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Cornhusker Energy --Lexington, NE

Cornhusker Energy Lexington LLC (CEL) was founded in 2001. In 2004 construction was started on the current ethanol production facility located in Lexington, Nebraska. The plant is situated east of the Fairgrounds in the Lexington Industrial Development Area. The facility was brought online in January of 2006 and currently has (62) direct employees with thousands of local corn producers, feeders, truck drivers and support companies. CEL Lexington’s production facility would not have been a reality without the Dawson Area Economic Development, City of Lexington, Nebraska Public Power in addition to the support of many other additional organizations and individuals.

CEL is able to process approximately 15 million bushels of corn producing transportation fuel and high quality feed and feed components. Tydd Rohrbough, CEO and founding member states “We are committed to the Dawson County Area’s continued success, growth and development. Additionally, CEL is proud to be doing our part for energy independence in the Heartland of America and continues to be focused on improving the efficiency and availability of US Transportation Fuel.” The company is continuing to explore a number of development opportunities to bring additional large scale agricultural related projects to the Dawson County Area. The scale of the current projects under review would require over a billion dollars of investment and create several hundred direct employment opportunities.



(Employers visit with possible employees at the recent Dawson County Job Fair.)

2010-11 Leadership Class Application Requests

A brochure featuring the next Dawson Area Development Leadership class is part of this newsletter. It explains how to receive an application to become part of the next class of growing Dawson County area leaders!

If you, your employees, or co-workers, are interested in expanding knowledge of our area, meeting potential leaders from across our county and forming a life-long network of friends, this class will accomplish that and more. The class is geared to motivate and encourage participants to assume leadership roles in community affairs. The class is also a great way for new residents and employees to learn about the area, county, and state.

Call 308-784-3902 or email djdad@cozadtel.net to receive an application. Application deadline is July 29, 2010.



Critical “How to” Export Programs Offered June Through November

JUNE 11, 2010 (LINCOLN, NEB.)-The U.S. and world economies are linked in many ways. To best understand how the U.S. has stayed afloat during this recent recession, one need only look at exports that were responsible for two-thirds of the nation’s economic growth from 2007-2008.

Between 2007-2008 Nebraska’s exports increased by 27 percent-to Canada by 26 percent, to Mexico by 27 percent and to Japan by 48 percent. While the state’s numbers dropped in 2008 as the recession deepened, its decreases were modest compared with business conducted stateside.

“Without international business, we wouldn’t be in business today, describes our situation very well,” said Matt Allmand, President of Allmand Brothers Inc., in Holdrege. “Many months in 2009, our international business was 50 percent of our revenue. And while other business was off 60 percent, international was only off 5 percent.”

So, whether you’re new to exporting, or have specific exporting issues, several upcoming programs and opportunities are geared to turn you into an export expert.

“Exporting 101 - Let Us Help You Put the Pieces Together!” takes place Thursday, June 17 in the Board Room of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce. Laura Pedersen, Global Banking Officer with First National Bank of Omaha will cover export rules & regulations; export documentation; export financing; and international methods of payment. A registration fee includes materials, lunch and parking. Deadline to register is June 14.

From June 22 to November 4, a “Traveling International Office” will be visiting 11 Nebraska communities throughout the state. Susan Rouch with the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) and Meredith Bond with the U.S. Commercial Service will share export resources, international experience and expertise to help business owners eliminate obstacles to exporting. The sessions are free and no appointment is necessary for one-on-one meetings.





ExporTech Program - How to Grow Your Company Through Exports!, is a new three-session offering that will take place August 19, September 16 and October 28 at the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce. In just three months, this “how-to” program will help business leaders draft company specific export plans; effectively expand into global markets; connect with reputable resources and expert consultants; and locate resources to move rapidly from the planning to sales stage. The program is sponsored by the U.S. and Nebraska Manufacturing Extension Partnerships, DED, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, and U.S. Commercial Service. Space is limited, and the deadline to register is July 16.

