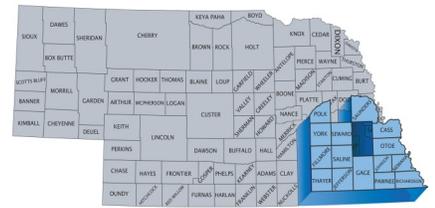


# SENDDD

Southeast Nebraska Development District



## SENDDD and CEDS

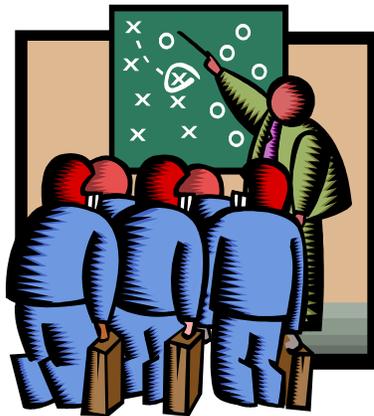
### What is a CEDS?

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is the result of a local planning process designed to guide sectors of economic growth in an area. The process provides a mechanism for coordinating local efforts of individuals, organizations, local governments and private industry concerned with that economic development. The Southeast Nebraska Development District (SENDDD) is prepare and update a CEDS for our 15-county area as part of our mandate as a "Certified Economic Development District" under the auspices of the Economic Development Administration (EDA) - a part of the United States Department of Commerce.

### The SENDDD Approach

In 2009, the District was approved by EDA for its expansion into the 15-county region. Previous CEDS documents by county area had been prepared as part of that expansion agreement. In order to create a single strategy encompassing all of the 15-county region,

SENDDD and its partners are now in the process of developing an overall CEDS. As a first step in the process, an electronic survey has been set up through Survey Monkey. SENDDD members and leaders are encouraged to complete that survey found at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SENDDSURVEY>. Several levels of Economic



Data have also been compiled as a base for review in order to make decisions concerning priorities in the region. This information will soon be available for further review on our SENDDD website:

[www.sendd.org](http://www.sendd.org)

### Local Meetings

Small multi-county meetings of community members and leaders are currently being scheduled. Input & insights gathered will be tallied & combined with the results of the survey. This meeting will lead to identifying goals and strategies to guide regional programs and project initiatives for the next few years. On May 15, 2012, the SE Nebraska Partners for Progress (representatives from Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee and Richardson County) will meet in Auburn with an agenda for the CEDS discussion.

It is anticipated that a CEDS document will be presented to the SENDDD Board of Directors at their June 21, 2012 meeting for further review and approval. The Regional CEDS document will then be presented to EDA for approval. A final CEDS document will be available for discussion at other meetings and on the SENDDD website.

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### SERN Quarterly Meeting June 20, 2012 in Beatrice

The SERN (Southeast Nebraska Resource Network) quarterly meeting is scheduled to be held at Homestead Monument near Beatrice, Nebraska on June 20, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Janelle Moran and Monica Braun of REAP will be hosting the event. Please mark your calendars and pass the information along to communities, businesses and other providers. Check our website [www.sendd.org](http://www.sendd.org) for agenda and program topics.

### Alan Richard of Pawnee City Awarded the Connecting Nebraska Award

We are excited to announce that Alan Richard of Pawnee City received the "Connecting Nebraska Award" award for the Southeast Region! The award was presented at the Governor's Conference on Rural Development in North Platte on April 25, 2012. Alan is a very deserving and worthy candidate!



## Grants available for small-town libraries

Small-town public libraries may receive a helping hand thanks to the generosity of a lifelong educator, the late Shirley Kreutz Bennett of Lincoln. Each year the Kreutz Bennett Donor-Advised Fund, an affiliated fund of the Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF), accepts proposals for matching grants for public libraries in communities with populations of 3,000 or less.

Following Ms. Kreutz Bennett's wishes, a Fund Advisory Committee composed of her nieces and nephews recommends grants in the following three areas: planning grants leading to accreditation; enhancement grants to improve library services and/or programs; and facilities grants for new facilities or the renovation, restoration or rehabilitation of current libraries.



All grants require a certain level of matching funds and evidence that the project has broad community support. Approximately \$70,000 is available each year. Grant seekers are encouraged to review the guidelines and application procedures at [www.nebcommfound.org/fund/kreutzbennett](http://www.nebcommfound.org/fund/kreutzbennett).

There are 228 libraries in Nebraska communities with populations under 3,000. This makes those libraries eligible for a grant from the Kreutz Bennett Donor-Advised Fund.

For more information, contact Reggi Carlson, NCF Communications Director at (402) 323-7331 or [rcarlson@nebcommfound.org](mailto:rcarlson@nebcommfound.org).

## Nebraska Regional Officials Council (NROC)

NROC, the official association of the Nebraska Economic Development Districts, recently launched their new website [www.nrocne.com](http://www.nrocne.com). The NROC Board of Directors is represented by the Executive Director from each development district in the state of Nebraska.

# NROC

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Panhandle Area Development District<br/>308-436-6584<br/><a href="http://www.nepadd.com">www.nepadd.com</a></li></ul>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● South Central Economic Development District<br/>308-995-3190<br/><a href="http://www.scedd.us">www.scedd.us</a></li></ul>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Southeast Nebraska Development District<br/>402-475-2560</li></ul>  |
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## Recycling Equipment Grants Available

The Nebraska State Recycling Association has grant funds available now for municipalities, other government entities, non-profits and recycling companies who wish to purchase recycling equipment. Interested parties should go to the Nebraska State Recycling website [www.recyclenebraska.org](http://www.recyclenebraska.org) and call Deb Rost at 402-933-3059 in Omaha for more information. Grants may fund the purchase of recycling trailers, carts, dumpsters, balers, forklifts, trucks and more. Applications will be taken until the fund is depleted.



The Recycling Equipment Grant is one of 107 projects in 2012 receiving \$19,292,396 in grant awards from the Nebraska Environmental Trust. The Trust has awarded more than \$178 million to over 1,300 conservation projects in Nebraska since 1994, and is funded by proceeds from the Nebraska Lottery.

The Nebraska State Recycling Association is a membership organization of public and private organizations as well as citizens, and has been a recycling advocate for Nebraska since 1980.