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LEARN THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCE

Beatrice, Neb. August 4, 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. The seminar is being held on Thursday, August 14, 2003 from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Midplains Community College-McDonald Belton Campus, Room 145 601 West State Farm Road in North Platte, Neb. An array of information on business development and finance will be provided.

Registration starts at 9 a.m. with the program following at 9:30 a.m. There will be no pre-registration. A \$6 fee will be collected at the door for lunch.

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 business resources available, networking, segment on "How to Make a Deal", and discussion on importance of community facilities for business growth.

The seminar is sponsored by USDA Rural Development, U.S. Small Business Administration, and the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. For more information, call Cliff Kumm, USDA Rural Development at (402) 223-3125, ext. 4 or Tara Hosick at 308-367-8844.

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