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## PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

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**President of the United States:** George W. Bush

**Vice President of the United States:** Richard B. Cheney

Article II, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution provides that “the executive Power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America. He shall hold his Office during the Term of four Years, ... together with the Vice President, chosen for the same Term ...” In addition to the powers set forth in the Constitution, federal statutes have conferred upon the president specific authority and responsibility covering a wide range of matters.

The president is the administrative head of the U.S. government’s executive branch, which includes numerous agencies, both temporary and permanent, as well as the 15 executive departments — Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Energy, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Justice, Labor, State, Transportation, Treasury and Veterans Affairs.

The Cabinet, a creation of custom and tradition dating back to George Washington’s administration, functions at the pleasure of the president. Its purpose is to advise the president upon any subject, relating to the duties of the respective offices, on which he or she requests information. The Cabinet is composed of the heads of the 15 executive departments and other officials to whom the president has accorded Cabinet-level rank.

**Editor’s note:** The following is a list of U.S. government departments and agencies that maintain one or more offices in Nebraska. Other U.S. departments and agencies serve Nebraska from offices outside of the state.

For information on other offices, the U.S. government has a federal information center in Maryland with a hot line. The toll-free number is (800) 688-9889. For hearing-impaired people, the TDD number is (800) 326-2996. More information about U.S. government departments and agencies can be obtained from the latest edition of *The United States Government Manual*. Nebraskans may call (816) 426-5702 for recorded messages listing federal jobs in Nebraska.

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<sup>1</sup>Information about the executive branch, Cabinet-level agencies and federal independent agencies was gathered from the following sources: *The United States Government Manual 2005/06*, and information provided by the agencies listed.

## CABINET-LEVEL AGENCIES

### Department of Agriculture

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) works to improve and maintain farm income and develop and expand markets abroad for agricultural products. The department works to curb and cure poverty, hunger and malnutrition. It works to enhance the environment and maintain production capacity by helping landowners protect the soil, water, forests and other natural resources. Rural development, credit and conservation programs are key resources for carrying out national growth policies. The department, through inspection and grading services, works to safeguard and ensure standards of quality in the daily food supply.

#### *Office of Inspector General*

**Office of Audit:** 276 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 437-5271

**Senior Auditor:** Anne C. Morrison

**Office of Investigation:** 282 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 437-5249

**Resident Special Agent:** Martin Dahlke

The Office of Inspector General conducts audits and investigations designed to promote economy and efficiency in the administration of USDA programs and to prevent and detect fraud and abuse in the operation of such programs.

#### *Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service*

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service conducts regulatory and control programs to protect and improve animal and plant health for the benefit of humanity and the environment. These programs are carried out in cooperation with state governments, foreign governments, other federal agencies, farmers and ranchers, and private organizations. The agency administers federal laws and regulations pertaining to animal and plant health and quarantine, humane treatment of animals, and the control and eradication of pests and diseases. The service also enforces regulations to prevent the introduction or interstate spread of certain animal or plant pests or diseases. APHIS also carries out research and operational activities to reduce crop and livestock damage caused by birds, rodents and predators.

#### **Plant Protection and Quarantine Programs**

**Nebraska Office:** 5940 S. 58th St., P.O. Box 81866, Lincoln, NE 68501, phone (402) 434-2345

**State Plant Health Director:** Vicki B. Wohlers

Plant protection officials are responsible for programs to control or eradicate plant pests and diseases. Agricultural quarantine inspection officials administer federal regulations that prohibit or restrict the entry of foreign pests and plants, plant products, animal products and byproducts, and other materials that may harbor pests or diseases.

Other responsibilities include the inspection and certification of domestic commodities for export; regulation of the import and export of endangered plant species and of genetically engineered organisms and products that present a plant pest risk; and ensuring that imported seed is free of noxious weeds.

### **Veterinary Services**

**Nebraska Office:** 5940 S. 58th St., P.O. Box 81866, Lincoln, NE 68501, phone (402) 434-2300, e-mail address — [vsne@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:vsne@aphis.usda.gov), Web site — <http://www.aphis.usda.gov>

**Area Veterinarian in Charge:** Dr. Kathleen Jan Akin

Veterinary Services is the animal health arm of APHIS. Agency officials are responsible for protecting and improving the health, quality, productivity and marketability of U.S. animals and animal products and for facilitating agricultural trade.

Veterinary Services regulates the entry of imported animals and animal products and is prepared to take emergency action against foreign diseases. In cooperation with the states and industry groups, the agency also operates eradication programs for domestic animal diseases. When diseases are found, the agency regulates the interstate movement and transport of infected and exposed animals. Veterinary Services provides health certification for exported animals and animal products. It also issues licenses for veterinary biological products and manufacturers and monitors quality control.

### **Wildlife Services<sup>1</sup>**

**Nebraska Office:** 5940 S. 58th St., P.O. Box 81866, Lincoln, NE 68501-1866, phone (402) 434-2340, fax (402) 434-2330

**State Director:** Tim Veenendaal

Officials with Wildlife Services, formerly Animal Damage Control, work to reduce crop and livestock damage caused by birds, rodents and predators.

Wildlife Services officials work to educate and advise farmers and ranchers on proper uses of control methods and techniques; suppress serious nuisances and threats to public health and safety caused by birds, rodents and other wildlife; and work with airport managers to reduce risks of bird strikes. Wildlife Services also conducts research on predator-prey relationships, new control methods, and more efficient and safe uses of present methods.

### ***Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services***

Through the Farm Service Agency, this mission area administers farm commodity, crop insurance and resource conservation programs for farmers and makes loans through a network of state and county offices. Agency programs are directed at agricultural producers or, in the case of loans, at those with farming experience.

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<sup>1</sup>For more information on Wildlife Services, see Page 462.

### Farm Service Agency

**Nebraska State Office:** 7131 A St., Lincoln, NE 68505-4202, phone (402) 437-5581

**State Executive Director:** Brian Wolford

**FSA State Committee:** Robert Anderson, Mary Gerdes, Ronald Ochsner, Dennis Richters and Milton Rogers

The Farm Service Agency administers farm loans, conservation programs, marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments, as well as other commodity programs including direct and countercyclical payments. FSA also administers emergency programs to address crop disasters and livestock losses. Other programs are administered by the FSA as provided by Congress.

The FSA delivers programs to agricultural producers through 81 offices in Nebraska.<sup>2</sup> The agency was created during the 1994 USDA organization. The parent organizations for the FSA were the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service and the Farmers Home Administration.

On May 13, 2002, President George W. Bush signed the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 into law. This law made significant changes in farm program structure and funding and now provides stability to farmers and ranchers as they conduct their business. The law guides the nation's agricultural policy and provides total support for the \$115 billion farm sector.

The law does the following:

- revises and rebalances loan rates
- adds new payment programs for dairy, honey, wool, mohair and pulse crops
- continues direct payments
- creates a new system of countercyclical payments
- significantly changes the peanut program
- makes administrative changes to the existing farm loan programs
- expands conservation funding and adds new programs
- contains new tools to support the expansion of trade for agricultural products

The FSA administers and offers these programs:

- the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance program, which provides catastrophic crop loss payments for crops that are uninsurable under the federally subsidized crop insurance program.

- the Crop Disaster Programs as authorized by Congress. These programs provide loss payments when producers suffer serious crop losses.

- the Direct and Countercyclical Program, which provides direct payments to producers to support agricultural production and provides for countercyclical payments to provide assistance during periods of low commodity prices.

- the Conservation Reserve Program, which takes highly erodible land out of crop production and reserves it for growing grasses, trees and forage for 10 to 15 years. In return for participating in the program, the owner receives a rental payment each year.

- the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, which became effective January 2003 in 37 counties in southeast and eastern Nebraska. These practices include planting

<sup>2</sup>See the list of USDA service centers on Pages 120-122.

filter strips and riparian buffers to protect streams, lakes and rivers from sedimentation and pollution from agricultural chemicals and to restore wetlands and ground cover to provide habitats for threatened wildlife species.

- the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, which was established in 1996 to combine four federal cost-share programs to assist producers with cost-share funds to carry out approved soil, water and wildlife conservation practices over a one- to 10-year period.

- the Emergency Conservation Program, which provides financial assistance to farmers and ranchers for the restoration of farmlands where natural disasters have impeded normal farming operations.

- the FSA Farm Loan Program, which offers direct and guaranteed financing for family farmers and beginning farmers and ranchers who are unable to get affordable commercial credit for farm ownership, improvements and operating purposes. When natural disasters occur, emergency loan authorities are available to help producers who have incurred losses.

