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**Unite 16: Community Entrepreneurship Opportunities (CEO) to be featured at  
Southeast Nebraska Resource Network (SERN) Meeting  
Seward Civic Center  
August 21, 2013**

The Seward County Economic Development Corporation ([www.sewardregional.com](http://www.sewardregional.com)) will host the quarterly Southeast Nebraska Resource Network (SERN) meeting on August 21, 2013 in the east basement of the Seward Civic Center (616 Bradford). Community and business stakeholders are invited to attend the SERN business meeting, feature presentation, and lunch in Seward that day. Before lunch, the feature presentation will outline the details of a new program being launched this fall in Seward County called, "Unite 16: Community Entrepreneurship Opportunities (CEO)."

Seward County received a grant through the Rural Futures Institute that is based out of the University of Nebraska - Lincoln. This grant enables Seward County Economic Development Corporation and UNL Extension in Seward County to develop an entrepreneurship training program, Unite 16: CEO. This program will equip high school students with the necessary tools to strengthen their skills in entrepreneurship, leadership, and networking. The program, geared toward high school sophomores and juniors, will include 27 students total with all three school districts in Seward County participating (Centennial, Milford, and Seward). For more information, please visit the program website at: [www.unite16ceo.com](http://www.unite16ceo.com).

The SERN business meeting will begin at 9:00 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. Community and Business stakeholders are encouraged to attend the SERN business meeting to connect with resource and service providers in the region.

**The feature presentation, "Unite 16: Community Entrepreneurship Opportunities (CEO)" will take place at 10:30 a.m.** There is no cost to attend the presentation however a RSVP is required as seating is limited.

A catered lunch provided by Chez Bubba Cafe ([www.chezbubbacafe.com](http://www.chezbubbacafe.com)) will be served at 12 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.

**Please e-mail RSVP to [sewardcoecdev@gmail.com](mailto:sewardcoecdev@gmail.com) no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 19, 2013.** 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.

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). SERN meeting minutes and information are online at: <http://sendd.org/southeast-nebraska-resource-network/>. 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.