

A Volunteer Organization Bringing Awareness To Veteran's Issues

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Current Information to share with Veterans in Nebraska.

We at the Nebraska Veterans Coalition continue to provide information to military members currently serving and veterans who have served in the Active, National Guard, and Reserve. We will publish monthly Event Newsletters and post them on the Coalition Website, Facebook, and (X), with events removed after their conclusion.

We strongly suggest that you forward the Newsletter to your mailing list and friends. You can post events on our Facebook page (Nebraska Veterans Coalition). "Friend us," and encourage others to join.

"We urge all Veterans Service Organizations and other Veterans groups' event planners to submit their ads to this email address for the broadest possible circulation: nevetscoalition@outlook.com. A brief description and a link to your flyer are the most efficient ways to submit ads." Our distribution is an easy way to increase VSO membership, support posts, and local communities, and advertise veteran-owned businesses. Fundraising events must benefit veterans or veteran organizations.

For your information, the Nebraska Veterans Coalition does not sponsor or endorse any external events. NVC shares information to raise awareness and promote collaboration.

Businesses Supporting Veterans

Are you a veteran-owned business, or are you hiring veterans?

Email your business card to us with a link to your website or Facebook page, and a copy will be added to this page: <https://nebraskaveterans.org/sponsors.htm>

Visitors to our webpage can click on your card to find your website.

Our email is comeoncubs100@gmail.com

Please open this link to the Coalition Newsletter, and add your email address to join our distribution:

We do not solicit or accept funding/donations for our efforts.

COALITION MISSION

WHAT WE DO AND WHAT OUR GOALS ARE: UPDATE

It can be found on our Website.

The Nebraska Veterans Coalition is a bipartisan group formed to raise veterans' awareness of what is happening in the Nebraska Unicameral. To inform veterans about their elected officials and the legislation affecting veterans' benefits currently being considered in the Nebraska Unicameral.

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Nebraska Veteran Service Organizations and Veteran Service Groups

If you are a Commander or on the organization's board, please forward our newsletter to your membership and reference us in your newsletter and website. When approved, we now post the newsletter and frequent articles on some of the organization's or group's Facebook pages. We would like your assistance in informing members of your organization via email or Facebook.

Legislation

The Nebraska Unicameral

The 110th Legislature will convene in January 2027 for its first session, featuring significant turnover, with at least 12 new senators.

Nebraska senators divided over Pillen's call for more budget cuts

By [Noelle Annonen](#) , Multimedia Reporter
July 13, 2026, 2 p.m. · 6 min read

<https://nebraskapublicmedia.org/en/news/news-articles/nebraska-senators-divided-over-pillens-call-for-more-budget-cuts/>

Jim Vokal, CEO of the Platte Institute and host of Nebraskanomics.

Dear friend,

We all have those moments as parents when we stretch the truth to make a point. All pretty harmless in the scheme of things. It's a different story when we are talking about Nebraska's budget challenges. Renewed criticism of the income tax reforms passed in 2023 have surfaced again, and some lawmakers have been quoted in the media characterizing those reforms as tax cuts for the wealthiest Nebraskans.

That description misses an important fact: Nebraska's top income tax bracket is not reserved for millionaires, or even six-figure earners. State law sets the base threshold for that bracket at just \$29,000 in taxable income for a single filer. That is nowhere close to the income most people associate with "the wealthiest Nebraskans."

Teachers, nurses, skilled tradespeople, small-business owners, and many other middle-income Nebraskans benefit from reducing the top rate. The reforms championed by the Platte Institute and enacted through LB 754 will lower Nebraska's top individual income tax rate from nearly 7% before the reforms, to 3.99% in 2027.

This is broadly shared tax relief, and it matters because Nebraska has reached a critical point in its competition for families, workers, entrepreneurs, and investment.

Individuals and families have more choices than ever about where to live and build a future.

Businesses carefully compare states when deciding where to expand, invest, and create jobs.

Nebraska's tax climate is part of both calculations.

Income taxes are especially visible and considered in that competition. Workers see them taken directly from every paycheck, while entrepreneurs and business owners consider them when deciding where to take risks and invest their capital. A lower rate lets Nebraskans keep more of what they earn while sending a clear message that our state wants people to work, build, and grow here.

Other states clearly understand the stakes. Eight states now levy no individual income tax: Alaska, New Hampshire, Texas, Tennessee, Florida, South Dakota, Wyoming, and Nevada.

Since 2021, 26 states have cut individual income tax rates, including 23 that cut the top marginal rate. Five states have enacted legislation that will continue to phase in rate reductions whenever permitted by revenue growth.

Two decades ago, 15 states had rates below 5 percent (including those without an income tax); the count is now 26. Nationwide, the median top rate has declined to 4.7%. Throughout these cuts, most states' revenues have still risen (inflation-adjusted). Cuts have largely been funded by returning a share of revenue growth to taxpayers. After the artificially high revenues of the early post-pandemic era, tax collections have receded somewhat but still remain well above pre-pandemic levels nationwide.

