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For this issue's cover, we include pioneers of food systems planning, along with up and coming professionals and researchers. The photos include (clockwise from top):

1 City of Des Moines' (Washington) Healthy Des Moines Initiative staff and key stakeholders meet with urban planning consultants to discuss a land use assessment of healthy food access for inclusion of healthy eating goals, policies, and strategies in the comprehensive plan.

Names and affiliations (left to right): Branden Born, associate professor, Department of Urban Design and Planning, University of Washington (see his contribution in this issue's Preparing Future Food System Planning Professionals and Scholars: Reflections on Teaching Experiences); Kara Martin, urban planner, Urban Food Link, LLC; Brice Maryman, landscape architect, SvR Design; Amalia Leighton, civil engineer, SvR Design; Barbara Houston-Shimizu, executive



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- 2 Planner Jenna Silcott administers a rapid market survey at a farmers' market on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Visitors to the farmers' market were asked about how often they come to the market, whether they will do additional shopping in the area, and how far they live from the market. See *Evaluating Food Systems in Comprehensive Planning: Is the Mississippi Gulf Coast Planning for Food?* in this issue.
- **3** John Lubczynski at the St. Jacobs Farmers' Market in the Township of Woolwich, Ontario, in September 2011. John works as an urban planner at the Regional Municipality of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, and helped draft the food system policies in the new Regional Official Plan. John co-authored *Incorporating Policies for a Healthy Food System into Land Use Planning: The Case of Waterloo Region, Canada* in this issue.
- 4 Jerry Kaufman (emeritus professor, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Wisconsin–Madison) with Kami Pothukuchi (associate professor of urban planning, Wayne State University) at Wayne State in August 2011. See their contributions in this issue's *Preparing Future Food System Planning Professionals and Scholars:* Reflections on Teaching *Experiences.*

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