- the agricultural price support operations, including marketing assistance loans, loan deficiency payments, Farm Storage Facility loans and the purchase and sale of agricultural commodities by the Commodity Credit Corporation.

- the rural youth operating loans, which are available to youth ages 10 to 20 to establish and operate income-producing projects.

FSA offices are administered at the state level by a state executive director and a five-member committee appointed by the U.S. secretary of agriculture. At the county level, a county or area committee consisting of three to five members is responsible for the local administration of the FSA farm programs through the local FSA office. The county or area committee members are elected by individuals who have an interest in a farm or ranch in the county.

## *Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services*

The mission of Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services is to ensure access to nutritious, healthy diets for all U.S. residents. Through food assistance and nutrition education, FNCS encourages people to make healthful food choices. Rather than just providing food, FNCS works to give people knowledge of the link between diet and health, providing dietary guidance based on research.

### **Food and Nutrition Service**

**Nebraska Field Office:** 269 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 437-5268, fax (402) 437-5759

**Acting Officer in Charge:** Daniel S. Lay

The Food and Nutrition Service administers the USDA food assistance programs. These programs, which serve one in six U.S. citizens, provide a federal safety net to people in need. The goals of the programs are to provide needy persons with access to a more nutritious diet, improve the eating habits of children and help U.S. farmers by providing an outlet for distribution of foods purchased under farmer assistance authorities.

The FNS works in partnership with the states in all of its programs. State and

local agencies determine most administrative details regarding distribution of food benefits and eligibility of participants, and FNS provides commodities and funding for additional food and to cover administrative costs. In Nebraska, the state Department of Health and Human Services and the state Department of Education help administer most FNS programs.

FNS programs include:

- the Food Stamp Program, which provides food benefits through state and local welfare agencies to needy people to increase their food purchasing power. The benefits are used to buy food at approved retail stores.

- the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), which provides food supplements, nutrition education and healthcare referrals to low-income pregnant women, postpartum women, and infants and children up to 5 years old

- the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, which provides WIC participants with coupons to buy fresh fruits and vegetables

- the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, which provides an extensive package of foods monthly to low-income pregnant, postpartum and breast-feeding women; their infants and children younger than age 6; and the elderly. The program also provides nutrition education.

- the National School Lunch Program, which supports nonprofit food services in elementary and secondary schools and in residential childcare institutions. More than half the meals served through these institutions are available free or at reduced cost.

- the School Breakfast Program, which supports schools in providing needy children with breakfasts for free or at reduced cost

- the Special Milk Program for Children, which provides milk for children in those schools, summer camps and childcare institutions that do not have federally supported meal programs

- the Child and Adult Care Food Program, which provides cash and commodities for meals for children in childcare facilities and for functionally impaired adults in nonresidential care facilities

- the Summer Food Service Program for Children, which helps various organizations get meals to needy children during the summer months and during school vacations

- the Emergency Food Assistance Program, which provides state agencies with commodities for distribution to food banks, food pantries, soup kitchens and other charitable institutions

- the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations and the Trust Territories, which provides commodities to low-income households on or near Indian reservations

- the Nutrition Program for the Elderly, which provides cash and commodities to states for meals for senior citizens

- the Homeless Children Nutrition Program, which reimburses providers for meals served to homeless preschool children in emergency shelters

- the Nutrition Education and Training Program, which grants funds to states for the development and dissemination of nutrition information to children and for in-service training of food service and teaching personnel

### *Food Safety and Inspection Service*

**Compliance and Investigation Division (CID):** 120 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 437-5632

**Compliance Investigator:** Gregory J. Harstick, Margaret R. Karinen, Tamara Dey

The USDA, Food Safety and Inspection Service regulates the meat/poultry and egg industry to ensure that such products are safe, wholesome and accurately labeled for interstate and foreign commerce.

FSIS Inspection Operations (IO) inspects domestic animals and birds at slaughter and during various stages of further processing. It also inspects the production of egg products.

CID monitors meat/poultry and egg products in storage, distribution and retail outlets and takes necessary compliance actions to protect the public, including detention of products, voluntary product recalls, court-ordered seizures of products, administrative withdrawal of inspection and referral for criminal prosecution.

Nondesignated states conduct state programs for the inspection of meat and poultry products sold in intrastate commerce. Nebraska is a designated state, thus only allowing the sale of federally inspected meat and poultry products in both intrastate and interstate commerce.

**Omaha Technical Service Center:** 1299 Farnam St., Suite 300, Landmark Center, Omaha, NE 68102, phone (800) 233-3935

**Director:** Dr. Garry McKee

The technical service center coordinates technical advice and support for federal food safety inspection personnel throughout the country.

A toll-free meat and poultry hot line, (800) 535-4555, is provided to answer questions about labeling and safe handling of meat, poultry, eggs and their products. The hot line is also accessible on the same extension by TDD.

### *Marketing and Regulatory Programs*

This mission area includes marketing and regulatory programs other than those concerned with food safety.

#### **Agricultural Marketing Service**

The Agricultural Marketing Service administers: standardization, grading, inspection, certification, market news, marketing orders, and research, promotion and regulatory programs. Two branches of the AMS Livestock and Seed Division — the Livestock and Grain Market News Service and the Meat Grading and Certification Branch — have offices in Nebraska.

*Livestock and Grain Market News Service*

**Livestock and Seed Division Branch Office:** 4009 Sixth Ave., Eagles Nest Plaza, Kearney, NE 68845, phone (308) 237-7579, fax (308) 234-1568, 24-hour recording (308) 234-1059, Web site — <http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsmnpubs>

**Officer in Charge:** Keith Williams

The AMS Livestock and Grain Market News Service provides current market information to producers, processors, distributors and others to assist them in the orderly marketing and distribution of farm commodities. Information is collected on supply, demand, prices, movement, location, quality, condition and other market data on farm products in specific markets and marketing areas. The data is disseminated nationally via a modern satellite system and is shared internationally. The service also has assisted countries in developing their own market information systems.

The Kearney office of the Livestock and Grain Market News Service reports daily movement, trade activity, price trends and livestock prices. Grain prices are collected daily from about 40 locations in the state. This office also produces a weekly report of hay prices for Nebraska, Iowa and parts of South Dakota and Iowa. The Kearney office supervises the reporting of 10 of the largest volume feeder cattle auctions through a cooperative program with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

Livestock and meat reports are released throughout the trading day through radio, television and newspapers. Market news reports are transmitted by Market News Communication Systems to national and international market interests via the MNCS system and the AMS Web site.

The news service also receives reports from other market news offices across the nation, keeping livestock and grain producers and marketing agencies informed of the movement and price of livestock, meat and grain at all marketing areas.

The news service also grades and certifies livestock to fill Chicago Mercantile Exchange livestock futures trading contracts.

*Meat Grading and Certification Branch*

**Omaha Area Contact:** Douglas Heikel, 412 S. 127th St., Omaha, NE 68154, phone (402) 697-1583, (202) 302-7276, email – [douglas.heikel@usda.gov](mailto:douglas.heikel@usda.gov)

Grade standards have been established for nearly 240 agricultural commodities to help buyers and sellers trade on agreed-upon quality levels. Standards are developed with the benefit of views from those in the industries directly affected and others interested. The AMS also participates in developing international standards to facilitate trade.

The Meat Grading and Certification Branch of the Livestock and Seed Division interprets the federal grade and class standards and performs meat grading services upon the request of federally inspected and recognized nonfederally inspected meat slaughtering and wholesale plants.

Meat grading includes three types of services:

- the meat grading service, which provides quality and yield grading to allow a common language for the industry to market meat carcasses or cuts;
- the certification service, which examines, accepts and certifies fresh-chilled meats, prepared meats and meat food products. The Meat Grading and Certification Branch

has an Omaha office that covers Omaha, Dakota City, Gibbon, Grand Island, Hastings, Lexington, Norfolk, Schuyler and West Point;

- the carcass data service, which evaluates carcass characteristics by applicable official U.S. standards. The carcass data service also records and transmits data to the service's applicants. An applicant also can direct the service to send the data elsewhere.

### *Natural Resources and Environment*

This mission area is responsible for fostering sound stewardship of 75 percent of the nation's total land area. Ecosystems are the underpinning for the USDA's operating philosophy in this area. This approach is intended to ensure that products, values, services and uses desired by people are produced in ways that sustain healthy, productive ecosystems.

