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**Agricultural Enterprises: An Important Economic Development Opportunity**  
**To be presented at the Southeast Nebraska Resource Network (SERN) Meeting**  
**Grafton, Ne July 31, 2014**

The Fillmore County Economic Development Corporation, Inc. will host the Quarterly Southeast Nebraska Resource Network (SERN) Meeting on July 31, 2014. Area community and business stakeholders are invited to attend the SERN Business meeting, lunch, and a Feature Presentation in Grafton, Nebraska at Gary's Brickhouse Grille that day.

The meeting will include updates from southeast Nebraska community and economic development service and resource providers attending the meeting as well as community and business spotlights for the area.

After lunch, Willow Holoubek, the Executive Director from the Alliance for the Future of Agriculture in Nebraska (A-FAN) will present on Agricultural Enterprise: An Important Economic Opportunity. A-FAN is a non-profit organization formed by leading agricultural membership groups in Nebraska including the Nebraska Cattlemen, Nebraska Corn Growers Association, Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation, Nebraska Pork Producers Association, Nebraska Poultry Industries, and Nebraska Soybean Association.

These groups understand that livestock production is a critical component to Nebraska's future providing vitality and opportunity for rural communities, adding value to Nebraska's agricultural output and energizing the economy of the entire state. With the support of other membership groups, commodity organizations, and private business, A-FAN works with individual producers and communities across Nebraska to encourage the development of environmentally responsible and economically viable livestock production in the state.

The SERN business meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. An agenda is located online at: <http://sendd.org/sern-quadrants/>. SERN is a group of development resource and service providers interested in the betterment of Southeast Nebraska. Area community and business stakeholders are encouraged to attend the SERN business meeting to connect with resource and service providers in the region.

A limited menu lunch will be served at 12:15 p.m. Lunch is available for \$11 per person at each attendees own cost (payment due at time of arrival). RSVP is required as seating is limited and lunches must be ordered in advance.

The Feature Presentation, "Agricultural Enterprises: An Important Economic Development Opportunity" will take place at 1:00 p.m. The event follows the regular SERN business meeting and lunch. There is no cost to attend the presentation however an RSVP is required as seating is limited.

**Please send RSVP to Patt Lentfer via email at: [lentfer.fcdc@genevemail.com](mailto:lentfer.fcdc@genevemail.com) no later than Noon on July 28, 2014.** RSVP to include attendance independently for each event: Business Meeting, Lunch, and/or Feature Presentation. Lunch cancellations must be made 48 hours prior to the event. No-Shows will be billed.

SERN includes the following Nebraska Counties and their communities: Butler, Cass, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Polk, Richardson, Saline, Saunders, Seward, Thayer, and York. To learn more about SERN and how to attend SERN meetings or receive SERN notices, email Jen Olds, SERN Chair at [jolds@sendd.org](mailto:jolds@sendd.org).