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LEARN THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCE

Ainsworth, Neb. November 20, 2003 – Lenders, local economic development groups, business owners, chambers of commerce, community leaders, and interested parties should plan to attend the upcoming Business Resource and Development Seminar. An array of information on business development and finance will be provided. The seminar is being held on Tuesday, December 9, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Ainsworth Community Center Highway 20 in Ainsworth, Neb. Registration will begin at the door at 9:30 a.m.

This seminar will encompass the “NUTS AND BOLTS” of Business Development and Finance. Resources available to financial institutions for business start-up and expansion lending; programs offered to communities to assist in community-wide business development; and assistance at hand to prospective businesses and business leaders will be addressed.

Gain business insight from a resource panel of experts from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, USDA Rural Development, U.S. Small Business Administration and many local and regional business resources. Agenda includes discussion on local, state and federal business resources available; the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities program; Rural Enterprise Assistance Program (REAP); Nebraska Business Development Center (NBDC); Enhancing, Developing & Growing Entrepreneurs (EDGE); Nebraska Economic Development Corporation (NEDCO); and Bassett Rock County Chamber Incorporated. A segment on "How to Make a Deal" will also be featured.

The seminar is sponsored by USDA Rural Development, U.S. Small Business Administration, the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, North Central Resource Conservation and Development, and the North Central Development Center. For more information, call Cliff Kumm, USDA Rural Development at (402) 223-3125, ext. 4 , Mary Gambill, (402) 387-2242 ext. 4 or Gene Lehnert, North Central Resource Conservation and Development at (402) 684-3346.

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