

Success Stories: USDA Assists in Building Office Facility for Nebraska Rural Water Association

Outline of Need:

The Nebraska Rural Water Association (NeRWA) is currently operating out of leased space located at the end of a storage facility in Wahoo, Nebraska. This space has limited parking, insufficient room for staff, and no room for training sessions or demonstrations. Due to the lack of alternate rental space available in the city, which would meet their needs, the NeRWA decided to build.

How Rural Development Helped:

Thanks to an USDA Rural Development Community Facility Loan of \$486,000, the NeRWA received the green light to begin construction of a 5,000 square foot building to house their business needs. The funds will also be utilized for the purchase of office equipment and furnishings, and professional fees associated with the development of the facility.

The Results:

The NeRWA serves over 400 rural Nebraska communities. They are responsible for training and assisting these communities with the operation and management of public water and wastewater systems. They provide an extensive operator training program for State licensing requirements, guidance on wellhead protection, and technical advice on the operation and financial management of such systems.

The new office/training center will enhance NeRWA's ability to serve these communities. The new facility will include a training/board room, allowing for on site training; bay/storage area for equipment and vehicles; waiting/reception area, and a kitchen. Additionally, the new space will provide nine offices for technical support staff, and space for file storage and office equipment thus building a positive working environment.

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Groundbreaking for new NeRWA Office Building.