

PK PARTNERSHIP

ENTREPRENEURSHIP LEADERSHIP EDUCATION

Nurturing Business at Every Stage of Growth

The PK Partnership is a public-private consortium of 17 agencies and business with a deep interest in helping businesses succeed in Phelps and Kearney counties. Working together, we have developed programs to benefit businesses in the region: the EDGE course in practical business start-up and operations; business succession seminars and services for businesses in transition; youth entrepreneurship assessment, training and development; and community leadership development.



PK Partnership agencies and businesses

NebraskaEDGE

For the past three years, [PK Partnership](#) — named for the two counties it encompasses, Phelps and Kearney — has offered workshops and seminars aimed at educating entrepreneurs along the middle of the state's austral border. Among those symposiums is [PK EDGE](#), a collaborative effort with rural entrepreneurship training network [NebraskaEDGE](#) (Enhancing, Developing and Growing Entrepreneurs). PK EDGE brings its Nebraska counterpart's acclaimed business class to Phelps and Kearney Counties, offering a 12-session course that breaks down the nuances of entrepreneurship step-by-step.

PK PARTNERSHIP MISSION STATEMENT

It is the PK PARTNERSHIP's mission to provide educational opportunities within the Phelps and Kearney County area for potential and existing businesses.



PK Partners Dena Beck, Rural Enterprise Assistance Project (REAP) and Lisa Karnatz, Kearney County and Minden Economic Development, collaborate to put together another business succession workshop.



Rosie Stockton, PK EDGE Auditor and Steve McCoy, PK EDGE Graduate

Building Entrepreneurial Communities Act

The Building Entrepreneurial Communities Act (BECA)

awarded the PK Entrepreneurial Coalition a grant worth \$8,135 in 2006 to begin offering NebraskaEDGE (Enhancing, Developing and Growing Entrepreneurs) classes and workshops to new and existing entrepreneurs to spur new business ideas, business succession and retention, and youth

entrepreneurship.

BECA provides grants of up to \$75,000 to rural communities to implement collaborative projects that generate and sustain wealth in economically depressed communities and regions throughout Nebraska. The Nebraska Department of Economic Development and Nebraska Rural Development Commission administer BECA.

PK I & E

For entrepreneurs who want a taste of the knowledge PK Partnership has to offer without putting up the \$425 EDGE registration fee, the partnership also offers the PK Innovators, Inventors, Investors and Entrepreneurs Club (or the PK I & E Club for short).

The PK I & E Club came about from a belief that South Central

Nebraska needed an environment that would foster the culture of innovation and entrepreneurship. In January 2009, PK Partnership formed the PK I & E Club, an entrepreneurial environment with two goals of providing education and providing an organized networking system. The PK Partnership believes that there are talented individuals in South Central Nebraska and this networking system

will jump-start new businesses and inspire and reinvigorate existing businesses.

The club hosts monthly educational and informational meetings where speakers provide information and club participants discuss issues, find resources and network with people. The meetings have proven to be an extremely efficient platform and very cost effective. People learn the proper steps to exploring their ideas, are supported and motivated by their peers, tap into a vast network of like-minded people and find needed resources as quickly as possible.



Monica Boyken, Phelps County Development Council Executive Director, directs I & E Club attendees to peruse the literature table



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