Nebraska cannot afford to retreat while so many other states are moving forward. Reversing course would make it even harder to attract the people, jobs, and investment needed to strengthen our economy and expand the tax base over the long term. None of this means lawmakers should ignore the state's budget challenges. They should confront them honestly by examining spending, setting priorities, and ensuring government lives within its means. How we fund state government should also be on the table. But blaming the shortfall entirely on "tax cuts for the wealthiest Nebraskans" oversimplifies the issue and risks reversing a reform that is making Nebraska more competitive.

In Nebraska and surrounding states—whether they cut income taxes or not—revenues have been stagnant. The region has struggled compared to fast-growing rivals in the South and Mountain West, many of which feature significantly lower tax burdens. Policymakers must address Nebraska's revenue challenges without further undercutting the state's competitiveness against faster-growing rivals.

The 2023 tax package was a long-term investment in the people who live, work, raise families, and create opportunity here. Nebraska should keep that commitment.

Thanks for reading,
Jim

BREAKING
NEWS



Due to the advocacy efforts of Military-Veterans Advocacy, and partner veterans service organizations the House leadership decided to pull the Take Care of America Veterans Act from the floor this afternoon. Representatives worked across the aisle to convince leadership that section 108 had to be removed from the final bill. While there are many good provisions in the Take Care of American Veterans Act the congressional mandate that benefits be denied to future tinnitus and sleep apnea victims was just something that we could not support.

UPDATE: The Take Care of America Veterans Act was just pulled from the House floor this afternoon and it's because YOUR advocacy worked. Military-Veterans Advocacy and partner organizations pushed lawmakers on both sides of the aisle to recognize that Section 108 couldn't stand. This bill has good provisions, but denying future benefits to veterans suffering from tinnitus and sleep apnea isn't something we could ever support. We'll keep fighting until it's fixed.

Edward Boone's Post

**SBA Disaster Assistance Available for
Nebraska Businesses and Private Nonprofits**
**The U.S. Small Business Administration announced the availability of low-interest federal
disaster
loans for eligible small businesses and private nonprofit organizations impacted by the
drought
occurring May 12 and continuing.**

Eligible Counties

Nebraska: Clay, Fillmore, Franklin, Harlan, Jefferson, Kearney, Nuckolls, Phelps, Saline, Seward, Thayer,

Webster, and York

Kansas: Phillips and Smith

Who Can Apply

- Small businesses
- Private nonprofits & faith-based organizations
- Small agricultural cooperatives & nurseries
- Small aquaculture enterprises

Loan Assistance Available

□ **Economic Injury Disaster Loans:** Working capital assistance for operational expenses caused by the disaster.

Key Loan Details

- Up to \$2 million in loan funding
- Interest rates as low as 4% for small businesses and 3.625% for private nonprofit organizations
- Loan terms of up to 30 years
- No interest or required payments during the first 12 months following disbursement

Apply online: sba.gov/disaster

Application Deadline: Economic Injury Disaster Loans: March 1, 2027

Applicants may call the SBA Customer Service Center with questions regarding their application at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

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DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR
BUSINESSES AND PRIVATE
NONPROFITS
sba.gov

Disabled Veteran Motor Vehicle Tax, Fee Exemption Goes into Effect Jan. 1

NEB. — Starting January 1, 2026, disabled veterans in Nebraska can receive a motor vehicle tax and fee exemption for one vehicle owned and used for their personal transportation. The new exemption is part of LB650, which passed and was signed into law in 2025.

The law provides two definitions of a “disabled veteran”, which are: **MORE**

<https://veterans.nebraska.gov/disabled-veteran-motor-vehicle-tax-fee-exemption-goes-effect-jan-1>!"

HEALTH CARE

In a suicide crisis, eligible veterans can go to any ER for free.
Nearly 50,000 already have.

Editor's note: This report contains discussion of suicide. Troops, veterans and family members experiencing suicidal thoughts can call the 24-hour Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at 988 and dial 1, text 838255 or visit [VeteransCrisisLine.net](https://veteranscrisisline.net).

The COMPACT Act allows eligible veterans and certain former service members to receive Veterans Affairs-funded emergency suicide crisis care at VA and community hospitals, even if they aren't enrolled in VA healthcare. New data obtained by Military Times show 49,341 veterans have used the benefit since 2023, but veteran advocates and suicide prevention professionals say many eligible veterans still don't realize it exists until they experience a crisis.

