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RENEWABLE ENERGY & ENERGY EFFICIENCY WORKSHOP TO BE HELD

Kearney, Neb. April 5, 2004--Businesses, farmers, ranchers, utility personnel, community representatives, economic developers, chambers, and interested parties should plan to attend the upcoming "Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Workshop". An array of information on renewable energy and energy efficiency technology and projects will be provided. The workshop is being held on Friday, April 23, 2004 from 9 a.m. – Noon CT at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds, Extension Center Building, 1400 East 34th Street in Kearney, Neb. No pre-registration is necessary.

The National Renewable Energy Laboratory will provide the latest information in renewable energy and energy efficiency technology. Actual on-site exhibits and models of renewable energy & energy efficiency equipment, products, and technology will be available. Visit with Renewable Energy Lab personnel on how you can use this technology in your business or farm. Information and/or exhibits on wind energy, photovoltaic systems, methane digester systems, other biomass/biogas systems, and many other products and technologies for both renewable and energy efficiency projects will be on hand. USDA Rural Development and the Nebraska Energy Office will present information about grants, loans, and other assistance available for energy projects. Hear from Congressional District three on the energy policy and the importance of renewable energy and energy efficiency development in Nebraska.

The seminar is sponsored by the Department of Energy National Renewable Energy Laboratory, USDA Rural Development, Nebraska Energy Office, and the Nebraska Value Added Advisory Partnership. For more information, call Cliff Kumm, USDA Rural Development at (402) 223-3125, ext. 4. This workshop is conducted in cooperation with the Nebraska Value Added Advisory Partnership value-added workshop being held on April 22. Attendees at that seminar are urged and invited to stay over for this valuable energy workshop.

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