

The Nebraska Enterprise Fund (NEF) is hosting two area forums focused on coordinated support for entrepreneurs and business development in Southeast and Central Nebraska.

On Nov. 30 the first "Area Entrepreneur/Small Biz Resource Forum" will be in Beatrice with the Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce as the co-host along with NEF. The second forum location will be in Grand Island on Dec. 7 with the Grand Island Chamber as co-host with NEF.

The forums are designed for small business lenders/bankers, E-shop coaches/microenterprise development specialists or mentors and resource providers that assist small businesses in the respective forum areas. Entrepreneurs and small business owners are welcome to attend.

Shawn Kaskie, director of Center for Rural Research and Development at UNK, will present information on Market Research and Survey Services for businesses.

Other speakers and topics will include a presentation by GROW Nebraska on using social media such as Facebook, YouTube and Twitter for marketing.

Staff from REAP and NEF will discuss business financing, including assistance with small business loan packages with banks and community revolving loan funds.

The forums will conclude with roundtable discussions on service gaps for small business development and coordinating efforts among area resource providers.

To register for either forum, or for more information, please call 402.685.5500 or 402.645.3096 or e-mail [janeo@nebbiz.org](mailto:janeo@nebbiz.org).