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VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION RECOGNIZES SUCCESS OF FOUR NEBRASKA BUSINESSES



Four Nebraska business owners who received assistance from Vocational Rehabilitation were recognized today for their success.

Gov. Dave Heineman, Education Commissioner Roger Breed and Vocational Rehabilitation Director Mark Schultz recognized the business leaders. Christine Hess, Abilities Fund program director, also participated in the event that recognized the award winners.

The following business owners received Vocational Rehabilitation's 2010 Entrepreneur of Distinction awards:

- Nathan Chandler, owner of 40 Nights Photography & Writing in Lincoln. Chandler's business is steadily increasing and is active in a volunteer project with Community Action in Lincoln.
- Robert Danner, owner of Open Doors Computer Services, LLC in Lincoln. Danner's business has continued to grow and moved to a larger office that supports one full-time employee and three part-time employees.
- Jack Mann, owner of Brady Get-N-Go in Brady. Mann opened his business to provide Brady with a variety of products previously unavailable in that rural Nebraska community.
- Jean Issler, owner of Office Genie in Holdrege. Issler's business offers clerical and computer-based services with an emphasis in research, writing and recruitment. The business continues to grow with assistance from a strong local network.

The Nebraska State Rehabilitation Council selected the businesses in recognition of their entrepreneurial spirit and outstanding business success. The council also presented an award to South Sioux City Administrator Lance Hedquist in honor of his entrepreneurial spirit and work in South Sioux City and the area.

Vocational Rehabilitation, a division of the Nebraska Department of Education, helps people with disabilities find work and live independently in their communities by providing individualized programs consistent with their interests, priorities, strengths, talents and choices. Self-employment is one of the options Vocational Rehabilitation offers its clients.

The 2010 Entrepreneur of Distinction awards highlight the successful partnership between Vocational Rehabilitation and the Abilities Fund.