



Activities and Projects Updates Summary

NETForce Meeting Date: 01/23/15

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.

- “Starting Up Smarter Small Businesses” - Business Boot Camps (Fall 2014)
 - 8 part series broken in to 4 days
 - 31 enrolled
- StartUP NP Booklet Distribution (and on-line)
 - www.blackgooseart.com/STARTUP-NP.pdf
 - 1,000 hard copies distributed to both secondary and postsecondary education institutions, small business, area banking institutions, and via the Chambers/Economic Development office
- Mid-Plains NBDC Office; In 2014, the North Platte NBDC office assisted:
 - 66 clients served
 - 10 counties have been represented in Southwestern, West-Central, & North-Central Nebraska.
 - \$4,417,500 in capital investments that provide an economic impact in our regional communities.
 - \$350,000 (+) in savings towards business owners
 - 57 Jobs have been created or retained
 - 7 Start-up businesses or purchased existing businesses (does not include business expansion)
- E-Day was held Nov.21, 2014 in McCook
 - 52 student participants created and presented business plans with assistance from faculty and staff at the College;

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

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

- ESI Camp with University of NE-Lincoln in McCook (June 1-4, 2015)
- NBDC will host small workshops again through-out 18-county area to assist with lending and start-up questions.
- Attending ECAP statewide conference in March
- 308 social/networking group still meeting on the 8th of every month in North Platte.

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