#### **U.S. Forest Service**

The U.S. Forest Service is responsible for national leadership in forestry. Its mission is to achieve quality land management under the sustainable, multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of people.

U.S. Forest Service operations in Nebraska are handled by three branches: the national forest system branch, which is administered by a forest supervisor at Chadron; the research branch, represented by the National Agroforestry Center in Lincoln; and the state and private branch in Lincoln. U.S. Forest Service state and private forestry cooperative programs are carried out in states by the state forestry agency, headed by the state forester. The Nebraska Forest Service/State Forester's Office is part of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

#### *National Forest System<sup>3</sup>*

**Nebraska National Forest Office:** 125 N. Main St., Chadron, NE 69337, phone (308) 432-0300, Web site — <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/nebraska>

**Forest Supervisor:** Donald J. Bright

**Nebraska National Forest, Pine Ridge Ranger District:** 1240 W. 16th St., Chadron, NE 69337, phone (308) 432-4475

**District Ranger:** Charles R. "Charlie" Marsh

**Nebraska National Forest, Bessey Ranger District:** 40637 River Loop, P.O. Box 39, Halsey, NE 69142, phone (308) 533-2257

**District Ranger:** Patti Barney

**Charles E. Bessey Tree Nursery:** 40637 River Loop, P.O. Box 39, Halsey, NE 69142, phone (308) 533-2257

**Nursery Manager:** Richard Gilbert

The U.S. Forest Service manages 155 national forests, 20 national grasslands, and eight land utilization projects on more than 191 million acres in 44 states, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. The intent is to balance the nation's need for wood and paper products with the other resources or benefits that the national forests and grasslands

<sup>3</sup>For more information about national areas in Nebraska administered by the U.S. Forest Service, see page 46.

provide, such as recreation and natural beauty, wildlife habitat, livestock forage and water supplies.

The 90,400-acre Bessey Ranger District of the Nebraska National Forest, which is in Thomas and Blaine counties, contains a completely man-made forest. Dr. Charles E. Bessey, an eminent University of Nebraska botanist, generated public interest in the idea of growing trees on parts of the Great Plains. The Bessey District administers another area with hand-planted trees, the 116,000-acre Samuel R. McKelvie National Forest in Cherry County. These two national forest areas were established by presidential proclamation in 1902.

About 22,000 acres of coniferous trees have been planted on the Bessey District, and 2,500 acres have been planted on the Samuel R. McKelvie National Forest. Techniques developed at the Charles E. Bessey Tree Nursery increased knowledge about tree propagation, helped countless farms establish tree windbreaks, and helped the federal government to implement a shelterbelt program from 1935 to 1942.

The 51,000-acre Pine Ridge Ranger District of the Nebraska National Forest is in Dawes and Sioux counties in northwest Nebraska. The district contains about 25,000 acres of natural ponderosa pine forests growing along the Pine Ridge.

The 94,000-acre Oglala National Grassland in northwest Nebraska, administered by the Pine Ridge District, demonstrates rangeland conservation techniques and practices. Range managers, ranchers and conservationists are working together to improve the grassland resources.

The 7,794-acre Soldier Creek Wilderness Area and the 6,600-acre Pine Ridge Recreation Area were created by the Nebraska Wilderness Act of 1985.

The Bessey Nursery is the oldest federal tree nursery. Nearly 3.5 million trees are produced there each year. The seedlings are distributed to national forests for rehabilitation plantings and through natural resource districts in Nebraska and neighboring states to private landowners for conservation projects.

The forest supervisor at Chadron is responsible to the regional forester in Denver for the administration of the Nebraska National Forest; the Samuel R. McKelvie National Forest; Oglala National Grassland; Bessey Nursey; and the Buffalo Gap and Fort Pierre National Grasslands in South Dakota. Also, the forest supervisor represents the U.S. Forest Service in Nebraska activities except for research.

#### *Human Resource Programs*

**Pine Ridge Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center:** 15710 Highway 385, Chadron, NE 69337, phone (308) 432-3316

**Center Director:** Clyde Franklin

The U.S. Forest Service operates the Youth Conservation Corps and the Volunteers in the National Forests programs and participates with the U.S. Department of Labor on several human resource programs that involve citizens, both young and old, in forestry-related activities.

In Nebraska, the forest supervisor administers the Pine Ridge Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor. The center is

12 miles south of Chadron on U.S. Highway 385. It is a certified Nebraska high school and offers nine learning areas for 16- to 24-year-olds.

*National Agroforestry Center*

**Contact Person:** Dr. Greg Ruark, Center Director, East Campus, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68583-0822, phone (402) 437-5178, Web site — <http://www.unl.edu/nac>

The USDA National Agroforestry Center is a partnership between the Forest Service and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. It conducts research on how to design and install forested buffers to protect water quality and develops and delivers technology on a broad range of agroforestry practices, such as alley cropping, forest farming, riparian forest buffers, silvopasture and windbreaks. Its primary audience is the more than 8,000 natural resource professionals who directly assist landowners and communities throughout the nation. The partnership draws upon Forest Service expertise with forestry and trees and harnesses it to NRCS expertise in agriculture and its technology delivery system to farmers, ranchers and communities. The NAC gathers and packages research conducted by universities and state and federal agencies into technology transfer materials. NAC products include field demonstrations, training workshops, a quarterly newsletter, technology “how to” notes, videos and brochures with coordinating displays.

Agroforestry technologies provide cost-effective ways to diversify production and increase income, while simultaneously enhancing natural resource conservation. The Farm Bill recognizes and supports many agroforestry practices in its conservation programs.

Key issues address by NAC are:

- Carbon — Agroforestry often involves afforestation. Planting linear forests on farms and ranches can store large amounts of carbon due to an extensive agricultural land base.

- Communities — Trees at the community/agriculture interface provide visual screening, abate dust and noise, manage stormwater, modify temperatures and provide greenways and recreational settings.

- Economics — Agroforestry practices such as alley cropping and forest farming diversify production systems and generate additional on-farm income.

- Livestock — Trees shelter livestock from harsh weather and reduce visual and odor problems associated with concentrated feedlots. Agroforestry systems allow for forage production and livestock grazing in the understory of conifer stands that are managed for timber production.

- Snowfences — Trees and shrubs used as living snowfences control drifting snow along roadways, distribute snowmelt in fields, protect farmsteads and communities and provide wildlife habitat.

- Water — Forested riparian buffers improve water quality by controlling soil and streambank erosion and by reducing the input of agricultural fertilizers, pesticides and animal wastes into waterways.

- Windbreaks — Many field windbreaks have aged and deteriorated. They need to

be replanted or rehabilitated in ways that provide for erosion reduction, crop production and wildlife habitat.

*Cooperation With the States*

**State and Private Forestry Programs/Nebraska Forest Service:** 103 Plant Industry Building, East Campus, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68583-0815, phone (402) 472-2944, e-mail address — [sjosiah2@unl.edu](mailto:sjosiah2@unl.edu)

**State Forester:** Scott J. Josiah

Through its cooperative State and Private Forestry Program, the U.S. Forest Service provides national leadership and financial and technical assistance delivered through state forestry agencies to nonfederal forest landowners, operators, processors of forest products and community forestry interests. These cooperative programs work to protect and improve the productivity and health of forests, air, water, and soil and encourages the use of natural resources on nonfederal lands that best meet the needs of the nation while protecting the environment.

Cooperative programs are carried out by the Nebraska State Forester and Director of the Nebraska Forest Service, who receives federal grant funding under the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978, as well as state funding support. The Nebraska Forest Service implements a portfolio of programs mandated by Nebraska state statute that provide rural forestry assistance to owners of over 2 million acres of forested lands, forest health protection, community forestry assistance, rural fire protection to 483 rural fire districts and mutual aid associations, state forest resource planning, and development, marketing and utilization of forest products and biofuels. Funding and technical assistance are provided to rural volunteer fire departments for training, planning, and fire prevention programs and equipment. The Federal Excess Property Program operated by the state forester provides reconditioned heavy-duty vehicles on loan to rural fire districts for use as fire trucks. The Nebraska Community Forestry Program provides assistance and funding to communities that want to improve community forest resources.

