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NENEDD HIRES TWO; PROMOTES ONE



Stephanie Hecht joined the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District (NENEDD) as the new Housing Assistant on September 28th, 2009. Stephanie, a native of Glenwood, Iowa worked at , Apex Genetics, Inc, a seed corn company in Norfolk before joining the NENEDD staff.

As the Housing Assistant, Stephanie will assist the Housing Loan Specialist in providing information and assistance to those inquiring about NENEDD and Northeast Economic Development, Inc. (NED, Inc.) housing programs: owner-occupied housing rehabilitation and down-payment assistance loans offered to low-to-moderate residents of northeast Nebraska. She will also help with the development of marketing and promotional materials for the housing programs.

Stephanie lives in Tilden and has one son.



The Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District (NENEDD) also hired a new Community and Planning Coordinator. **Jared Hahn**, who grew up in Pierce, joined the NENEDD staff on October 26, 2009. Jared previously worked at Menards and U.S. Bank.

Jared will be involved in assisting local governments in a 20-county region with, strategic planning, grant writing, business retention and recruitment, com-

prehensive planning and other community and economic development activities.

Jared enjoys spending time with his family and friends and enjoys watching and playing sports. He is married to his wife, Samantha. His parents are Dennis & Becky Hahn and his sister is Morgan.



Lisa Hurley has been promoted to Community and Planning Supervisor for NENEDD. Lisa has been with the District since March, 2006. Lisa is originally from Crete.

Lisa is CDBG certified and has attended Heartland Basic Economic Development Course. Before joining the District, Lisa worked in Lincoln at the Good Neighbor Community Center for five years.

Currently, Lisa works with elected and appointed officials and public and private agency employees in developing and carrying out plans and programs. She is also provides recommendations to interested groups and the general public.

Thomas L. Higginbotham, Jr, Executive Director stated, "This will help with the overall organization of this department for current projects and future expansions of our programs. Lisa has excellent organization skills and a vision for the future."



REMINDER FOR CDBG FUNDING APPLICATIONS

We are beginning to plan for grant applications for the 2010 Community Development Block Grants. If your community has already made the decision to apply for housing, public works, planning, or tourism grants, please let our office know at (402) 379-1150.

There is still time to conduct your LMI income survey, hold town hall meetings and update action plans. Please contact your community and development planner soon for assistance in submitting a grant application or for more information on deadlines and requirements.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD & VIDEOCONFERENCES

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) will conduct two public videoconferences on *the Proposed 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan & Proposed 2010 Annual Action Plan* which concerns the distribution of approximately \$12 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, \$5 million in HOME program funds, \$600,000 in Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG) funds, and \$300,000 in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (authorized under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended); and \$1.5 million in Homeless Shelter Assistance Trust Funds (HSATF), and \$9 million in Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Funds (NAHTF). The plans describe national and state objectives, application schedules, eligible activities, and selection criteria for projects. Copies of the *Proposed 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan & Proposed 2010 Annual Action Plan* will be available at the videoconferences; on the DED website: <http://www.neded.org/> after November 16, 2009; or can be requested by calling Libby Elder at (800) 426-6505, or (402) 471-3762, or emailing libby.elder@nebraska.gov

INTERACTIVE VIDEOCONFERENCES SCHEDULE

The public comment period is November 16, 2009—January 4, 2010.

The interactive videoconferences will be held as follows:

November 17, 2 p.m. CT

- Lincoln Executive Building, 521 S. 14th St., Ste. 103
- Ainsworth, Ainsworth Public Library, 5th & Main
- Norfolk, Northeast Community College, 801 E. Benjamin Ave., MaClay Bldg., Room 122
- Kearney, Kearney Public Library, 2020 1st Ave.

November 23, 10 a.m. CT

- Lincoln, Nebraska Education Telecommunications, 1800 N. 33rd St., Board Room
- Wayne, Wayne State College, 1111 Main St., Conn Library, Room 18
- McCook, McMillen Hall, 1205 E. 3rd St., Room 208
- Chadron, Chadron State College, 10th & Main Sts., Student Center – Scottsbluff Room
- Alliance, Alliance Learning Center, 1750 Sweetwater St., Room 123

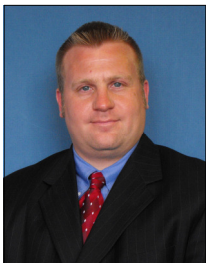
Beginning November 16, the *Proposed 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan & Proposed 2010 Annual Action Plan* will be available at:

Alliance Public Library, 1750 Sweetwater St.