<https://www.armytimes.com/veterans/2026/07/23/in-a-suicide-crisis-eligible-veterans-can-go-to-any-er-for-free-nearly-50000-already-have/>

VA Study Finds Possible New Treatment for Melanoma, a Cancer Linked to Military Service

A VA team in Wisconsin, found that silencing a specific protein dramatically slows melanoma cell growth.

https://www.military.com/va-study-finds-possible-treatment-for-melanoma-a-cancer-linked-to-military-service?lid=mhl8hl3ixplh&utm_source=MLT-nl_daily-brief_2026-07-23&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=MLT-202607231043&user=cm9uLmR1cGVsbEBnbWFpbC5jb206bWx0&utm_source=MLT-nl_daily-brief_2026-07-23&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=MLT-202607231043&user=cm9uLmR1cGVsbEBnbWFpbC5jb206bWx0

House-Passed Bill Reauthorizes These Three Traumatic Brain Injury Programs

The chamber authorized three federal programs that support traumatic brain injury research, surveillance, prevention and rehabilitation.

https://www.military.com/house-passed-bill-reauthorizes-these-three-traumatic-brain-injury-programs?lid=mvgyd62pbdul&utm_source=MLT-nl_daily-brief_2026-07-23&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=MLT-202607231043&user=cm9uLmR1cGVsbEBnbWFpbC5jb206bWx0&fbclid=IwY2xjawTV24VwZG9mAWV4dG4DYWVtAjEwAGJyaWQRMXN4RE9rbHZoa1U4RGJEN0ZzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjlwMzIxNzQ4MjAwODkyAAEeH_s_f0zeWuPq-w6Qg93vX-Xe9Si8_0UW8ZKE_J-3EDMlc_AJZGnmX9yxvwA_aem_pwhZl9kgPolNPcxMYjr7fA

Miscellaneous Information

Nebraska Veterans Aid Fund (NVA)

The NVA Fund was established in 1921. This temporary emergency aid fund assists veterans, their spouses, and dependents when an emergency occurs disrupting their normal method of living and when other resources are not immediately available. For NVA purposes, veteran means any person who: https://veterans.nebraska.gov/nebraska-veterans-aid-fund-nva?utm_medium=paid&utm_source=fb&utm_id=120241874943650718&utm_content=120241874945270718&utm_term=120241874944060718&utm_campaign=120241874943650718

As of September 3, 2025, applications can be made through a [State Service Officer](#), in addition to the [County Veterans Service Officer](#) or Post Service Officer of any recognized veterans service organization.

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Newsletter & Events

<https://veterans.nebraska.gov/news>

NDVA Calendar of Events

Every month, NDVA sends a calendar of events listing the agency's hosting or attending. Below are some upcoming events.

[Benefits and Services Overview](#)

Part of our mission is to help veterans identify and access benefits. There is a wide range of county, state, and federal benefits related to education, employment, finance, health care, housing, legal assistance, recreation, taxes, and more. Use our Benefits Expert to help guide you to the benefits you're interested in or learn about some of the most-used benefits. If you have additional questions, don't hesitate to contact your [County Veterans Service Officer](#) or a [State Service Officer](#).

BENEFIT EXPERT

There are a lot of benefits available for veterans and their family members. Our Benefits Expert will guide you through all the county, state, and federal benefits available to help you find just the ones you are eligible for or interested in.

MOST POPULAR BENEFITS AND SERVICES

[NEBRASKA VETERANS AID](#)

[WAIVER OF TITRION](#)

[DD2-214 REQUEST](#)

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[Community Resource Directory](#)

<https://veterans.nebraska.gov/healthmap>

[U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](#) [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](#)

[Nebraska Western Iowa Health Care System](#) [Nebraska Western Iowa Health Care System](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/NebraskalowaVA/>

County Veterans Service Offices Directory

Contact your County Veterans Service Officer and offer your help

Help with providing transportation for fellow veterans

Offer your business as a place for Buddy Check Meetings

This video is provided by the Nebraska Association of County Officials

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=bqhlwylZv2c>

A County Veterans Service Office staff member provides confidential counseling and assistance to Veterans and their families applying for Federal, State, and County Veterans programs and benefits. Federal Veterans Benefits include education, vocational rehabilitation, service-connected disability compensation, non-service-connected disability pension, healthcare, and burial benefits.

Nebraska Veterans programs include a tuition waiver, admittance to a Nebraska Veteran's home, and emergency financial assistance from the Nebraska Veterans Aid Fund.

Eligibility for State financial assistance requires an Honorable or General (Under Honorable Conditions) discharge from active duty. This requirement is not met by active duty for training only. (Specific residency and service dates are required for some State Benefits)

County Veterans Service Offices Directory (Updated Monthly)

(OPEN) <https://veterans.nebraska.gov/cvso>



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Leftover big game permits available Aug. 5

Hunters may purchase leftover Nebraska big game permits beginning Aug. 5.

These 2026 permits, which remain from earlier application and purchase periods, may be purchased within permit limits starting at 10 a.m. Central time until they sell out.

Eligible landowners may purchase any remaining limited landowner antelope permits online or at a Nebraska Game and Parks Commission office. Eligible landowners may purchase any remaining limited elk permits only at the Northwest District office in Alliance.

The following permits are available, by species, type and quantity:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/NEGPC/bulletins/421f90c>

State parks reducing services heading into back-to-school season

Heading into the back-to-school season, Nebraska Game and Parks state park areas are adjusting operating hours and some services due to a limited workforce.

"We have had a tremendous and busy year in Nebraska's state parks and recreation areas," said Jeff Fields, state parks administrator. "Visitors will still find plenty of opportunities to fish, camp, hike, picnic and boat this fall. We appreciate everyone's support and patience as we adjust the hours for some activities because of limited staffing."

