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Hastings Selected to Host 2027 Nebraska Economic Developers Association Annual Conference

HASTINGS – Economic development professionals from across Nebraska will gather in Hastings next spring as the community hosts the 2027 Nebraska Economic Developers Association (NEDA) Annual Conference from April 14-16.

The statewide conference is expected to bring together hundreds of economic development leaders, community development professionals, business representatives, utility partners, consultants and public officials to examine strategies for strengthening Nebraska's economy and supporting community growth.

NEDA serves as Nebraska's leading professional association for economic developers, with a mission to advance economic development expertise, encourage partnership among professionals, and promote economic growth throughout the state. The organization hosts an annual conference and training events that provide continuing education, networking and professional development opportunities for members.

Conference attendees may expect a variety of educational sessions, keynote presentations, panel discussions and networking events focused on topics such as workforce development, housing, business attraction and retention, community revitalization, entrepreneurship, infrastructure investment and emerging economic development trends. Previous NEDA conferences have also included local business tours, awards presentations recognizing excellence in economic development and opportunities to showcase successful community development projects.

“We are excited to have the opportunity to host 150 of our colleagues. While many know of Hastings, they don’t know Hastings the way that we do,” said Shannon Landauer, Executive Director of the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce and Hastings Economic Development Corporation.

“The three-day conference will highlight the partnerships necessary to grow a community, as well as the approaches taken to move our community forward from a community and economic development standpoint,” Landauer said. “Our team is looking forward to bringing participants out of the conference center setting to explore Hastings!”

Hosting the conference will allow attendees to experience firsthand the community's continuing economic development efforts, housing initiatives, workforce programs, downtown development projects, and business growth opportunities.

Additional details regarding location, conference registration, speakers, sponsorship opportunities, and the event agenda will be announced at a later date.

Founded in 1973, NEDA exists to strengthen economic development throughout Nebraska through education, professional development and advocacy for economic development professionals. For more information about NEDA, visit www.neda1.org.