The Nebraska Forest Service is part of the University of Nebraska, and is administratively housed in the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

**Nebraska State Conservationist's Office:** 152 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508-3866, phone (402) 437-5300, e-mail address — [steve.chick@ne.usda.gov](mailto:steve.chick@ne.usda.gov), Web site — <http://www.ne.nrcs.usda.gov>

**State Conservationist:** Stephen K. Chick

**National Soil Survey Center:** 152 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508-3866, phone (402) 437-5499, e-mail address — [bob.ahrens@lin.usda.gov](mailto:bob.ahrens@lin.usda.gov)

**Director:** Robert J. Ahrens

**National Design, Construction and Soil Mechanics Center:** 512 S. Seventh St., Lincoln, NE 68508-2919, phone (402) 437-5337, e-mail address — [steve.reinsch@lin.usda.gov](mailto:steve.reinsch@lin.usda.gov)

**Director:** Stephen D. Reinsch

**Resource Conservation and Development Offices:** Five Rivers RC&D, 140 N. Fourth, Tecumseh, NE 68450, phone (402) 335-3347; Loup Basin RC&D, 801 S St., Suite 2, Ord, NE 68862-1857, phone (308) 728-3393; North Central Nebraska RC&D, East Highway 20, P.O. Box 130, Bassett, NE 68714-0130, phone (402) 684-3346; Northeast Nebraska RC&D, 702 E. Park Ave., Box 67, Plainview, NE 68769-4022, phone (402) 582-4866; Panhandle RC&D, 1517 Broadway, Suite 101, Scottsbluff, NE 69361-3184, phone (308) 632-1311; South Central Nebraska RC&D, 125 W. Plum St., Doniphan, NE 68832-0250, phone (402) 845-6678; Southwest Nebraska RC&D, 611 Paxton, Box 86, Cambridge, NE 69022, phone (308) 697-3477; Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D, 408 N. Oakland Ave., Oakland, NE 68045, phone (402) 685-5175; Trail Blazer RC&D, 437 N. Elm, Red Cloud, NE 68970, phone (402) 746-3560; Great Plains RC&D, 402 Fifth St., David City, NE 68632-1635, phone (402) 367-0510; Prairieland RC&D, 104 E. Sixth St., P.O. Box 350, Madison, NE 68748, phone (402) 454-2026; Sandhills RC&D, 102 S.E. Second St., Mullen, NE 69152, phone (308) 546-0636.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service has national responsibility for helping farmers, ranchers and private landowners develop and carry out voluntary efforts to protect the nation's natural resources. NRCS is USDA's technical delivery arm for conservation. Many NRCS programs are conducted in cooperation with other federal agencies, state and local agencies, universities, natural resource districts, commercial businesses and private groups. NRCS provides service through 81 offices in Nebraska.<sup>4</sup> Programs include:

- Conservation Technical Assistance. This is the foundation program of NRCS. Under this program, NRCS provides technical assistance to land users and units of government for the purpose of sustaining agricultural productivity and protecting and enhancing the natural resource base. This assistance is based on the voluntary cooperation of private landowners and involves comprehensive approaches to reduce soil erosion, improve soil and water quantity and quality, improve and conserve wetlands, enhance fish and wildlife habitat, improve air quality, improve pasture and range condition, reduce upstream flooding and improve woodlands. Every year nationally, more than 1 million land users receive these technical services, which are channeled through nearly 3,000 conservation districts across the United States and its territories. Nebraska's state and field offices provide assistance to individuals, groups, organizations and government units, but much of this help is given to the state's natural resource districts.

- the Natural Resources Inventory, a report issued every five years on how well the nation is sustaining natural resources on nonfederal land
- the National Cooperative Soil Survey, which provides the public with local information on the uses and capabilities of soils
- the Plant Materials Program. At 26 plant materials centers across the country, NRCS tests, selects and ensures the commercial availability of new and improved con-

<sup>4</sup> See the list of USDA service centers on Pages 120-122.

ervation plants for erosion reduction, wetland restoration, water quality improvement, streambank and riparian area protection, coastal dune stabilization, biomass production, carbon sequestration and other needs.

- River Basin Surveys and Investigations. This program involves river basin surveys and investigations, flood hazard analysis and flood plain management assistance.

- the Small Watersheds Program, which helps local groups plan and install watershed protection projects on private lands

- the Small Watersheds Rehabilitation Program, formed in 2002, to repair, restore or replace older structures, such as dams, built since the 1950s

- the Flood Prevention Program, which applies to 11 flood prevention projects covering about 35 million acres in 11 states, including Nebraska

- the Emergency Watershed Protection Program, which provides emergency help to safeguard lives and property in jeopardy because of sudden watershed impairment by natural disasters; includes flood plain easement for restoration as wetlands

- the Resource Conservation and Development Program (RC&D), which is a locally driven program, gives civic-oriented groups an opportunity to work together by sharing knowledge and resources to solve common problems facing their region. A USDA coordinator helps each designated RC&D council plan, develop and carry out programs for resource conservation, water management, community development and environmental enhancement.

- the Wetlands Reserve Program. Under this program, USDA purchases easements from agricultural landowners who voluntarily agree to restore and protect wetlands.

- the Wetlands Reserve Enhancement Program, started in 2004, targets wetland restoration along the Missouri River on the west side.

- the Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program, intends to protect soil by encouraging landowners to limit conversion of their farmland to nonagricultural uses

- the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, which uses two- to 10-year contracts to help producers with environmental and natural resource conservation improvements on their agricultural lands. The program also includes funding for the ground and surface water conservation cost-share.

- the Conservation of Private Grazing Land Program, which helps owners and managers of private grazing land address natural resource concerns while enhancing the economic and social stability of grazing land enterprises and the rural communities that depend on them

- the Conservation Security Program, which provides financial and technical assistance for the conservation, protection and improvement of soil, water and related resources on tribal and private lands. It provides payments for producers who have practiced good stewardship on their agricultural lands and incentives for those who want to do more.

- the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program, which encourages the creation of wildlife habitats that support wildlife populations of national, state, tribal and local significance

## *Research, Education and Economics*

This mission area's main focus is to create, apply and transfer knowledge and technology to provide affordable food and fiber, ensure food safety and nutrition, and support rural development and natural resource needs. These goals are pursued by conducting integrated national and international research, information, education and statistical programs and services.

### **Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service**

The Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service expands the research and higher education functions of the former Cooperative State Research Service and the education and outreach functions of the former Extension Service.

The service links the USDA's research and education resources and activities. CSREES works with land-grant institutions in each state, territory, and the District of Columbia; more than 130 colleges of agriculture; 59 agricultural experiment stations; 57 cooperative extension services; 63 schools of forestry; 16 historically black land-grant institutions and Tuskegee University; 27 colleges of veterinary medicine; 42 schools and colleges of family and consumer services; 29 American Indian land-grant institutions; and 127 Hispanic-serving institutions.

In cooperation with its partners and customers, CSREES provides the focus to advance a global system of research, extension and higher education in the food and agricultural sciences and related environmental and human sciences.

The service's mission emphasizes partnerships with the public and private sectors to maximize the effectiveness of limited resources. Its programs are intended to increase and provide access to scientific knowledge; strengthen the capabilities of land-grant and other institutions in research, extension and higher education; increase access to and use of improved communication and network systems; and promote informed decision-making by producers and families to improve social conditions in the United States and globally.

The service provides research, extension and education leadership through programs in plant and animal production, protection and processing; natural resources and environment; rural, economic and social development; families, nutrition and 4-H; partnerships; competitive research grants and awards management; science and education resource development; and communications, technology and distance education.

### *Cooperative Extension Division*

**University of Nebraska Office:** Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, 211 Agriculture Hall, East Campus, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68583-0703, phone (402) 472-2966, Web site — <http://www.extension.unl.edu>

**Dean and Director:** Elbert C. Dickey

The Cooperative Extension Division at land-grant universities has professional staff located at the state, county and local government levels. These staff work together to assess clients' needs and create educational programs to help farmers, families, individuals, rural businesses and communities develop problem-solving and decision-making

skills. Extension staff use computers, video, satellites and teleconferences to develop and deliver educational programs to people. The national Cooperative Extension System also assures access to research findings and information nationwide.

In Nebraska, extension programs' federal funds are combined with state funds, county funds and user fees by the Cooperative Extension Division.

*Agricultural Research Division (Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station)*

**University of Nebraska Office:** Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, 207 Agriculture Hall, East Campus, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68583-0704, phone (402) 472-2045, e-mail address — [gunningham2@unl.edu](mailto:gunningham2@unl.edu), Web site — <http://ard.unl.edu>

**Dean and Director:** Gary L. Cunningham

The Agricultural Research Division is the only state entity in Nebraska charged with conducting agricultural research. It is part of a national network of state agricultural experiment stations at land-grant universities.

