



**NORTHEAST NEBRASKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**2007-2008  
Comprehensive Economic  
Development Strategy Survey  
Results**

What are the Needs of Your Community and it's  
Ability to Influence the Future?

What are the Weaknesses and Threats to the  
Regional Economy?

- Quality of Employment Opportunities*
- Maintaining Quality K-12 Education*
- Adequate and Quality Housing*
- Access to Higher Education Opportunities*
- Upgrading Community/County Infrastructure*
- Health Care Facilities*
- Maintaining Younger Workforce*

# What are the Needs for Creating and/or Improving Agriculture?

- Water Conservation*
- Developing Regional Marketing Strategies*
- Financial, Computer and/or Marketing Assistance*
- Soil Conservation on Farmlands*
- Replacement of Trees and Shelterbelts*

# What are the Needs for Established and New Businesses?

- Regional Partnerships to Attract New Businesses*
- Access to Highway/Roadway*
- Access to Markets*
- Access to Suppliers*
- Active Economic Development Organizations*

# Ways of Increasing Tourism and Recreation in Your Area.

- Improving Community Appearance
- Promoting Local Attractions
- Regional Marketing of Tourist Attractions
- Promoting/Developing Local Historical Areas
- Developing Regional Tourism Activities
- Providing Training to Merchants to Welcome and Assist Visitors

# What are the Region's Strengths, to which we can Build a Competitive Edge?

- ❑ *Quality of Life*
- ❑ *Partnerships between Communities*
- ❑ *Natural Resources: agriculture and recreational*
- ❑ *Alternative Fuel Production*
- ❑ *Schools and Hospitals*
- ❑ *Strong Workforce*

What are the Growth Sectors and Clusters?  
What is Driving the Economy and Where is it  
Headed?  
What are the Opportunities in the Region?

- ❑ *Ethanol Production and By-Products*
- ❑ *Agriculture*
- ❑ *Renewable Energy Production*
- ❑ *Light Manufacturing*
- ❑ *E-Commerce*

# Who are the Important Partners in the Region, who might also Provide Support and Funding?

- Economic Development Districts*
- Schools & Hospitals*
- Public Power Districts*
- Community & County Governments*
- Nebraska Workforce Development*
- Local and State Taxes*

# Where do You Want the Region to be in the next 10 to 20 years?

- Growth & Stability in Population*
- Major Contributor to the Ethanol Industry*
- Strong Health Care Provider*
- Strengthen & Increase Workforce*
- Attract Younger Population*

# What are the Goals to Accomplish This?

- ❑ *Leadership Development*
- ❑ *Attract & Retain Younger Workforce*
- ❑ *Generate and Retain Funding*
- ❑ *Business Diversity & Expansion*
- ❑ *Improve Housing Infrastructure and Availability*

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