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### **BLUEPRINT NEBRASKA ANNOUNCES NEXT PHASE**

*Website includes State Chamber Forum Information and Community Survey*

**[OMAHA, NEBRASKA, August 27, 2018]** — Today, Blueprint Nebraska, a citizen-led, statewide economic development organization, announced efforts to broaden its reach and engage with all Nebraskans. This new phase of action includes the launch of a newly designed website, a Community Survey and partnering with the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry for their 2018 Legislative Forums.

“We are taking the next important step in the Blueprint Nebraska process, starting with the Road Tour which will involve listening to and talking with key stakeholders across the state,” said Jim Smith, Executive Director. The Road Tour begins in Aurora on August 27 and will stop in at least 30 communities across the state before the end of October. We want to invite everyone to come to these meetings and share their thoughts with us. Blueprint Nebraska is designed to benefit everyone in the state and these 30 stops represent our first efforts to make these important connections,” said Smith.

In addition to sharing the Blueprint Nebraska vision and process, these meetings will provide citizens the opportunity to speak with Smith and other Blueprint Nebraska representatives as well as participate in the Community Survey. The Survey, designed to gather information on key issues impacting the future of Nebraska, will be a catalyst to capture statewide perspectives on the strengths and challenges facing the economic future of Nebraska. The survey can be accessed on the Blueprint Nebraska website as well as at the Forum meetings; results will be used to determine the goals that Nebraska should develop for its economic and business future.

Blueprint Nebraska continues to grow as more than 200 Industry Council Members have joined the effort. “In early September, the Industry Councils will begin their work on the 16 areas key to the state’s economic success,” said Smith. “The time we invest now will pay big dividends for Nebraska’s economic future. “

For more information on the Road Tour sites and to take part in the Community Survey, please visit the Blueprint Nebraska website at [www.blueprint-nebraska.org](http://www.blueprint-nebraska.org).

**About Blueprint Nebraska:**

**Blueprint Nebraska**, is a statewide coalition comprised of leaders from the private sector that will develop a plan for economic growth, competitiveness and prosperity for Nebraska.

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