For information, contact Susan R. Rouch at 800-426-6505, 402-471-4668, or susan.rouch@nebraska.gov.

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2010 Legislation Affecting Economic Development

The Nebraska Legislature had a busy session. A total of 429 bills and constitutional amendments were introduced this year, in addition to 290 carryover bills. The following legislation related to economic development was acted upon:

<p>LB 918 NE Advantage Modernization</p>		<p>The primary economic development bill of the 2010 session, LB918 cleans up the Nebraska Advantage Act by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allows tax incentives for businesses that make software, data and information available by Internet-not just on computer disc; 2. Adds data centers to the list of qualified activities and permits smaller data centers to qualify for incentives; 3. Amends the Nebraska Super Advantage Act to ensure that “wages paid” includes employee benefits, such as retirement contributions made by the employer.
<p>LB 1048 Wind Energy</p>		<p>LB 1048 encourages the construction of privately owned wind farms in Nebraska to export more electricity to other states. LB1048 allows the Nebraska Power Review Board to permit “certified renewable export facilities”-which includes wind, solar, biomass, and landfill gas generation. It also protects the state’s 100% public power structure, while guarding against rate increases on Nebraskans.</p>
<p>LB 1018 Tourism & Redevelopment Act</p>		<p>LB 1018 encourages the development of new tourism attractions and the redevelopment of deteriorating urban areas. Under the act, communities may enter into agreements with the sponsors of major tourism and redevelopment projects, which can qualify for a refund of up to 1.5% of the local option sales tax, if first approved by the local residents in an election.</p>
<p>LB954 & LB967 Restrictions on Incentives</p>		<p>LB954 would have established a strict cap on local sales tax refunds under the Nebraska Advantage Act, the state’s primary economic development program. This would have affected qualified businesses that had already met their obligations by creating jobs or investing in a community. LB967 would have created a new fund to subsidize tax refund requests by businesses in specific communities. While the State Chamber opposed both bills, it remains committed to helping find a solution for impacted communities.</p>

ABLE Update

-Mary Gohl, ABLE Coordinator - 308.784.3902 - mgdad@cozadtel.net

The ABLE program continues through the summer months with a busy schedule. Surprise, surprise.

The Dawson County Job Fair was held the end of May in Cozad. We had excellent area business participation and I would like to say "Thank You" again to all the businesses who attended. I appreciate it greatly!

The annual Dawson Area Development Business and Industry Appreciation Day was held June 9th at the Cozad County Club. We were lucky enough to have beautiful weather for a lovely afternoon of golf and good company. This was my first DAD Appreciation Day, as well as my first time golfing. Thank you to my team members who put up with my horrible golfing skills! Below are some candid snapshots of the day. Thank you to everyone who shared the day with us, we appreciate you all!

As mentioned in May's newsletter, ABLE has partnered with the Center for Rural Entrepreneurship to develop a strategic plan for the ABLE program, focusing on youth engagement in the communities. We had our first "Champions Group" meeting with facilitator Craig Schroeder on June 10th and got off to a great start. Participants seemed to be very enthusiastic about the program and numerous creative projects were mentioned. Craig took all the info back to Lincoln with him to do some "brainstorming." He made it very clear that he is just the facilitator and that "we," Dawson County residents, are in charge of this process. He encouraged everyone with thoughts or opinions to relay them to me. The more ideas and feedback we receive, the better the outcome will be for Dawson County.

I recently attended the 8th Annual National Career Clusters Institute convention in Denver, Colorado. This convention focuses on creating and managing pathways to college and career readiness for students. I attended sessions covering various topics including: entrepreneurship promotion, workforce development, professional development, building relationships with business and industries, and career technical education. I brought back a plethora of information and also learned that Dawson County is ahead of the game. It seemed as though many people were trying to get a program like the ABLE program started in their states, but just didn't have the resources to do so. We should be very proud of the resources we have that contribute to the ABLE program and make it a success. Thank you!