Park guests should call ahead to check on activity times and availability to ensure a great park experience. Hours will be updated on the park pages at OutdoorNebraska.gov, where people also can find park contact information.

Upcoming changes include:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/NEGPC/bulletins/4227fe6>

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About the U.S. Small Business Administration

The U.S. Small Business Administration helps power the American dream of entrepreneurship. As the leading voice for small businesses within the federal government, the SBA empowers job creators with the resources and support they need to start, grow, and expand their businesses or recover from a declared disaster. It delivers services through an extensive network of SBA field offices and partnerships with public and private organizations. To learn more, visit www.sba.gov.

Services we provide

Our office provides help with SBA services, including funding programs, counseling, federal contracting certifications, and disaster recovery. We can also connect you to our partner organizations, lenders, and other community groups that help small businesses succeed.

Areas we serve

The Nebraska District Office serves the entire state of Nebraska.

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AUGUST 2026 SBA & Resource Partner Events

Events from the SBA and our Resource Partners. Explore the wide range of courses and join us for an informative month of training you won't want to miss. For your convenience, the full list simply click the registration links, sign up as needed, and join us!

[SBA \(Nebraska\)](#), [SCORE \(Nebraska\)](#), [\(VBOC\) veterans-business-outreach-center-vboc](#), [NBDC \(Nebraska Business Development Center, UNO\)](#), [CFRA \(Center for Rural Affairs Nebraska\)](#), [NEF \(Nebraska Enterprise Fund\)](#), [GROW \(The GROW Nebraska® Foundation\)](#), [GNWBC \(Grow Nebraska Women Business Center\)](#)

Find free in-person upcoming events <https://www.sba.gov/events?istrict=49&page=0>

Not all events listed here are on the SBA Nebraska District Office calendar:

<https://www.sba.gov/district/nebraska>

Saturday, August 1, 2026 (In-Person Only)

Time: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM CDT

SCORE/NEF/CFRA: Nebraska Small Business Conference 2026 ~ Small Business, Smart Future – **Grand Island**

Description: The annual Nebraska Small Business Conference will be held in Grand Island, Omaha, and Lexington in August 2026. This bilingual event (English and Spanish) supports both new and experienced entrepreneurs. Centered on the theme “Small Business, Smart Future,” the conference will explore how technology and artificial intelligence are shaping the future of small businesses. Attendees will hear from experts and entrepreneurs, gain practical tools, and learn strategies to grow in today’s digital world. Participants will also have opportunities to network and visit exhibitors offering resources for business success. Topics include marketing, social media trends, technology, and access to funding.

La Conferencia Anual de Pequeños Negocios de Nebraska se llevará a cabo en Grand Island, Omaha y Lexington en agosto de 2026. Este evento en español (traducción disponible en inglés) está dirigido tanto a nuevos emprendedores como a empresarios con experiencia. Bajo el tema “Small Business, Smart Future” (Pequeños Negocios, Futuro Inteligente), la conferencia explorará cómo la tecnología y la inteligencia artificial están transformando el futuro de los pequeños negocios. Los asistentes escucharán a expertos, aprenderán estrategias prácticas y obtendrán herramientas para crecer en un entorno digital.

Cost: Free

Location: College Park at Grand Island – 3180 West Highway 34, Grand Island, NE 68801

Questions contact: Sandra Barrera, 308-380-6915, Sandra.barrera@unl.edu

Registration Link: <https://score.tfaforms.net/112?EventID=a10Vt00000Qo7aP>

Tuesday, August 4, 2026 (In-Person Only)

Time: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm CDT

Nebraska Enterprise Fund: Office Hours with NEF in **Fremont**

Description: Join us for Office Hours with NEF in Fremont! Have questions about starting or growing your business? Stop by Office Hours with Greater Fremont Development Center & Nebraska Enterprise Fund for one-on-one support, expert guidance, and resources to help you access capital. No appointment needed—walk-ins are welcome!

Cost: Free

Location: Greater Fremont Development Center, 1005 E 23rd St., Fremont, NE 68025

Questions contact: Francisco Sandoval, Franciscos@nebbiz.org 402-685-5500 ext. 401

Registration Link: <https://nebbiz.org/event/office-hours-with-nef-in-fremont-4>

Tuesday, August 4, 2026 (Online Only)

Time: Noon – 1:00PM CST

SCORE: Going Beyond SEO ~ How to Get Found in Search, AI and Local Listings

Description: The way customers find businesses online is changing quickly. Traditional Google searches are no longer the only way people discover local businesses. Today, consumers are using AI tools like ChatGPT, Gemini and Perplexity to find answers, compare options and get recommendations for trusted service providers. In this webinar, you'll learn how search is evolving beyond traditional SEO into “Search Everywhere Optimization,” which focuses on making your business visible across search engines, AI platforms, online directories, review sites and other digital channels that influence customer decisions. You'll discover why your website is only one part of your online presence, how AI tools evaluate businesses and what practical steps you can take to improve your visibility, build trust and attract more customers. In this webinar, you'll learn:

