Maintenance and Construction workforce.

The installation of higher quality and longer lasting flash-butt welds dramatically saved time over thermite welding or costly rail replacement. Holland's proprietary integrated rail puller allows for fast and accurate rail neutral temperature adjustments while not slowing production or requiring additional equipment and manpower. For managing continuous welded rail, Holland's production rates, innovative technology and quality work set us apart in the industry.

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