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Subject: FW: INVITATION: Rural Opioid Epidemic Roundtable

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please join us on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 for USDA Rural Development's Rural Opioid Epidemic Roundtable in Lincoln, NE. We would like to see each county represented by one rural leader.

USDA is investing in treatment facilities and services, e-Connectivity and telemedicine, and public education efforts. In addition to program investment, the Department is helping communities share information about best practices to address the crisis. You can see more of USDA's efforts on our Opioid Webpage:

<https://www.usda.gov/topics/opioids>. We would like to partner with rural leaders to address this tremendous challenge. Rural Development offers several programs that can assist with this crisis in rural Nebraska.

The roundtable will be facilitated by Rural Development State Director Karl Elmshaeuser. Key topics discussed at the roundtable will include challenges associated with substance use disorder; strategies for prevention, treatment and recovery; and how these measures can be replicated to effectively address the epidemic in other rural communities. The roundtable will have an overview of the programs Rural Development offers that align with this crisis; and a discussion time amongst participants to converse and discuss challenges associated with opioid abuse, strategies for prevention, treatment and recovery options, best practices for rural communities, specific local issues regarding the opioid epidemic, project and funding needs, how we all may be able to best partner with one another, etc.

We would like to bring key partners and rural leaders to the table that have experience with this challenge or want to learn more about it.

USDA Rural Development Rural Opioid Epidemic Roundtable

Date: Tuesday, October 30th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Location: Room 124 (first floor), Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

Please RSVP by September 17, 2018. Thank You

FEDERAL BUILDING VISITOR PARKING:

OFFICE BUILDING ADDRESS – 100 Centennial Mall North (garage is just south of our office building).

VISITOR PARKING – located on the West side of the parking garage (located south of our office building) and it is easier to enter from the south of the garage.

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