- Auburn Memorial Library, 1810 Courthouse Ave.
- Garfield County Library, 110 S. 7th St., Burwell, Neb.
- Central City Public Library, 1604 15th Ave.
- Chadron Public Library, 507 Bordeaux St.
- Lexington Public Library, 103 E. 10th St.
- Bennett Martin Public Library, 136 S. 14th St., Lincoln, Neb.
- McCook Public Library, 802 Norris Ave.
- Jensen Memorial Library, 443 N. Kearney, Minden, Neb.
- Goodall City Library, 203 W. "A" St., Ogallala, Neb.
- W. Dale Clark Library, 2015 S. 15th St., Omaha, Neb.
- Scottsbluff Public Library, 1809 3rd St.
- Sidney Public Library, 1112 12th Ave.
- Wayne Public Library, 410 Pearl St.
- Thomas County Library, 501 Main St., Thedford, Neb.
- Valentine Public Library, 324 N. Main St.

Mail written comments by January 4 to: Libby Elder, Nebraska Department of Economic Development, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, or email: libby.elder@nebraska.gov Comments will be accepted starting November 16. Individuals requiring sensory accommodations, including interpreter services, Braille, large print, or recorded materials should contact Libby Elder by November 2, 2009.

TOM HIGGINBOTHAM ELECTED TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Washington, DC – Tom Higginbotham, Executive Director of the Northeast Nebraska EDD in Norfolk, NE, was elected to the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) 2009 – 2010 Board of Directors on September 1, 2009 at NADO's annual business meeting. The meeting was held in conjunction with the association's 42nd annual training conference in Chicago, Illinois.

The NADO Board of Directors oversees the association's budget and operations and develops policy on issues affecting regional development organizations. The organization was founded in 1967 to provide training, information and representation for regional development organizations throughout the United States. Today, NADO member organizations serve the 82 million residents of small metropolitan and rural America through various programs focused on diversifying local economies, assisting businesses, creating jobs and providing social services.

"We are honored to have Tom Higginbotham serve on NADO's Board of Directors. He brings a wealth of expertise, knowledge and leadership on regional community and economic development issues to the national level," stated Matthew Chase, NADO Executive Director. "Most importantly, he is focused on helping our nation's local communities pursue comprehensive regional strategies for remaining economically competitive in today's rapidly changing global environment."

NADO's Board includes member organizations that represent a broad section of the United States including the Eastern, Midwestern, Southeastern, Southwestern and Western regions. The term runs through the Annual Business Meeting, which is held during the association's annual training conference that will take place in San Diego, California, August 28-31, 2010.

For more information, contact NADO Executive Director, Matthew Chase at 202.624.7806 or mchase@nado.org.

The National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) promotes public policies that strengthen local governments, communities and economies through the regional strategies, coordination efforts and program expertise of the nation's 520 regional development organizations.

NADO HOLDS LEADERSHIP FLY-IN

On October 5 - 7, NADO held a Policy Leadership Fly-In. In light of the recent turnovers in federal agency career staff and the appointments of new Obama administration political appointees, the event was held to help educate key federal level officials about regional development organizations and their potential roles in new and existing programs.

Over the course of the three-day event, 17 NADO members representing 11 states attended 20 separate meetings with federal agencies, the White House and Capitol Hill staff.

Meetings focused on a variety of key policy issues and areas, including EDA appropriations and reauthorization, rural transportation, USDA Rural Development, SBA/business development finance, emergency management, livability and energy efficiency. During the meetings, participants discussed their individual program experiences and expertise and highlighted some of NADO's legislative priorities.

NENEDD Executive Director Tom Higginbotham attended this leadership fly-in.



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*NENEDD Offices will be
Closed for Thanksgiving
November 26 & 27.*

LEGAL NOTICES

**The November Board Meetings are
scheduled for
Wednesday, November, 18th, 2009
at the NENEDD Offices.**

NED, Inc. Board of Directors begins at
approximately 7:00 p.m.

NENEDD Board of Directors begins at
approximately 7:15 p.m.

AGENDAS & MINUTES

Agendas are kept current. A copy can
be obtained by contacting Thomas
Higginbotham, Executive Director at
(402) 379-1150, Ext. 103. You may
obtain current Board Meeting minutes
at: www.nenedd.org/publications If
you are unable to access the internet,
please call Mickella at (402) 379-1150
to request a copy.

NEBRASKA REGIONAL OFFICIALS COUNCIL (NROC) MEETS IN KEARNEY

The Nebraska Regional Officials Council, Inc (NROC) met on November 5th, 2009 in Kearney to officially form a statewide association for the Nebraska Development Districts. The organization will be forming a 501(c)(6). By-laws for the organization were established and adopted. NROC council members elected three officers. The elected Chairperson was Karl

Elmshaeuser, Executive Director of the West Central Nebraska Development District, located in Ogallala. The Vice-Chairperson elected was Tom Higginbotham, Executive Director of the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District, located in Norfolk. The Secretary/Treasurer elected was Paul Mullen, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency

located in Omaha.

NROC is planning to apply to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for funding. The funding will be used to assist in the forming and marketing of the statewide development district organization (NROC).