Please email or call me with any ideas, questions, concerns, or comments you may have. I value everyone's input. Thanks and have a great Fourth of July!



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Nebraska ExporTech

How to Grow through Exports

With the weak dollar and rapid growth in many emerging economies, export sales are the fastest growing segment of the market. Many U.S. firms that have survived stiff global competition are now in a better position to compete in international markets. The ExporTech program leads companies through a facilitated learning and development process that prepares them for profitable growth in global markets.

'This course provides the tailored back ground knowledge and an opportunity for company-specific export planning to improve the probability of international success.'

Mark Rice
Maritime Applied Physics Corporation

What is ExporTech?

Expotech is the "how-to" program that will help your company expand into global markets by developing an international and proactive growth plan customized for your business. Utilizing a team of export experts, Expotech will help your company move quickly beyond planning, into actual, profitable export sales.

The program is intended for executives of manufacturing companies, and is aimed at both new-to-export companies and those that have done some exporting, but have not fully exploited global opportunities.

What are the benefits?

Expotech will give your company:

- resources to help you rapidly move from planning to actual sales and payment
- international strategies and success factors based on real-world company research
- a robust export plan in just three months
- connection with reputable resources and expert consultations
- accelerated speed to market, actual leads and sales



The Nebraska ExporTech Program is sponsored by:



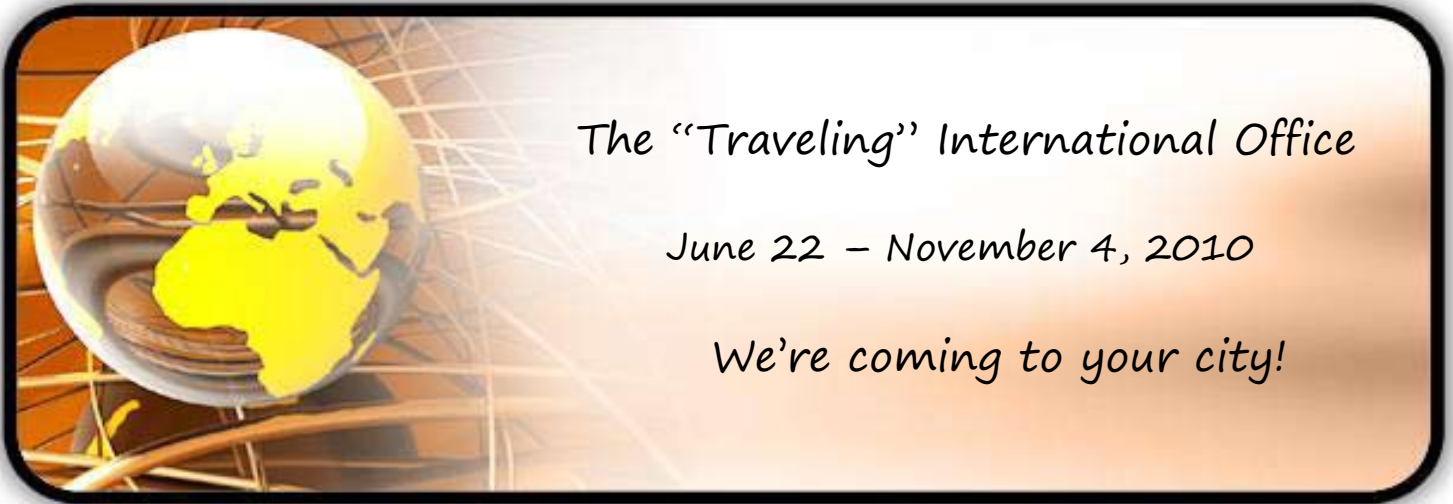
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<http://www.neded.org/international>



The “Traveling” International Office

June 22 – November 4, 2010

We’re coming to your city!

Today, technological advances make international business opportunities endless...we can travel to several countries within a day and negotiate business almost anywhere in the world in a matter of minutes. Yet, for many companies in Nebraska the obstacles to international business seem insurmountable.

