

**Central Nebraska's  
Annual Economic  
Development and Housing  
Conference**

**“Rural In-Migration—  
Is Your Community  
Ready?”**

**March 27, 2015**

**Stuart Community Center  
204 Parnell Street, Stuart, Nebraska**

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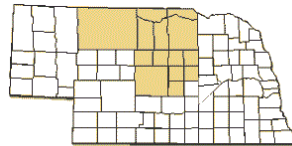


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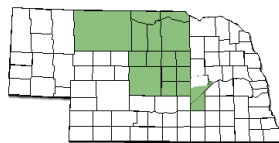
**Who We Are**

The Central Nebraska Economic Development District (CNEDD) is a 14-county regional development organization that encourages cooperation between local government officials, community-based organizations and the private sector. The District provides the link between federal and state programs, and the local level where development actually occurs. CNEDD attained recognition as an official Economic Development District by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) in 2003.

CNEDD provides business, community, and economic development services to the following counties in Central Nebraska: Blaine, Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Custer, Garfield, Greeley, Holt, Keya Paha, Loup, Rock, Sherman, Valley and Wheeler.



The Central Nebraska Economic Development Inc, doing business as Central Nebraska Housing Developers (CNHD) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization working in partnership with CNEDD. Over \$9 million in federal and state grant dollars for housing programs has been channeled into our region since CNHD was established. All contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.



**Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Conference Fees— \$15.00 per person—Registration Deadline is**

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**Mail Your Registration To: Central Nebraska Economic Development District  
P.O. Box 201, Chambers, NE 68725, by March 16, 2015**

## Conference Agenda

- 8:30 a.m. **Registration Opens**
- 9:00 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**
- 9:15 a.m. **Reversing the Brain Drain**  
Milan Wall
- 10:15 a.m. **Break/Networking**
- 10:30 a.m. **Housing as a Community Asset**  
Milan Wall
- Noon **Lunch (provided on-site)**  
**A Vision for Rural Growth**  
Chuck Schroeder
- 1:30 p.m. **Improving Your Community Through Comprehensive Plans and Zoning**  
Bobbie Pettit
- 2:15 p.m. **Break/Networking**
- 2:30 p.m. **Local Sales Tax Programs for Community Growth**  
City of Atkinson  
City of O'Neill  
Dept. of Economic Development
- 3:15 p.m. **Breakout Sessions:**  
**\*\*Business Loans and Education Programs**  
REAP, USDA, DED, NBDC/SBA, NENEDD  
**\*\*Veterans Housing Programs**  
Dundee Mortgage
- 4:00 p.m. **How CNEDD and CNHD Can Help Your Community**
- 4:30 p.m. **Conference Adjourns**

## Speakers

**Milan Wall—Co-director and a founder of the Heartland Center for Leadership Development**—A management and communications expert with more than 30 years experience in dealing with the critical issues facing American society and culture. With Dr. Vicki Luther, he is co-author of a number of publications on leadership and community development, including *The Entrepreneurial Community: A Strategic Leadership Approach to Community Survival*, *Clues to Rural Community Survival*, and *Eight Challenges Facing Community Leaders*. In 2013, he was honored with the Community Development Achievement Award by the Community Development Society, an international association of community development professionals.

**Chuck Schroeder— Rural Futures Initiative, Executive Director**—A native of western Nebraska ranch country who recently was named Founding Executive Director of the Rural Futures Institute at the University of Nebraska. Prior to beginning his new duties on December 1, Schroeder served as president and executive director of the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where he worked since 2002. Chuck also served as executive vice president and director of development at the University of Nebraska Foundation and director of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

**Bobbie Pettit— Community Planner, South Central Economic Development District**—Specializes in Comprehensive Plans, Investment and Stabilization Strategies, Planning & Zoning Ordinances, and Building Codes as well as implementation of SCEDD's Nuisance Abatement Program. Bobbi has a Master's degree in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).

## Who Should Attend?

- Elected Officials (County and Community)
- Clerks (County & Community)
- Economic Developers
- Chambers of Commerce
- Veterans Service Providers
- Development Boards
- Lenders
- Housing Stakeholders
- Investment Groups
- Active Citizens



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