



Partnership Application

Rebuild Nebraska is a multi-year effort by the Nebraska Energy Office in conjunction with U.S. Department of Energy's *Rebuild America* program to help communities and building owners improve the energy efficiency of their commercial and multifamily residential buildings.

Rebuild partners may be business owners, economic development organizations, energy service companies, financial institutions, utilities, nonprofit organizations, local governments, and others. Partners are provided with technical and financial assistance from the state and federal agencies to help them plan and carry out energy efficient improvements.

BASIC PRINCIPLES OF AGREEMENT

Rebuild Nebraska Partners, the U.S. Department of Energy and the Nebraska Energy Office agree that:

Increasing the energy efficiency of commercial and multifamily residential buildings is a **win-win** opportunity for our communities as well as the nation. More energy efficient buildings reduce building energy costs, increase available capital, spur economic growth, and improve working and living environments. *Rebuild Nebraska* provides a viable strategy to achieve these goals.

Rebuild Nebraska Partners agree to:

- Develop and provide the Energy Office with a multi-year Action Plan within six months of the date of the signed agreement. The Action Plan will state specific energy efficiency goals and identify the members of the partner organization who will act to meet these goals. It will include a description of proposed energy efficiency improvements, a strategy to carry them out, and their expected cost and savings. In the case of multiple buildings, it will define the types and numbers of buildings to be treated, resultant energy savings, and the nature of technical assistance desired from the state and federal energy agencies.
- Promote participation in *Rebuild Nebraska*, using the *Rebuild America* logo on marketing and information materials.

The Nebraska Energy Office agrees to:

- Provide Partners with comprehensive information about the economic benefits of energy efficiency including lighting surveys and energy audits identifying the most cost effective improvements.
- Help Partners maximize their capital investment resources. A handbook of financing options including local, state and federal programs, lease-purchase programs, guaranteed savings and utility demand side management programs, will be provided to help Partners identify financing sources for cost effective improvements.
- Develop a *Rebuild Nebraska* partner consortium that will help individuals as well as building owners have a better understanding of the benefits of energy efficiency, including occupant comfort, reduced utility costs and increased property value.
- Demonstrate and replicate the actions of Partners to improve the energy efficiency of commercial and multifamily residential buildings in other communities throughout Nebraska.

The U.S. Department of Energy agrees to:

- Assign a *Rebuild America* representative who will be the Department of Energy's contact for the Nebraska Partner. The representative will assist the Partner in the development and implementation of initiatives.
- Assist in replicating actions of the Partners to improve the energy efficiency of commercial and multifamily residential buildings in other communities throughout the United States.
- Recognize the Partner as an active *Rebuild Nebraska* participant.
- Promote Partner activities at the state and local levels.
- Promote exchanges of information and provide information, workbooks and reference contacts.
- Sponsor workshops on applicable energy efficiency and renewable energy topics.