Susan Rouch, Office of International Trade & Investment, Nebraska Department of Economic Development in Lincoln and Meredith Bond, U.S. Commercial Service, U.S. Department of Commerce in Omaha are packing up their resources, experience and expertise and taking it on the road to help eliminate those obstacles.

Eleven communities throughout the six field service regions in Nebraska will be home to the “Traveling” International Office between June 22 and November 4, 2010.

Tentative Schedule:

June 30 – Fremont

Aug. 5 & 6 – McCook

Sept. 30 – Broken Bow

June 22 – Norfolk

July 21 – Sidney

Aug. 25 & 26 – No. Platte

Oct. 6 & 7 – So. Sioux City

June 24 – Doniphan

July 22 – Kearney

Sept. 29 – Alliance

Nov. 3 & 4 – Beatrice

An “Export Roundtable” discussion will be held at each location, for an introduction to exporting and resources available for assistance. It’s open to any and all individuals and businesses interested in international trade. In addition, the “office” will be open for individual discussions with one or both of our experts later in the day. No fees involved and no appointment necessary!

For more detailed information contact: Susan Rouch, 402-471-4668;
susan.rouch@nebraska.gov; or your regional field service representative!

***This article is courtesy of www.chiefexecutive.net. Wild Horse Golf Club, located in Gothenburg, NE is mentioned.*

Improbable Golf

An Around-The-World Guide to Great Golf Where You Least Expect to Find it.

BY JOHN STEINBREder

There are always the usual suspects - the Pebble Beaches, Pinehursts and St. Andrews of the world - places where the royal and ancient game is best known and most frequently played. But golfers sometimes need to go off the beaten track and play their games in the most improbable places, where the sheer uniqueness of the sites, and the charms and challenges they present, is as compelling as the courses themselves.

Take the Kingdom of Morocco, where Robert Trent Jones Sr. designed the magnificent Red Course at Royal Golf Dar Es Salam. Or the sand hills of northeastern Colorado, which boasts a stunning inland links course called Ballyneal that makes players feel they're climbing the dunes of County Clare, even as Aermotor windmills and herds of cattle tell them they are in the Wild West.

Following is our collection of the best and most improbable retreats in golf around the world, where the designs are deft, the ambience is all about the game in its most traditional and appealing forms and the locales are as surprising as they often are hard to reach:



The International Improbables, Golf-Club Crans-sur-Sierre (Crans-Montana, Switzerland)

41-27-485-9797, www.golfrans.ch

This scenic alpine retreat is one of the best places to play the game in Europe. And if you don't believe us, ask PGA Tour superstars Sergio Garcia and Adam Scott, both of whom have chalet-style homes here that look as if they came right out of Heidi. Another indication that Crans-sur-Sierre has strong golfing chops: It hosts the European Masters each year.



Humewood Golf Club (Port Elizabeth, South Africa)

27-41-583-2137, www.humewoodgolf.co.za

Humewood is the only true links course in Africa, and one of the finest on the continent. Built in 1931 on the outskirts of the south coastal city of Port Elizabeth, it features wide and undulating fairways, big and fast greens and fierce winds off Algoa Bay that force golfers to play a traditional ground game, keeping shots low and running approaches onto the greens.



**Royal Golf Dar Es Salam
(Rabat, Morocco)**

212-537-755-864, www.royalgolddaressalam.com

This golf club, 15 minutes from the center of the capital city of Rabat, features 45 holes, all routed through a vast cork forest by Robert Trent Jones Sr. But the best of that bunch are the 18 that make up the Red Course. Hall of Fame golfer Nick Price says it is the best Trent Jones track he has ever played, and few pros who compete in a European PGA Tour event there each year would argue.