- *How to evaluate your business's online visibility*
- *Why your Google Business Profile may be more important than your website for local search*
- *The key ranking factors that can improve your visibility the fastest*
- *The often-overlooked factor that influences nearly one-sixth of your online presence*
- *Why reviews, listings, blogs and backlinks still matter in the age of AI*
- *How AI tools decide which businesses to recommend and how to improve your chances of being selected*

Cost: Free

Location: Online

Questions contact: SCORE, 1-800-634-0245

Registration Link: <https://www.score.org/business-education/going-beyond-seo-how-to-get-found-in-search-ai-and-local-listings/>

Wednesday, August 5, 2026 (In-Person Only)

Time: 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CDT)

APEX Accelerator: Intro to State and Local Government Contracting and HUBZone Requirements

Description: Join us for an insightful event hosted by the Nebraska APEX Accelerator. This workshop will provide essential guidance for businesses about navigating the local market, understanding requirements, certifications, websites, and more to help you determine if government contracting is a good fit for your business. Attendees will also gain valuable insights into bidding on projects with the County and City, be introduced to the requirement for a SBA HUBZone Certification and learn how to take full advantage of APEX's free services.

Cost: Free

Location: Greater Fremont Development Council, 1005 E. 23rd Street, Suite #2, Fremont NE 68026

Questions contact: Hannah Wright, hjwright@unomaha.edu

Registration Link: <https://nbdcecenterdirect.com/events/10435>

Thursday, August 6, 2026 (In-Person Only)

Time: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM MDT

Nebraska Enterprise Fund: QuickBooks Training for Small Business – **Scottsbluff**

Description: Learn how to use QuickBooks to manage your small business finances more efficiently during this in-person training presented by Nebraska Enterprise Fund and Ark Financial Accounting. This hands-on session is designed for small business owners who want to strengthen their bookkeeping and financial management skills. Participants will receive practical guidance on essential QuickBooks functions, have opportunities to ask questions, and connect with other small business owners. What You Will Learn - Participants will explore topics including:

- Navigating QuickBooks
- Tracking business income and expenses
- Creating and managing invoices
- Processing and tracking payments
- Understanding financial reports
- Using QuickBooks to support day-to-day financial management

Whether you are new to QuickBooks or want to improve your existing skills, this training will provide practical knowledge to help make managing your business finances easier and more efficient.

Cost: \$23.18

Location: Platte Valley Bank Community Center, 2019 11th Avenue, Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Questions contact: Francisco Sandoval at franciscos@nebbiz.org

Registration Link: <https://sourcelinknebraska.com/event/quickbooks-training-for-small-business-scottsbluff/>

Thursday, August 6, 2026 (Online Only)

Time: Noon – 1:00PM CDT

SCORE: Goof-Proof Your Business ~ Prevent Costly Mistakes Before They Happen

Description: Even if you're an experienced and careful business owner, you're not safe from making preventable and costly mistakes. That's because mistakes happen when everyday business pressure quietly affects how owners think, make decisions and respond to problems. In this webinar, you'll learn practical frameworks for recognizing mistake risk, responding more effectively in the moment and building processes that help you catch, contain and learn from problems. You'll also be introduced to the STORM Framework, the SAFER Response Method and a five-stage approach to reducing repeat mistakes and building a more reliable business. You'll learn:

- Why smart business owners miss things, even when decisions feel reasonable
- The operating conditions that quietly increase the risk of preventable mistakes
- Early warning signs that often appear before costly business mistakes
- Practical habits and simple tools to catch problems sooner and reduce their impact
- How successful founders turn setbacks into stronger systems that reduce repeat mistakes

Cost: Free

Location: Online

Questions contact: SCORE, 1-800-634-0245

Registration Link: <https://www.score.org/business-education/goof-proof-your-business-prevent-costly-mistakes-before-they-happen/>

Thursday, August 6, 2026 (Online Only)

Time: 7:30 PM–9:00 PM CDT

Nebraska Enterprise Fund: GrowthWheel Academy ~ Build Your Business at Your Own Pace

Description: Ready to take your business to the next level at a pace that works for you? Join the Nebraska Enterprise Fund for GrowthWheel Academy: Build Your Business at Your Own Pace, an online event designed to help entrepreneurs and business owners strengthen and grow their businesses. GrowthWheel Academy provides access to practical business tools, strategies, and learning resources that can be used anytime and from anywhere. Participants will explore ways to work through business challenges, identify opportunities, and take meaningful steps toward their goals without feeling overwhelmed by the business planning process. This event is ideal for entrepreneurs and business owners who want a flexible, practical approach to business development and growth. Additional Event Information:

GrowthWheel Academy is designed to help participants learn and apply business development strategies at their own pace. The program focuses on practical tools and strategies that can support decision-making, business planning, and growth. Participants can engage with the GrowthWheel approach from wherever they are and use the tools to focus on the areas of their businesses that need the most attention.