The mission of ARD is to conduct problem-solving and fundamental research that:

- addresses priority issues facing Nebraska's agricultural and food industries
- provides the knowledge base essential for managing natural resources
- promotes family well-being and community development
- educates future scientists through hands-on experiences

### **Agricultural Research Service**

**Administrative Office:** 344A Keim Hall, East Campus, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68583-0939, phone (402) 472-2961, fax (402) 472-4020

**Location Coordinator:** Dr. Kenneth Vogel

**Administrative Officer:** Lisa Mullenax

The Agricultural Research Service conducts research to develop and transfer solutions to agricultural problems of high national priority. It provides information access and dissemination to ensure high-quality, safe food and other agricultural products; assesses the nutritional needs of U.S. citizens; sustains a competitive agricultural economy; enhances the natural resource base and the environment; and provides economic opportunities for rural citizens, communities and society as a whole.

Research activities are carried out at 104 domestic locations, including Puerto Rico, and three overseas locations. Much of this research is conducted in cooperation with partners in state universities and state experiment stations, other federal agencies and private organizations. Much research in Nebraska is conducted with the Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station.

The ARS operates in two Nebraska locations: the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's East Campus and the Roman L. Hruska U.S. Meat Animal Research Center in Clay Center. On East Campus, the ARS includes four research units: Genetics and Breeding; Midwest Livestock Insects; Soil and Water Conservation; and Wheat, Sorghum and Forage.

**Genetics and Breeding Research Unit:** A218 Animal Science Complex, East Campus, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68583-0908, phone (402)

472-3097 or 472-6010, e-mail address — [dwhite3@unlnotes.unl.edu](mailto:dwhite3@unlnotes.unl.edu) or [Ivanvleck@unlnotes.unl.edu](mailto:Ivanvleck@unlnotes.unl.edu)

The Genetics and Breeding Research Unit performs analyses of research data from the Roman L. Hruska U.S. Meat Animal Research Center.

**Midwest Livestock Insects Research Unit:** 305 Plant Industry Building, East Campus, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68583-0938, phone (402) 437-5267

**Research Leader:** Dr. James S. Schepers (acting)

The mission of the Midwest Livestock Insects Research Unit is to increase productivity of confined livestock through integrated management of stable flies and house flies and to study the genetics of primary screwworms.

**Soil and Water Conservation Research Unit:** 120 Keim Hall, East Campus, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68583-0915, phone (402) 472-1514, fax (402) 472-0516, e-mail address — [jschepers1@unl.edu](mailto:jschepers1@unl.edu)

**Research Leader:** Dr. James S. Schepers

The mission of the Soil and Water Conservation Research Unit is to develop and improve technologies for agricultural practices that maintain or enhance soil productivity and environmental quality and that are economically viable.

**Grain, Forage and Bio-Energy Research Unit:** 344 Keim Hall, East Campus, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68583-0937, phone (402) 472-1490

**Research Leader:** Dr. Kenneth Vogel

The mission of the Grain, Forage and Bio-Energy Research Unit is to improve the productivity, stability of production and profitability of wheat, sorghum, forage and biomass energy crops in the Central Great Plains and Midwest.

**Roman L. Hruska U.S. Meat Animal Research Center:** Spur 18D, P.O. Box 166, Clay Center, NE 68933-0166, phone (402) 762-4100

**Center Director:** Mohammad Koohmaraie

The Roman L. Hruska U.S. Meat Animal Research Center conducts research programs focused on national problems in meat safety, meat quality, herd health and production efficiency.

### National Agricultural Statistics Service

**Nebraska Field Office:** 298 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 437-5541, e-mail address — [nass-ne@nass.usda.gov](mailto:nass-ne@nass.usda.gov)

**State Director:** Mark Harris

The National Agricultural Statistics Service prepares censuses and reports on production, supply, price and other items necessary for the orderly operation of the U.S. agricultural economy. In Nebraska, the service runs on a cooperative basis with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture and is known as USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office.<sup>5</sup>

The publications include statistics on field crops, fruits and vegetables, dairy, cattle, hogs, sheep, poultry, aquaculture, and related commodities or processed products. Other

<sup>5</sup>For more information on the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service, see Pages 475-476. For charts and tables of Nebraska agricultural statistics, see Pages 478-498.

estimates concern farm numbers, farm production expenditures, agricultural chemical use, prices received by farmers for products sold, prices paid for commodities and services, indexes of prices received and paid, parity prices, farm employment and farm wage rates. The service prepares these estimates through a complex system of sample surveys of producers, processors, buyers and others associated with agriculture.

The 45 state-federal offices, serving all 50 states, along with the national office, prepare weekly, monthly, annual and other periodic reports for free distribution to the news media, Congress and survey respondents. The reports are available on the Internet or on a subscription basis. Information on crop and livestock products appears in about 400 reports issued annually. Cooperative agreements with state agencies also permit preparation and publication of estimates of individual crops and livestock by counties in most states.

### *Rural Development*

**Nebraska State Office:** 152 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 437-5551, e-mail address — jim.barr@ne.usda.gov, Web site — <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne>

**State Director:** Scot Blehm

USDA Rural Development's mission: "To increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for all rural Americans." USDA has the unique responsibility of coordinating Federal assistance to rural areas of the nation. Rural Development helps rural Americans to improve the quality of their lives by working closely with the private and nonprofit sectors and with state, tribal, and local governments to meet the needs of rural areas.

The prosperity in rural America depends on ensuring that residents have a wide range of economic opportunities. Rural Development works to make sure that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy - with technical assistance and programs that help rural Americans build strong economies to improve their quality of life.

Rural Development helps rural communities meet their basic needs by building water and wastewater systems; financing decent, affordable housing; supporting electric power and rural businesses, including cooperatives; and supporting community development with information and technical assistance.

Rural Development provides service through 16 USDA service centers in Nebraska.<sup>6</sup>

### **Rural Business-Cooperative Programs**

**Business and Cooperative Programs Director:** Karissa Hagedorn (402) 437-5568

Rural Development's Business-Cooperative programs promote a dynamic business environment in rural America. These programs work in partnership with the private sector and community-based organizations to provide financial assistance and business planning; and help fund projects that create or preserve quality jobs and/or promote

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<sup>6</sup>See the list of USDA service centers on Pages 120-122.

a clean rural environment. Business program monies are often leveraged with those of other public and private credit source lenders to meet business and credit needs in under-served areas. Recipients of these programs may include individuals, corporations, partnerships, cooperatives, public bodies, nonprofit corporations, Indian tribes, and private companies. Rural business-cooperative programs include:

- **Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans.** This program guarantees loans made by commercial for business and industrial development. Loans may be used to create and maintain employment and expand or improve economic climate. Improvement projects include business and industrial acquisition, construction, building enlargement and modernization, equipment purchases, real estate purchases and working capital. Individuals, partnerships, corporations, limited liability corporations, cooperatives, nonprofit groups, and Native American tribes are eligible for these loans.

- **Intermediary Relending Program.** The program provides funds to intermediaries, which provide loans to ultimate recipients for community development projects, business establishment and expansion and creating or saving jobs. Nonprofit groups, public agencies, cooperatives and Native American tribes are eligible for these loans.

- **Rural Business Enterprise Grants.** These grants help public bodies, nonprofit corporations and federally-recognized American Indian tribal groups facilitate and finance development of small and emerging private business enterprises by establishing small business revolving loan funds; acquiring land, buildings or infrastructure to enhance business development; or by providing technical assistance.

- **Rural Business Opportunity Grants.** These grants provide technical assistance for business development and economic planning in rural areas. Nonprofit groups, public agencies, cooperatives and federally recognized tribal groups are eligible to apply.

- **Rural Economic Development Loans and Grants.** These funds finance business expansion and startup, community development, incubators, revolving loan funds, job creation projects and training and technology activities in rural areas. USDA Rural Utilities Service electric and telecommunications utilities are eligible to apply.

- **Cooperative Services.** This program helps rural residents form cooperative businesses and improve existing cooperatives. Services include providing technical assistance, conducting research and promoting public understanding of cooperatives. New and existing cooperatives and multiple-owner businesses may use these services.

- **Value-Added Producer Grants.** These grants help eligible producers of agriculture commodities develop business plans for viable marketing opportunities and develop strategies to create marketing opportunities in emerging markets. Grants are available to individual and group ag producers, farmer and rancher co-ops and majority-controlled, producer-based business ventures.

