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“Communities Investing in Themselves - Leveraging Resources for Housing Needs”
Interactive Discussion Facilitated by Cliff Mesner and Steve Peregrine
November 6, 2012

Community and Economic Development Stakeholders are invited to attend an interactive discussion to share community housing successes and concerns in our communities. The forum will encourage attendees to share local efforts and collaborate with resource providers to address current housing needs in the Southeast region.

In an era of decreasing outside resources, Nebraska communities are increasingly looking to create their own opportunities for addressing housing concerns. From local investors and investment clubs, to LB840 and creative use of Tax Increment Financing, communities are spurring housing investment and leveraging resources.

Steve Peregrine with the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) will begin the session by sharing details about the NIFA Housing Study Grant Program. Cliff Mesner, Owner of Mesner Development Company will lead the interactive session on leveraging resources and share examples of successful ways communities have invested in themselves to leverage housing resources.

The event will take place at 1:00 p.m. on November 6, 2012 at Kerry’s Restaurant in McCool Junction, NE.

The event follows the regular SERN business meeting and lunch. There is no cost to attend the presentation, however an RSVP to mccoolutilities@galaxycable.net is requested as seating is limited. Please send your RSVP no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 2, 2012.

This program is in conjunction with the Southeast Nebraska Resource Network (SERN). SERN is a group of development resource and service providers interested in the betterment of Southeast Nebraska.

The SERN business meeting will take place from 10:00 a.m. – Noon prior to the event. Lunch will be available for \$10 per person at each attendees own cost at Noon (payment due at time of arrival). RSVP is required as seating is limited and lunches must be ordered in advance. **Community and Economic Development stakeholders are encouraged to attend the SERN business meeting to connect with providers in the region.**

To learn more about SERN and how to attend SERN meetings, email Jen Olds, SERN Chair at jolds@sendd.org. You can also access SERN Meeting minutes and information 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.