Cost: Free

Location: Online

Questions contact: Francisco Sandoval at franciscos@nebbiz.org

Registration Link: <https://sourcelinknebraska.com/event/growthwheel-academy-build-your-business-at-your-own-pace-2/>

Thursday, August 7, 2026 and Friday, August 8, 2026 (In-Person Only)

Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM CDT

SourceLink Nebraska: Office Hours – **Nebraska City**

Description: SourceLink Nebraska Office Hours are coming to Nebraska City to help entrepreneurs, small business owners, startup founders, and community members connect with resources for action and growth. Stop by to discuss your business idea, current challenge, growth opportunity, or resource need. SourceLink Nebraska helps connect entrepreneurs and business owners to programs, partners, and support organizations across Nebraska. No appointment is needed.

Cost: Free

Location: Nebraska City Area Economic Development Corporation, 123 S 8th St. Ste 7, Nebraska City, NE 68410

Questions contact: Scott Asmus, 402-554-6250 , sasmus@unomaha.edu

Registration Link: <https://sourcelinknebraska.com/event/sourcelink-nebraska-office-hours-nebraska-city/>

Thursday, August 13, 2026 (Online Only)

Time: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm CDT

Nebraska Enterprise Fund: Preparing Your Business for Funding

Description: Get your biz ready to score funding with tips and tricks in this online event, where we'll dive into all the essentials to make your business shine to investors. Whether you're just starting out or looking to scale up, this event will give you the tools to up your funding game. Don't miss out on tips, tricks, and real talk about what it takes to get financed!

Cost: Free

Location: Online

Questions contact: Francisco Sandoval, Franciscos@nebbiz.org 402-685-5500 ext. 401

Registration Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/preparing-your-business-for-funding-tickets-1990699016346>

Thursday, August 13, 2026 (In-Person Only)

Time: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm CDT

GROW Nebraska Women's Business Center: B.A.I.L. Office Hours – **Lincoln**

Description: B.A.I.L. stands for:

- Banker
- Accountant
- Insurance
- Legal

Get your business questions answered by experienced professionals in banking, accounting, insurance, and legal services during the monthly B.A.I.L. Business Resource Sessions. Hosted by GROW Nebraska Women's Business Center, these free sessions provide entrepreneurs and small business owners with one-on-one access to professionals who can help address common business challenges and questions. Whether you are starting a business, managing day-to-day operations, or preparing for growth, B.A.I.L. offers an opportunity to connect with knowledgeable professionals and receive practical guidance in one convenient location. Participants can meet one-on-one with professionals and ask questions related to starting, managing, and growing a business.

Cost: Free

Location: SCC Entrepreneurship Center, 285 S. 68th St. Place, Lincoln, NE 68510

Questions contact: Lindsay Weinman , 402-300-8170 , training@gnwbc.org

Registration Link: <https://sourcelinknebraska.com/event/b-a-i-l-office-hours-lincoln/2026-08-13/>

Saturday, August 15, 2026 (In-Person Only)

Time: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM CDT

SCORE/NEF/CFRA: Nebraska Small Business Conference 2026 ~ Small Business, Smart Future – **Omaha**

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Cost: Free

Location: The Salvation Army Kroc Center, 2825 Y St, Omaha, NE 68107

Questions contact: Sandra Barrera, 308-380-6915, Sandra.barrera@unl.edu

Registration Link: <https://score.tfatforms.net/112?EventID=a10Vt0000Qo685>

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 (In-Person Only)

Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm CDT

Nebraska Enterprise Fund: **Beatrice** QCT Office Hours

Description: Have questions about starting or growing your business? Stop by Office Hours with NEF for one-on-one support, expert guidance, and resources to help you access capital. No appointment needed; walk-ins are welcome!

Cost: Free

Location: Beatrice Public Library, 100 N 16th St., Beatrice, NE 68310

Questions contact: Francisco Sandoval, Franciscos@nebbiz.org 402-685-5500 ext. 401

Registration Link: <https://nebbiz.org/event/beatrice-qct-office-hours-4>

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 (In-Person Only)

Time: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm CDT

Nebraska Enterprise Fund: **Norfolk** Office Hours

Description: Join us for Office Hours with Nebraska Enterprise Fund in Norfolk! Have questions about starting or growing your business? Stop by Office Hours with NEF for one-on-one support, expert guidance, and resources to help you access capital. No appointment needed; walk-ins are welcome!

Cost: Free

Location: Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce, 609 W. Norfolk Ave., Norfolk, NE 68701

Questions contact: Francisco Sandoval, Franciscos@nebbiz.org 402-685-5500 ext. 401

Registration Link: <https://nebbiz.org/event/norfolk-office-hours-3>

Thursday, August 20, 2026 (Online Only)

Time: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CDT)

APEX Accelerator: Intro to Federal Government Contracting

Description: Unlock Opportunities in Government Contracting –

In 2025, the Federal Government spent over \$792 billion on government contracts. Yes, that's billion with a "B." The U.S. Government is the largest buyer of goods and services in the world, with an expansive range of needs—from office supplies and construction services to technology solutions and specialized equipment. Is your business ready to tap into this lucrative market? Join us for an insightful and practical webinar hosted by the Nebraska APEX Accelerator. During this session, you'll gain valuable insights into:

- Navigating government requirements and certifications
- Essential websites and resources for contracting opportunities
- Key steps to determine if government contracting aligns with your business goals

Whether you're just starting to explore government sales or looking to expand your current market, this webinar provides the foundational knowledge to help you make informed decisions. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to position your business for success in the federal marketplace.