- **Rural Cooperative Development Grants.** Grants assist in establishing and operating cooperative development centers to improve economic conditions of rural areas by developing new cooperatives and multiple-owner businesses and improving operations of existing co-ops. These grants are available to nonprofit corporations, including higher education institutions.

- **Energy Efficiency Improvements & Renewable Energy Systems Grants** are available to farmers, ranchers, and for-profit small businesses to help make energy efficiency

improvements to business facilities, irrigation systems, etc. and for the development of renewable energy projects such as wind, solar, biomass, biogas and geothermal.

### **Rural Housing Programs**

**Rural Housing Programs Director:** Byron Fischer (402) 437-5567

**Community Programs Director:** Denise Brosius-Meeks (402) 437-5559

Rural Development's Rural Housing programs provide loans and grants to rural residents and communities unable to obtain modest rural housing. Loans and grants are also available to repair or rehabilitate rural owner-occupied homes of income eligible households. USDA Rural Development provides direct and guaranteed loans and grants to develop community service facilities such as rural hospitals, libraries, fire stations and other essential types of community facilities. Rural housing programs include:

- **Guaranteed Homeownership Loans.** USDA Rural Development guarantees loans made by approved lenders to below moderate-income rural residents to purchase or build a single family, rural home. Eligible applicants must have sufficient income and acceptable credit but lack the down payment to secure a loan without assistance.

- **Direct Homeownership Loans.** Loans are made to below low-income households to purchase or build a home located in a rural area. Applicants must have sufficient income and acceptable credit to be considered for financial assistance under this program.

- **Technical Assistance for Self-Help Housing.** Grants are provided to public bodies or public or private non-profit corporations to finance technical and supervisory assistance programs for mutual self-help housing development. Applicants must show that self-help housing is needed in the area and that services and equipment to be paid with the grant cannot be financed through other sources.

- **Rural Home Repair Loans and Grants.** Homeowner-occupants with very-low income may obtain a loan or grant to remove health and safety hazards from a home. Grant recipients must be at least 62 years old and unable to repay a loan. Loan funds can also be used to make general home repairs.

- **Rural Housing Site Loans.** Loans are available to nonprofit groups to buy sites for the development of housing for very-low/low/moderate-income families.

- **Direct and Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Loans.** Direct loans are made to individuals, nonprofits, housing authorities, partnerships, corporations. Guaranteed loans are originated by an approved lender to non-profit corporations, public bodies, and for-profit organizations with USDA Rural Development guaranteeing a portion of the funds. Loans provide for rental or cooperative housing in rural areas available to persons within eligible income limits.

- **Direct Farm Labor Housing Loans and Grants.** These loans and grants enable farm owners, family farm partnerships or corporations, farmers' associations, nonprofit organizations, agencies, or political subdivisions of state or local governments to provide housing and related facilities for farm laborers.

- **Housing Preservation Grants.** These grants are made to a public body, nonprofit group, or American Indian tribe to develop a program to help homeowners and landlords repair and rehabilitate housing, rental properties or co-ops that are owned or occupied

by very-low and low-income households in rural areas.

- **Community Facilities Loans and Grants.** Direct and guaranteed loans and grants are authorized to nonprofit groups, public entities such as municipalities, counties, nonprofit corporations and special-purpose districts, and Indian tribes for essential community service facilities such as fire and rescue buildings and equipment, streets, utilities, community buildings, libraries and health care clinics.

- **Rural Community Development Initiative.** This program provides technical assistance to recipients who undertake projects to improve housing, community buildings and economic development. Eligible applicants include private, nonprofit, public or federally recognized American Indian tribes that provide financial and technical assistance to multiple recipients.

### **Rural Utilities Programs**

**Community Programs Director:** Denise Brosius-Meeks (402) 437-5559

**General Field Representative:** Andre Boening (800) 383-7374

Rural Development's Rural Utilities programs provide financial assistance for the development of water systems, waste systems and telecommunications in rural communities. Rural utilities programs include:

- **Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants.** Funds may be awarded to develop water and wastewater disposal systems, including solid waste disposal and storm drainage. Nonprofit groups, municipalities, special purpose districts and Native American tribes are eligible for this program.

- **Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants.** Grants may be given to rural communities experiencing a significant decline in quantity or quality of drinking water.

- **Technical Assistance and Training Grants.** Grants are available for private nonprofit groups to provide rural water and waste system officials with technical assistance and training in identifying and evaluating solutions to water and wastewater problems relating to water source, storage, treatment and distribution and waste collection treatment and disposal.

- **Solid Waste Management Grants.** Grants are available to private nonprofit groups and public entities to provide technical help and training to rural areas to reduce or eliminate water pollution and improve planning and management of solid waste facilities.

- **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant Program.** This program provides technology equipment and facilities for linking rural schools to other educational institutions, using libraries for distance-learning centers and linking rural hospitals and medical clinics to major medical centers for distance health training. Rural schools, libraries, hospitals, health care clinics and related organizations are eligible to apply.

- **Rural Broadband Access Loans and Loan Guarantees.** Fund the cost of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment for the provision of broadband service in eligible rural communities.

- **Community Connect Grant Program.** Provides grants to eligible applicants that will provide currently unserved areas, on a "community-oriented connectivity" basis, with broadband transmission service that fosters economic growth and delivers enhanced

education, health care and public safety services.

- Public Television Digital Transition Grant Program. Grants assist Public Television Stations serving substantial rural populations in transitioning to digital broadcast television transmission, as mandated by the Federal Communications Commission. Grant funds may be used to acquire and install facilities and software necessary for the transition. Grant funds may also be used for associated engineering and environmental studies.

## USDA Service Centers in Nebraska, 2004\*

Office Location (County)	Agencies Present <sup>1</sup>	Address	Phone	Fax
Adams	FSA, NRCs, RD	2727 W. Second St., Hastings, NE 68901	(402) 463-6771	(402) 462-6771
Antelope	FSA, NRCs	1105 S St., Neligh, NE 68756	(402) 887-4176	(402) 887-4804
Banner	FSA, NRCs	State and Pennsylvania streets, Harrisburg, NE 69345	(308) 436-7194	(308) 436-2907
Boone	FSA, NRCs	281 State Highway 14, Albion, NE 68620	(402) 395-2621	(402) 395-2318
Box Butte	FSA, NRCs	124 E. 24th St., Alliance, NE 69301	(308) 762-4322	(308) 762-2508
Boyd	FSA, NRCs	108 W North St., Spencer, NE 68777	(402) 589-9019	(402) 589-1538
Brown/Kearney	FSA, NRCs	731 E. Fourth St., Ainsworth, NE 69210	(402) 387-2242	(402) 387-0968
Buffalo	FSA, NRCs, RD	4009 Sixth Ave., Kearney, NE 68847	(308) 237-3118	(308) 236-5624
Burt	FSA, NRCs	539 S 13th St., Tekamah, NE 68161	(402) 374-1920	(402) 374-1817
Butler	FSA, NRCs	317 E St., David City, NE 68632	(402) 367-3074	(402) 367-3331
Cass	FSA, NRCs	5508 144th St., Weeping Water, NE 68463	(402) 267-2015	(402) 267-7095
Cedar	FSA, NRCs	102 E. Elm, Hartington, NE 68739	(402) 254-6855	(402) 254-6856
Chase	FSA, NRCs	1413 Broadway, Imperial, NE 69033	(308) 882-4263	(308) 882-3919
Cherry	FSA, NRCs, RD	518 W. Highway 20, Valentine, NE 69201	(402) 376-1712	(402) 376-3515
Cheyenne	FSA, NRCs, RD	2244 Jackson St., Sidney, NE 69162	(308) 254-4507	(308) 254-0545
Clay	FSA, NRCs	120 W. Fairfield, Clay Center, NE 68933	(402) 762-3521	(402) 762-3764
Colfax	FSA, NRCs	120 W. 16th St., Schuyler, NE 68661	(402) 352-5200	(402) 352-3302
Cuming	FSA, NRCs	451 E. Deere St., West Point, NE 68788	(402) 372-2451	(402) 372-2074
Custer	FSA, NRCs	137 S D St., Broken Bow, NE 68822	(308) 872-6877	(308) 872-6502
Dakota	FSA, NRCs	1505 Broadway, Dakota City, NE 68731	(402) 494-4949	(402) 494-6969
Dawes/Stoups (north)	FSA, NRCs, RD	1020 W. Sixth St., Chadron, NE 69337	(308) 432-2935	(308) 432-5117
Dawson	FSA, NRCs	721 E. Pacific, Lexington, NE 68850	(308) 324-6314	(308) 324-7232
Deuel	FSA, NRCs	750 Second St., Chappell, NE 69129	(308) 874-2219	(308) 874-2402
Dixon	FSA, NRCs	105 E. Fourth St., Ponca, NE 68770	(402) 755-2277	(402) 755-4293
Dodge	FSA, NRCs, RD	2450 N. County Rd., 20th Ave., Fremont, NE 68025	(402) 721-8455	(402) 721-5268
Dundy	FSA, NRCs	1303 A St., Benkelman, NE 69021	(308) 423-2402	(308) 423-2407
Fillmore	FSA, NRCs	118 S. 12th St., Geneva, NE 68631	(402) 750-4463	(402) 759-4511
Franklin	FSA, NRCs	805 16th Ave., Franklin, NE 68939	(308) 425-6276	(308) 425-3210
Frontier	FSA, NRCs	100 E. First St., Curtis, NE 69025	(308) 367-4130	(308) 367-4133
Furnas	FSA, NRCs	411 Ninth St., Beaver City, NE 68926	(308) 268-3055	(308) 268-3700
Gage	FSA, NRCs, RD	200 N. 24th St., Beatrice, NE 68310	(402) 223-3125	(402) 223-3125
Garden	FSA, NRCs	125 Main St., Oshkosh, NE 69154	(308) 772-3953	(308) 772-3759
Garfield/Loop/Wheeler	FSA, NRCs	415 Grand St., Burwell, NE 68823	(308) 346-4399	(308) 346-4058
Gosper	FSA, NRCs	309 Smith Ave., Elwood, NE 68937	(308) 785-3307	(308) 785-3310
Greely	FSA, NRCs	103 W. O'Connor Ave., Greeley, NE 68842	(308) 428-3525	(308) 428-4225
Hall	FSA, NRCs	2550 Diers Ave., Grand Island, NE 68803	(308) 395-8586	(308) 382-3688
Hamilton	FSA, NRCs	1527 Third St., Aurora, NE 68818	(402) 694-6163	(402) 694-3403
Harlan	FSA, NRCs	707 N. Kennedy, Alma, NE 68920	(308) 928-2089	(308) 928-2069

