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APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR INTERNET ENHANCEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

LINCOLN – Applications are currently being accepted for a local government individual to fill a vacancy on the Nebraska Internet Enhancement Advisory Board.

The board assists the Nebraska Public Service Commission with implementation of the Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund (NIEF) grant program, which was established by the Legislature in 2001. The fund is composed of a portion of the state's proceeds from the lease of dark or unused fiber optic lines by publicly-owned utilities.

The vacancy is for a member to represent local government. The vacancy is due to the resignation of Cheyenne County Clerk Beth Fiegenschuh in Sidney.

In addition to the vacant post, the seven-member advisory board includes another representative of local government, two members of local telephone exchange companies, a representative on an internet service provider, as well as a member of the Public Service Commission.

Advisory board positions are unpaid. The panel reviews grant applications and recommends the amount of funding for each grant, prioritizes distribution of available funds, and makes recommendations for regulatory or legislative changes to the Commission regarding the administration and distribution of the Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund.

Applicants should submit a statement of interest in advisory board membership and the applicant's resume by April 30 to Nichole Underhill, Nebraska Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 94927, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4927.

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