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Norfolk to host first regional Nebraska Diplomats event



Director for the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, Courtney Dentlinger, will be giving an economic development update. Photo provided by Norfolk Daily News.

On Thursday, June 1, Norfolk will host the Nebraska Diplomat's Regional Economic Celebration. Usually held once a year in Lincoln, Norfolk is the first of five regions to host this prestigious event as a regional meeting as opposed to statewide.

This event allows businesses and citizens within the region to: take part in regional strategy discussions; receive an update from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development; learn about the Diplomats and the role they play in our economy; tour Norfolk industries and training facilities; take part in the formation of a Northeast Nebraska manufacturing network; and network with other businesses and citizens.

According to Candace Bossard, Economic Development Coordinator and Co-Chairwoman for the event, this is a great opportunity because it brings businesses and communities together to address issues and challenges in areas such as workforce, housing, and manufacturing/industry. The Norfolk area is well represented with five diplomats, one of whom received the Diplomat of the Year award in 2008.

This celebration is focused on the Northeast Nebraska region and includes 24 counties. Over 500 businesses and community leaders have received invitations to attend this event. Among those invited also includes Governor Ricketts, Nebraska Diplomat president Jane McDaniel, and Mayor Moenning. Director for the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, and former Norfolk Area Economic Development Council director, Courtney Dentlinger, will give an economic development update. A presentation of awards will be given to one business of the year, one diplomat of the year, and one community of the year. In 2014, Norfolk was the recipient of the Community of the Year award and Nucor was a recipient of the Industry of the Year award in 2015.

There will be hands-on networking and learning opportunities available for participants. Those attending may choose to go on one of four tours: Nucor Steel, workforce tour, housing tour, Downtown Norfolk; or network through a round of golf at the Eldorado Hills Golf Club. To end the event, a social mixer will be held at The Brewery at Divots.

Anyone is welcome to attend this event; registration will close on Friday. If you would like to register or learn more about this exciting celebration please visit: <https://www.nebraskaonthemove.com/>