\*Source: USDA Farm Service Agency, Nebraska State Office. Agencies within each service center may serve more than one county.

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Hayes	FSA, NRCS	603 Tate Ave., Hayes Center, NE 69032	(308) 286-3297	(308) 286-3635
Hitchcock	FSA, NRCS	E. Highway 34, Trenton, NE 69044	(308) 334-5292	(308) 334-5601
Holt	FSA, NRCS, RD	107 E. Highway 20, O'Neill, NE 68763	(402) 336-3796	(402) 336-1735
Howard	FSA, NRCS	1318 Second St., St. Paul, NE 68873	(308) 754-4424	(308) 754-5675
Jefferson	FSA, NRCS	305 Fifth St., Fairbury, NE 68352	(402) 729-6134	(402) 729-3116
Johnson	FSA, NRCS	448 N. 12th St., Tecumseh, NE 68450	(402) 335-3377	(402) 335-3356
Kearney	FSA, NRCS	1005 S. Brown Ave., Minden, NE 68959	(308) 832-2280	(308) 832-2369
Keith/Arthur	FSA, NRCS	1605 E. First St., Ogallala, NE 69153	(308) 284-2048	(308) 284-4508
Kimball	FSA, NRCS	311 E. Second St., Kimball, NE 69145	(308) 235-2822	(308) 235-2382
Knox	FSA, NRCS, RD	111 N. Washington St., Bloomfield, NE 68718	(402) 373-4914	(402) 373-2621
Lincoln	FSA, NRCS, RD	6030 S. 58th St., Lincoln, NE 68516	(402) 423-9683	(402) 423-6114
Lincoln/Logan/McPherson	FSA, NRCS, RD	1202 S. Cottonwood, North Platte, NE 69103	(308) 534-2360	(308) 534-8645
Madison	FSA, NRCS	115 W. Main, Battle Creek, NE 68715	(402) 675-2745	(402) 675-8815
	RD	1909 Vicki Lane, Norfolk, NE 68701	(402) 371-0642	(402) 371-8930
Merrick	FSA, NRCS	1708 31st St., Central City, NE 68826	(308) 946-3035	(308) 946-3520
Morrill	FSA, NRCS	902 Main St., Bridgeport, NE 69336	(308) 262-1313	(308) 262-0125
Nance	FSA, NRCS	420 Broadway, Fullerton, NE 68638	(308) 536-2456	(308) 536-2971
Nemaha	FSA, NRCS	918 26th St., Auburn, NE 68305	(402) 274-4987	(402) 274-4314
Nuckolls	FSA, NRCS	175 E. Fourth St., Nelson, NE 68961	(402) 225-2311	(402) 225-4343
Otoe	FSA, NRCS	988 11th St., Syracuse, NE 68446	(402) 269-2361	(402) 269-2246
Pawnee	FSA, NRCS	601 F St., Pawnee City, NE 68420	(402) 852-2020	(402) 852-2065
Perkins	FSA, NRCS	927 Central Ave., Grant, NE 69140	(308) 352-4724	(308) 352-2262
Phelps	FSA, NRCS	1609 Burlington St., Holdrege, NE 68949	(308) 995-6121	(308) 995-8760
Pierce	FSA, NRCS	210 E. Main St., Pierce, NE 68767	(402) 329-4996	(402) 329-4039
Platte	FSA, NRCS, RD	3276 53rd Ave., Columbus, NE 68601	(402) 564-0506	(402) 564-6348
Polk	FSA, NRCS	530 Nebraska St., Oscola, NE 68651	(402) 747-2111	(402) 747-2112
Red Willow	FSA, NRCS, RD	1400 W. Fifth St., McCook, NE 69001	(308) 345-4163	(308) 345-3642
Richardson	FSA, NRCS	3423 N. Barada St., Falls City, NE 68355	(402) 245-2401	(402) 245-4939
Saline	FSA, NRCS	211 S. Wilson, Wilber, NE 68465	(402) 821-3292	(402) 821-2102
Sarpy/Douglas	FSA, NRCS, RD	8901 S. 154th St., Omaha, NE 68138	(402) 896-0121	(402) 891-0429
Saunders	FSA, NRCS	611 Commercial Park Road, Watoo, NE 68066	(402) 443-4106	(402) 443-3005
Scouts Bluff/Sioux (south)	FSA, NRCS, RD	818 Ferdinand Plaza, Scottsbluff, NE 69361	(308) 632-2195	(308) 635-2787
Seward	FSA, NRCS	322 S. 14th St., Seward, NE 68434	(402) 643-6231	(402) 643-2326
Sherridan	FSA, NRCS	110 S. Main St., Rushville, NE 69360	(308) 327-2489	(308) 327-2909
Sherman	FSA, NRCS	120 N. Sixth St., Loup City, NE 68853	(308) 745-1581	(308) 745-1734
Stanton	FSA, NRCS	715 11th St., Stanton, NE 68779	(402) 439-2166	(402) 439-5080
Thayer	FSA, NRCS	1220 South Ave., Hebron, NE 68370	(402) 768-6520	(402) 768-6225
Thomas/Blaine/Grant/Hooker	FSA, NRCS	Highway 2 and South 83, Theedford, NE 69166	(308) 645-2621	(308) 645-2650
Thurston	FSA, NRCS	106 S. Costello St., Walthill, NE 68067	(402) 846-5655	(402) 846-5183

## USDA Service Centers in Nebraska, 2004 (Cont'd.)

Office Location (County)	Agencies Present <sup>1</sup>	Address	Phone	Fax
Valley.....	FSA, NRCS .....	North Highway 11, Hadar Drive, Ord, NE 68862 .....	(308) 728-3244 .....	(308) 728-7917 .....
Washington.....	FSA, NRCS .....	1245 Lincoln St., Blair, NE 68008 .....	(402) 426-2625 .....	(402) 426-2699 .....
Wayne.....	FSA, NRCS, RD .....	709 Providence Road, Wayne, NE 68787 .....	(402) 375-2453 .....	(402) 375-4419 .....
Webster.....	FSA, NRCS .....	20 N. Webster, Red Cloud, NE 68970 .....	(402) 746-2204 .....	(402) 746-2284 .....
York.....	FSA, NRCS .....	419 W. Sixth St., York, NE 68467 .....	(402) 362-5700 .....	(402) 362-1972 .....

