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## Mark Your Calendars for 2013 Housing Conference

Central Nebraska Housing Developers' Annual Housing Conference has been scheduled for Thursday, November 7, in Broken Bow. The theme for this year's conference is: "Rural Housing Growth—Your Way."

The Conference Flyer and Registration will be emailed and mailed shortly. Conference fee still remains at \$10 per person.

Conference topics include: Local Housing Investment Opportunities, Community Redevelopment Authorities, Tax Increment Financing, Local Option Municipal Development Program (aka LB840), Nuisance Code Enforcement, and Energy Cost Saving Opportunities.

## Central Nebraska Represented at NIFA Strategic Planning

Judy Petersen, CNHD Executive Director, was one of three panelists invited to participate in the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) 2013 Board Strategic Planning Session in Nebraska City on August 16. Panelists were asked to address "What Are Nebraska Community's Housing Needs?" and answer questions from NIFA Board Members.



Ms. Petersen thanked NIFA for their tremendous support of communities through the Housing Study Grant Program, indicating that when communities often are unsure of where to start when moving to take the next steps following completion of a housing study. Certainly, housing that meets the needs of a diverse array of citizens and incomes is important for all communities to address, especially workforce housing. Because of the complexity of housing development, communities are looking to housing experts to guide them through the process. With tight local and state resources, a community may not have the available funds for that housing expertise. Judy reported that a NIFA program, similar to the Housing Grant Program that partners with local funds to provide resources for these efforts, would bring that expertise to communities and would lead to successful housing growth in Nebraska communities.

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