

Registration deadline for CDBG certified grant administrators training is July 9 (June 21)

LINCOLN, NEB. (June 21, 2007)â€”Local government staff who will be working with newly awarded Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), and individuals who want to become â€œCertified CDBG Grant Administrators are encouraged to take part in upcoming training workshops at Southeast Community College Continuing Education Center, 301 S. 68th St. Place, in Lincoln, July 24, and July 25-27.

July 24 will be devoted to an overview of CDBG program requirements and local governmentsâ€™ roles in meeting those requirements. Information will highlight contractual requirements, the environmental review process, requesting funds, and reporting requirements. Registration check in will begin at 9:30 a.m., and the workshop will begin at 10 a.m.

CDBG Certified Administrators training will be held July 25-27 for individuals who expressly want to become certified CDBG grant administrators. All municipalities and counties that have been awarded CDBG awards must hire and/or employ certified administrators to oversee the projects. Attendees must complete the full two-day certification training and successfully pass a written exam. The exam is optional for individuals who want to receive the training, but do not want to become certified. Check in will begin at 8 a.m., and training will start at 8:30 a.m.

The registration deadline for the workshops/full conference is July 9. A registration fee for the day workshop (July 24), full certification workshop (July 25-27), or full conference (July 24-27) will provide attendees with training materials, including an administration manual, and continental breakfasts, lunches, and breaks.

To learn more about the training and registration process, contact Ann Bierbower at 800-426-6505, 402-471-2235, or email: crd1.intern@nebraska.gov. To directly access conference information, a tentative agenda, and registration forms, go to: <http://www.neded.org/content/view/117/243/>

A limited number of Studio (one-bed, one-bath) and Executive (two-room, two-bath) Suites will be held at the Chase Suites Hotel, 200 S. 68th St. Place, until July 9. To reserve lodging, call 888-433-6183, or 402-483-4900, and mention the room-block code: NE Department of Economic Development to receive the conference rate. Discounted rooms are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. More information about Chase Suites Hotel can be found at: <http://www.woodfinsuitehotels.com/lincoln/index.cfm>

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