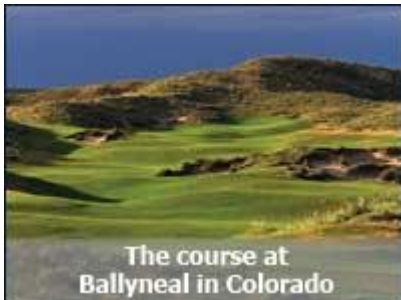


**Varadero Golf Club
(Varadero, Cuba)**

53-45-668-482, www.varaderogolfclub.com

Golf is not a sport of the masses in socialist societies like Fidel Castro's Cuba, but this island nation does have one, 18 holes on a slender peninsula 85 miles east of Havana. It's a testy, tropical layout with several saltwater lakes on the former estate of Ireneé DuPont de Nemours.

And the expansive mansion he once called his winter home - named Xanadu - serves as the clubhouse.



**Six Surprising U.S. Spots, Ballyneal Golf and Hunt Club
(Holyoke, Colorado)**

970-854-5900, www.ballyneal.com

This golfing outpost for "the golfer who prefers to walk the course" offers a superb routing and links-like design that makes good use of the austere, rolling terrain. Golfers voted it among the best new courses in the country, and also noted its utter isolation. A three-hour drive from Denver, Ballyneal evokes a pleasing yet haunting emptiness.



**Chambers Bay Golf Course
(University Place, Washington)**

253-460-4653, www.chambersbaygolf.com

Opened in 2007, this Puget Sound layout is already a star, having been selected by the United States Golf Association to be the site of this year's U.S. Amateur, and in five years the U.S. Open.

Robert Trent Jones Jr. gave the nearly treeless track a delightfully linky feel that harkens back to the game's Scottish roots.



**CordeValle
(San Martin, California)**

408-695-4500, www.cordevalle.com

Who would have thought such a charming and eminently playable golf course could be found in farmland just south of San Jose? The surprising Robert Trent Jones Jr.-designed layout is set in the foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountains, just off of Highway 101, and is a favorite retreat not only for Silicon Valley bigwigs but also for golfers looking to truly get away from it all.



**Mountain Lake
(Lake Wales, Florida)**

863-676-3494, www.mountainlakeecc.com

The middle of Sunshine State is not exactly where you'd expect to find a golfing treasure. But Mountain Lake is all that, and more. Built among the expansive orange groves of this backwater burg in 1916 by Seth Raynor, chief engineer for and disciple of the great Charles Blair Macdonald, the father of the game in America, it remains a superb example of early American golf course architecture.



**Wild Horse Golf Club
(Gothenburg, Nebraska)**

308-537-7700, www.playwildhorse.com

About three hours northeast of Ballyneal is another frontier layout. Called Wild Horse and located near an old Pony Express trail station, its high regard (ranked 26th on Golf week's list of the top Classic Golf Courses in America) and low price (\$41 for a weekend round) make it perhaps the best deal in golf. Winds frequently buffet the layout, and the wooga grass that grows along the fairways swallows up errant shots.



**Yale Golf Courses
(New Haven, Connecticut)**

203-392-2380, www.thecourseat Yale.org

Charles Blair Macdonald himself laid out this gem in 1926. It is another museum-quality golf course, revered by students of the game for its historic significance as well as its enduring quality. A round there stirs the artistic soul of the golf aficionado as it also tests the core of a player's ability.



Homebuyer Education Class

Monday & Tuesday, July 19 & 20, 2010

Beginning at 6:00 p.m. Each evening

Wilson Public Library

910 Meridian, Cozad, NE

This Class Will Assist You with All Aspects of Purchasing a Home

- Home Inspection information
- How to Develop a Household Budget
- Mortgage information from a Lender
- Insurance/Taxes/Valuations
- Knowing & Understanding Your Credit
- What a Realtor does for you
- Insurance Do's and Don'ts
- Maintaining your home

**Pre-Registration required--Call Dawson Area Development 308-784-3902
by Noon on Friday, July 16, 2010**

\$30 Registration Fee per household will be charged for this class