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LEARN THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCE

Beatrice, Neb. March 10, 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 March 26, 2003 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express located at 4005 North 6th Street (North Hwy 77) in Beatrice, Nebraska. An array of information on business development and finance will be provided.

Registration starts at 9 a.m. with the program following at 9:15 a.m. There will be no pre-registration. A \$5 fee will be collected at the door for lunch, breaks, and materials.

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 the Rural Enterprise Assistance Project. Presentations on the Nebraska Business Development Center, Utilities, 504 Certified Development Companies, Local Revolving Loan Funds, and Reuse Funds will be given. Additionally, "How to Case Studies and Discussion" will be held on financing and leveraging varying sizes of business packages; developing a local business incubator or revolving loan fund; developing a local business training program or EDGE class; and conducting a local business inventory, resource, and needs study.

The seminar is sponsored by USDA Rural Development, U.S. Small Business Administration, Nebraska Department of Economic Development, Nebraska Development Network-Southeast Region, Beatrice Chamber of Commerce, Gage County Economic Development. For more information, call Cliff Kumm, USDA Rural Development at (402) 223-3125, ext. 4.

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