

Nebraska Governor Lauds Utility Partner

From left to right: Dennis Grennan, NPPD vice president; Lynn Chamberlin, Rebuild Nebraska coordinator; Bob Harris, Nebraska Energy Office director; Governor Ben Nelson; and Bill Mayben, CEO of NPPD



Governor Ben Nelson recognized **Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD)** for committing to help the state's residents save money and improve their communities through energy efficiency.

NPPD is the newest partner of **Rebuild Nebraska**, the State Energy Office's Rebuild America program. A signing ceremony was held in March in Lincoln. The publicly-owned electric company provides retail and wholesale electricity to customers in 86 of Nebraska's 93 counties.

"Nebraska Public Power District is pleased to be partnering with the Nebraska Energy Office in the 'Rebuild

Nebraska' program," said CEO Bill Mayben, adding that, "NPPD has a rich tradition of working with its customers to constantly help them find ways to use energy more efficiently."

"We are fortunate [to have] an exceptional, award-winning Energy Office," Nelson said. "Nebraska has accepted the challenge of recruiting 150 Rebuild partners in the next three years."

Nelson noted that Nebraska consumers spent \$3.4 billion on energy in 1995. Rebuild Nebraska aims to achieve a 25% reduction in energy consumption in participating buildings by 1999.

NPPD will provide services in three areas of the Rebuild Nebraska program, Grennan said. They will help their retail and wholesale customers learn about energy efficiency technologies, how to apply them to save money, and ways to finance projects.

With the Energy Office, the utility will train student interns and provide office

space. They will also help promote and market the program statewide, including creating materials and identifying additional partners.

“Rebuild Nebraska is about bringing greater energy efficiency to commercial businesses and multi-family facilities in Nebraska,” Grennan said. That “is important to each of them and to us in ...

holding costs down for all of our customers.”

Lynn Chamberlin, the Rebuild Nebraska coordinator, said she is very excited about NPPD’s participation. “This will fit in nicely with our program,” she said. “We’ll be able to replicate their efforts to involve communities.”