



## 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.**

### **NETForce Meeting Activities Synopsis-Nebraska Department of Education**

**September 23, 2016**

#### **Communications/Outreach**

- **Entrepreneurship Listserv** – Listserv maintained for periodic communications about entrepreneurship and entrepreneurship education (activities, conferences, research, publications and timely topics) <http://lists.k12.ne.us/www/subscribe/entre-ed>
- **Twitter - @NDE\_EntreED** – Tweets and retweets related to entrepreneurship and entrepreneurship education in Nebraska and beyond. Currently 146 followers.
- **Educational Service Unit Presentations** – Presentations on Entrepreneurship/Entrepreneurship Education resources and curricula to be delivered at the annual ESU staff development/Perkins Collaboration Days in-services for ESU 9 (16 schools), ESU 10 (36 schools); ESU 11 (13 member schools) and 13 (21 member schools).
- **Nebraska Entrepreneurship Education website** - Website maintained to share resources and event information as well as a section for NETForce agendas, minutes, meeting handouts/resources and curriculum/programs information.
- **Entrepreneurship Conferences and Competitions Flyer** – Flyer disseminated throughout the year and posted online highlighting conferences and pitch competitions hosted throughout the state during July-June academic year timeframe each year. The 2016-17 flyer has been distributed to all the Nebraska Career and Technical Education Career Field Specialists and Career Technical Student Organization State Advisors as well as included in the reVISION meeting materials for schools engaged in reVISION 2016-17. The flyer can be updated as needed with new events and updated information.

#### **Nebraska Career Tours Videos**

Entrepreneurship is the theme of three new videos produced and added to the [necareertours.com](http://necareertours.com) website this year. The Career Tours videos are a collaborative effort by the Nebraska Departments of Education, Labor, and Economic Development. The purpose of the videos is to provide a virtual industry tour highlighting the scope of careers in Nebraska businesses/industries in all 16 career clusters. The videos contain interviews with employees and business representatives discussing work requirements, education levels, salaries and job prospects. Teacher discussion guides and student view guides are created for each career cluster video series.

## reVISION

- The reVISION process provides Nebraska schools with the opportunity to analyze and transform their current career education systems in order to improve their ability to educate a qualified workforce that meets industry needs. The importance of entrepreneurship and entrepreneurship is considered as one aspect. Working in collaboration with postsecondary education and regional workforce/economic development leaders, the reVISION process links career education, school administrators, school counselors and industry professionals. It is a strategic approach for schools to analyze their current career education system and make plans, as needed, for adjustment. More than 60 school districts in Nebraska have completed the process and formulated 3-5 year reVISION action plans to guide their career education programs. Districts completing the reVISION process are eligible to apply for competitive Action Grant funds of up to \$50,000 to assist them in their action plans. Over \$2,650,000 on competitive reVISION Action Grants have been awarded since 2013 to schools completing the reVISION process.

Schools engaged in reVISION for 2016-17 include, Aurora, Bellevue, Fairbury, Friend, Gering, Gibbon, Hastings, Millard, Neligh-Oakdale, Randolph, Ravenna, South Central Unified, Springfield-Platteview, St. Paul, Superior and Wayne.

### CTE 2025 Stakeholder Engagement Meetings

The Nebraska Career Education and Innovation Foundation is leading discussions and open dialogue focusing on creating a shared vision and action plan for Career and Technical Education looking forward to 2025. The meetings focus on:

- Input on a new state plan for federal Perkins CTE legislation
- Direction for state initiatives for secondary and postsecondary CTE
- Rethinking secondary and postsecondary CTE delivery systems across Nebraska
- Strengthening CTE as a part of Nebraska's workforce development system
- Aligning CTE with economic development priorities
- CTE teacher shortages
- Career readiness for Nebraska students

### Calendar of Events Dates (workshops, conferences and events you are hosting/sponsoring)

**Please provide date, event title and web links to information:**

Nebraska Career Education Conference – June 5-8, 2017  
Younes Conference Center-Kearney, NE ([www.nceconference.com](http://www.nceconference.com))

Entrepreneurship Best Practices Summit – November 17, 2016  
Nebraska Innovation Campus

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