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Iowa companies can prepare for any potential disruptions to their supply chains. For more information, contact Marc Schneider at maschn@iastate.edu.

Avoid Costs

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A notable, Iowa, maker of doors and windows saw time and money saved courtesy of CIRAS’ Mobile NDE Testing Team. Over Thanksgiving, an engineer with VT Industries, said the company and many others have reached out to potential partners with innovative solutions.

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