



## Activities and Projects Updates Summary

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**NETForce Meeting Date:**

**Please provide a bulleted synopsis of major activities and projects in which you or your organization are engaged that you would like to share with the group.**

- On Feb. 4 the Mitchell Elementary School will host the 4<sup>th</sup> ESI After School Club. The Club will meet weekly through May 12. We have asked Starr Lehl to invite Governor Ricketts to the Expo in May. You may recall that Governor Heinemann was the keynote speaker at our first Expo, and Starr indicated Governor Ricketts would enjoy speaking at an engagement such as this.
- The WNCC Linkubator program is currently working with ten businesses and two non profit organizations as clients. We have partnered with the WNCC Foundation, which has agreed to help support the Linkubator by providing resources, which has enabled the Linkubator to waive fees for clients. One client, Mike Lamp of Hometown Merchants, LLC, was featured on the front page of the Scottsbluff Star Herald on Christmas Day.
- Judy facilitated the strategic planning process with the Box Butte Development Center – the economic development organization for Alliance and Hemingford – which included a focus area in Entrepreneurship. BBDC will partner with WNCC to offer coursework for high school students through Blueprint and our credit courses as well as emphasizing business planning, development, and succession workshops for entrepreneurs.
- On Jan. 21, the Scottsbluff/Gering Chamber of Commerce hosting a StrengthsFinder workshop that 90 people from 15 area businesses attended. Judy Amoo was the facilitator, and will be offering a similar workshop through the Alliance Chamber of Commerce on January 27.
- The EP10 survey will be given to the Board of the West Nebraska Art Center in February in an effort to help identify strategies to engage more of our panhandle artists in developing entrepreneurial skills.

**Calendar of Events Dates (workshops, conferences and events you are hosting/sponsoring)**  
**Please provide date, event title and web links to information:**