

# Central Nebraska Economic Development District

Serving 17 Central Nebraska Counties, including:  
Blaine, Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Custer, Garfield, Greeley, Hamilton, Holt, Howard,  
Keya Paha, Loup, Merrick, Rock, Sherman, Valley and Wheeler



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### CNEDD Awarded Federal Grant

The Central Nebraska Economic Development District (CNEDD) is excited to announce that it has been awarded \$61,000 in Partnership Planning Grant funds for 2014-2015 from the Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA). These federal grant funds are made possible through county and community CNEDD memberships that are provided as a match.

The U.S. Economic Development Administration's investment policy is designed to establish a foundation for sustainable job growth and the building of durable regional economies throughout the U.S. EDA encourages its partners around the country to develop initiatives that advance new ideas and creative approaches to addressing rapidly evolving economic conditions.

CNEDD, through meetings with counties and communities, has developed a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy that identifies major areas to be addressed, and create action plans and programs that improve and enhance economic viability and strength for the Central Nebraska region.

CNEDD is now implementing its action plans for business and community programs, and fostering partnerships with stakeholders and resource providers on behalf of Central Nebraska counties, communities, and citizens.

To become a CNEDD partner, or to receive more information about CNEDD's programs and services, visit our website at [www.cnedd.org](http://www.cnedd.org), or call Judy Petersen, Executive Director at 402-340-0106.

### Director Attends National Training in Denver

Judy Petersen, CNEDD Executive Director, recently returned from the National Association of Development Organization's Annual Training Conference in Denver, Colorado. Training sessions attended included, but were not limited to: Taking Workforce Development Programs to the Next Level, Entrepreneurial Dynamics Today and the Future, Building Economic Resilience. Ms. Petersen also met with federal EDA representatives to learn about other funding opportunities available through EDA. The valuable information received during this National training will help guide CNEDD directors in future program development for our Central Nebraska region.

### Our Mission

Partnering to enhance the quality of life in Central Nebraska through community, business, and housing development.

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