Event information: The event details will be sent to you in a registration confirmation email after registering.

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Cost: Free

Location: Online

Questions contact: Veronica Doga, vdoga@unomaha.edu (402) 554-6250

Registration Link: <https://nbdcecenterdirect.com/events/10408>

Thursday, August 20, 2026: (Online Only)

Time: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM CDT

Nebraska Enterprise Fund: Credit Foundations for Business Funding

Description: Learn the basics of credit to unlock funding for your business at our FREE Online Event, Credit Foundations for Business Funding! Dive into the basics of credit and how it can unlock the cash flow you need. Whether you're just starting out or looking to boost your existing business, this session will give you the tips and tools to build strong credit foundations. Don't miss out on leveling up your funding game from the comfort of your home!

Cost: Free

Location: Online

Questions contact: Francisco Sandoval, Franciscos@nebbiz.org 402-685-5500 ext. 401

Registration Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/credit-foundations-for-business-funding-tickets-1990699023367>

Friday, August 21, 2026 (In-Person Only)

Time: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm CDT

GROW Nebraska Women's Business Center: B.A.I.L. Office Hours – **Omaha**

Description: B.A.I.L. stands for:

- Banker
- Accountant
- Insurance
- Legal

Get your business questions answered by experienced professionals in banking, accounting, insurance, and legal services during the monthly B.A.I.L. Business Resource Sessions. Hosted by GROW Nebraska Women's Business Center, these free sessions provide entrepreneurs and small business owners with one-on-one access to professionals who can help address common business challenges and questions. Whether you are

starting a business, managing day-to-day operations, or preparing for growth, B.A.I.L. offers an opportunity to connect with knowledgeable professionals and receive practical guidance in one convenient location.

Participants can meet one-on-one with professionals and ask questions related to starting, managing, and growing a business.

Cost: Free

Location: SBA Nebraska District Office, 10675 Bedford Avenue, Suite 100, Omaha, NE 68134

Questions contact: Lindsay Weinman , 402-300-8170 , training@gnwbc.org

No registration required: Drop-in's welcome!

Saturday, August 22, 2026 (In-Person Only)

Time: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM CDT

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Cost: Free

Location: Kirk's Nebraskaland Restaurant, 3002 Plum Creek Pkwy, Lexington, NE 68850

Questions contact: Sandra Barrera, 308-380-6915, Sandra.barrera@unl.edu

Registration Link: <https://score.tfaforms.net/112?EventID=a10Vt00000Qo7ov>

Tuesday, August 25, 2026 (Online Only)

Time: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM CDT

SCORE: The Franchise Advantage: Proven Systems for Building and Scaling Your Business

Description: Franchises consistently outperform independent businesses – not because of better products or more capital, but because they've mastered something most entrepreneurs struggle with creating repeatable systems that drive predictable results. Whether you're running a business or looking to start one, understanding how franchises operate can help you build sustainable growth. In this webinar, we'll explore the specific strategies and frameworks that make franchise businesses successful and how to implement these same principles in your own business. You'll also learn why thousands of entrepreneurs choose franchises for their next venture. What You'll Learn:

- *The specific systems that help franchises scale without chaos (and how to create your own)*
- *Why franchises have higher success rates and what that means for your business strategy*
- *How to evaluate if franchising is right for your situation and goals*
- *Proven frameworks for creating structure and processes in any business*
- *Key questions to ask before investing in a franchise opportunity*
- *How to "franchise-proof" your current business for smoother operations*

Cost: Free

Location: Online

Questions contact: SCORE, 1-800-634-0245

Registration Link: <https://www.score.org/business-education/franchise-advantage-proven-systems-building-and-scaling-your-business/>

Tuesday, August 25, 2026 (Online Only)

Time: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm CDT

Nebraska Enterprise Fund: Control Your Business Finances

Description: Get the hang of your money with easy tips to control your business finances like a pro at our FREE Online Event, Control Your Business Finances! Join us for an awesome online event all about mastering your business money moves. Whether you're just starting or looking to sharpen your skills, this is your chance to learn tips and tricks to keep your finances on point. Don't miss out on making your business money work smarter, not harder. Grab a coffee, log in, and let's get your business finances under control together!

Cost: Free

Location: Online

Questions contact: Francisco Sandoval, Franciscos@nebbiz.org 402-685-5500 ext. 401

Registration Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/control-your-business-finances-tickets-1990699039415>

Wednesday, August 26, 2026 (In-Person Only)

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm CDT

GROW Nebraska: Unlock Success in Amazon's Store: Insights from local entrepreneurs

Description: Interested in growing your business through e-commerce? Join us for a free, in-person panel discussion open to the public featuring thriving local small business owners who have used Amazon to grow and scale their brands. Moderated by Diana Mungu, Program Manager in Amazon Seller External Relations, this engaging conversation will provide a behind-the-scenes look at the entrepreneurial journeys of local

business owners. Hear firsthand how they got started, the challenges they faced, the strategies they used, and the lessons they learned along the way. Whether you're considering selling on Amazon, already have a presence on the platform, or are looking for new ways to grow your e-commerce business, you'll gain practical insights and real-world strategies you can apply to your own business.

What You'll Take Away

- Real-world insights from local entrepreneurs who have grown their brands through Amazon
- Strategies for launching, building, and scaling a business through e-commerce
- Lessons learned from challenges and obstacles faced along the way
- Practical tips for making the most of Amazon's resources and programs for small businesses
- Inspiration and actionable ideas to help identify new opportunities for business growth

Don't miss this unique opportunity to learn directly from entrepreneurs who have navigated the journey of building and growing a business through Amazon. This event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited to approximately 50 attendees, so we encourage you to register by August 21 to help us plan and ensure we have a seat available for you. Join us in person and discover what it takes to unlock new opportunities for your business on Amazon!

Cost: Free

Location: College Park at Grand Island, 3180 West U.S. Highway 34, Grand Island, NE 68801

Questions contact: info@grownebraska.org

Registration Link: <https://grownebraska.org/event/unlock-success-in-amazons-store-insights-from-local-entrepreneurs/>

Thursday, August 27, 2026 (Online Only)

Time: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm CDT

Nebraska Enterprise Fund: Know Your Numbers: Financial Projections for Business Owners

Description: Master financial projections and make your business numbers work for you at our FREE Online Event, Know Your Numbers: Financial Projections for Business Owners! Ready to get a grip on your financial projections? Join us online for a fun and easy-to-follow session that breaks down the numbers you need to know. We'll help you forecast your cash flow, plan budgets, and make smarter decisions for your biz. Whether you're just starting out or want to sharpen your skills, this is the place to be. Don't miss it!

Cost: Free

Location: Online

Questions contact: Francisco Sandoval, Franciscos@nebbiz.org 402-685-5500 ext. 401

Registration Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/know-your-numbers-financial-projections-for-business-owners-tickets-1990699255060>

Note: Most SCORE webinars are recorded - <https://www.score.org/recorded-webinars>

Note: Additional SCORE Webinars can be found at: <https://www.score.org/twincities/local-workshops>.

For those interested in food businesses: If you are getting into cottage food sales, you must take an accredited food safety training required per LB 304, part of the Nebraska Pure Food Act. Nebraska Extension offers a "Cottage Food Law Training Course" - a Self-Paced Online Class. This \$25 online course fulfills the accredited training requirement and is endorsed by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, the Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department, and the Douglas County Health Department. Register and pay for the course: <https://marketplace.unl.edu/extension/cottage-law.html>

For more information on SCORE, visit the Greater Omaha SCORE Chapter at <https://omaha.score.org/>

To find an SBA Resource Partner near you, go to <https://www.sba.gov/local-assistance>

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Things to Do in Nebraska

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Welcome to Boots to Business

(OPEN) <https://tinyurl.com/55nyv7em>

The Boots to Business Programs consist of Boots to Business (B2B), Boots to Business Reboot (B2BR), and Military Spouse Pathway to Business Courses. These courses are entrepreneurial education and training programs offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

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Nebraska Veterans' Gateway

(OPEN) <https://veterans.nebraska.gov/nvg>

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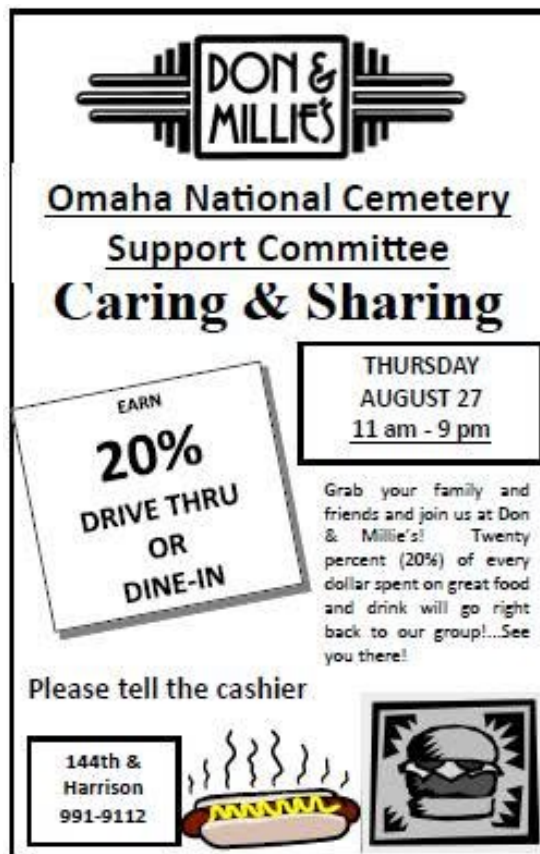
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