<sup>1</sup>FSA=Farm Service Agency, NRCS=Natural Resources Conservation Service, RD=Rural Development.

## Department of Commerce

The Department of Commerce encourages, serves and promotes the nation's international trade, economic growth and technological advancement. The department provides a wide variety of programs through the competitive free enterprise system. The department:

- offers assistance and information to increase U.S. competitiveness in the world economy
- administers programs to prevent unfair foreign trade competition
- provides social and economic statistics and analyses for business and government planners
- provides research and support for the increased use of scientific, engineering and technological development
- works to improve our understanding and benefits of the earth's physical environment and oceanic resources
- grants patents and registers trademarks
- develops policies and conducts research on telecommunications
- provides assistance to promote domestic economic development
- assists in the growth of minority businesses

### *Bureau of the Census*

**Bureau of the Census, Denver Regional Office:** 6900 W. Jefferson Ave., Suite 100, Lakewood, CO 80235, phone (303) 264-0202, Web site — <http://www.census.gov/denver>

**Regional Director:** Cathy Lacy Illian

The principal functions of the Bureau of the Census include:

- population and housing censuses every 10 years
- censuses every five years of state and local governments, manufacturers, mineral industries, distributive trades, construction industries and transportation
- monthly, quarterly, annual and other regular surveys that provide information on many subjects covered in the censuses
- compilation of current statistics on U.S. foreign trade, including data on imports, exports and shipping
- special censuses at the request and expense of states and local governments
- publication of estimates and projections of the population
- publication of current data on population and housing characteristics
- current reports on manufacturing, retail and wholesale trade, services, construction, imports and exports, state and local government finances and employment, and other subjects

The state of Nebraska is part of the Denver region served by the Denver Regional Office.

## *International Trade Administration*

The International Trade Administration was established to promote world trade and to strengthen the international trade and investment position of the United States. The administration is responsible for nonagricultural trade operations of the U.S. government and supports the trade policy negotiation efforts of the U.S. trade representative.

### **U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service**

**Omaha Export Assistance Center:** 13006 West Center Rd., Omaha, NE 68144, phone (402) 597-0193, fax (402) 595-1194, e-mail address — [omaha.office.box@mail.doc.gov](mailto:omaha.office.box@mail.doc.gov), Web site — <http://www.export.gov>

**Director:** Meredith Bond

The U.S. Commercial Service is the trade promotion arm of the International Trade Administration and helps U.S. small and medium sized businesses grow international sales by providing country and industry market research, introductions to qualified buyers and distributors, trade events, counseling and advocacy through every step of the export process. The U.S. Commercial Service's worldwide network of offices and trade experts help companies expand international sales.

The Omaha Export Assistance Center covers Nebraska.

## *National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration*

The mission of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is to describe and predict changes in the Earth's environment, and conserve and wisely manage the nation's coastal and marine resources.

### **National Weather Service**

**Omaha Weather Forecast Office:** 6707 N. 288th St., Valley, NE 68064, phone (402) 359-5166, Web site — [www.weather.gov/omaha](http://www.weather.gov/omaha)

**Meteorologist in Charge:** Steve Schurr

**Hastings Weather Forecast Office:** 6365 Osborne Drive West, Hastings, NE 68901, phone (402) 462-4287, Web site — [www.weather.gov/hastings](http://www.weather.gov/hastings)

**Meteorologist in Charge:** Michael Lewis

**North Platte Weather Forecast Office:** North Platte Regional Airport, 5250 E. Lee Bird Drive, North Platte, NE 69101, phone (308) 532-4936, Web site — [www.weather.gov/northplatte](http://www.weather.gov/northplatte)

**Meteorologist in Charge:** Brian Hirsch

**Cheyenne Weather Forecast Office:** 1301 Airport Parkway, Cheyenne, WY 82001, phone (307) 772-2468, Web site — [www.weather.gov/cheyenne](http://www.weather.gov/cheyenne)

**Meteorologist in Charge:** John Eise

**Goodland Weather Forecast Office:** 920 Armory Road, Goodland, KS 67735, phone (785) 899-7119 or (785) 899-2360, Web site — [www.weather.gov/goodland](http://www.weather.gov/goodland)

**Meteorologist in Charge:** Scott Mentzer

**Sioux Falls Weather Forecast Office:** 26 Weather Lane, Sioux Falls, SD 57104, phone (605) 330-4247, Web site — [www.weather.gov/siouxfalls](http://www.weather.gov/siouxfalls)

**Meteorologist in Charge:** Greg Harmon

Nebraska is served by six National Weather Service forecast offices, three within the state and three outside the state. These offices observe the weather and issue forecasts and warnings to the public and aviation officials. The Omaha and North Platte offices are upper-air balloon observation stations. All offices operate Doppler weather radars. NOAA radio stations, which continuously broadcast weather information, cover most of Nebraska. A list of stations and coverage is available at <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr>.

## Department of Defense

The Department of Defense is responsible for providing the military forces needed to deter war and protect the security of the nation. The major elements of these forces are the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps, consisting of about 1.4 million men and women on active duty. They are backed, in case of emergency, by the 1 million members of the reserve components. In addition, there are about 700,000 civilian employees in the Defense Department.

Under the president, who is commander in chief, the secretary of defense exercises authority over the department. The department is composed of the Office of the Secretary of Defense; the separately organized departments of the Army, Navy and Air Force and the military services within those departments; the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff; the combatant commands, including the U.S. Strategic Command; various defense agencies established for specific purposes, including the Defense Commissary Agency, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Defense Logistics Agency and Defense Security Service; department field activities; and such other offices, agencies, activities and commands as may be established or designated by law, or by the president or the secretary of defense.

### *Department of the Air Force*

The Department of the Air Force is responsible for defending the United States through control and exploitation of air and space.

#### **Air Combat Command**

The Air Combat Command is one of the Air Force's major commands. It is the primary provider of air combat forces to the nation's unified combatant commands, including the U.S. Strategic Command. ACC operates fighter, bomber, reconnaissance, battle-management, rescue and theater airlift aircraft, as well as command, control, communications and intelligence systems. ACC organizes, trains, equips and maintains combat-ready forces for rapid deployment and employment while working to ensure strategic air defense forces are ready to meet the challenges of peacetime air sovereignty and wartime air defense.

*55th Wing*

**55th Wing Command Section:** 205 Looking Glass Ave., Suite 121, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-3130, phone (402) 294-5555; Offutt Air Force Base, Web site — <http://www.offutt.af.mil>

**55th Wing Public Affairs:** 109 Washington Square, Suite 221, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113, phone (402) 294-3663

**Commander, 55th Wing:** Brig. Gen. Jonathan D. George

Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue is home to the 55th Wing, the Air Force's premier reconnaissance, combat support, and command and control unit. The "Fightin' Fifty-Fifth" is the largest wing in Air Combat Command and is the host unit at Offutt. The 55th Wing provides Offutt's infrastructure supporting the U.S. Strategic Command headquarters, the Air Force Weather Agency headquarters, Air Combat Command's Heartland of America Band, and more than 40 other associate units.<sup>1</sup>

Nearly 9,800 people — more than 7,000 military personnel and more than 2,000 civilians — are employed at Offutt Air Force Base. About 4,700 people are with the 55th Wing; the rest are with other Offutt associate units.

The 55th Wing employs flying missions operating on four continents. The wing also operates the National Airborne Operations Center.

The wing commander oversees the wing special staff and the wing's six functional groups — the 55th Operations Group, 55th Maintenance Group, 55th Mission Support Group, 55th Communications Group, 55th Medical Group and 55th Electronic Combat Group, located at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona. The wing special staff includes the 55th Comptroller Squadron, which handles financial affairs. Special staff also work in specialty areas such as legal services, public affairs, chapel services, inspections, history, safety, manpower, quality improvement, protocol and administration.

**55th Operations Group:** 205 Looking Glass Ave., Suite 140, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-3130, phone (402) 294-5468

The 55th Operations Group provides worldwide reconnaissance, command and control, and combat support critical to warfighting commanders and national leadership. The group also supports the Federal Emergency Management Agency during times of natural disaster. The group is responsible for the flying assets of the 55th Wing, including various versions of the RC-135, OC-135, WC-135, E-6B and E-4B. The group also is responsible for special air transportation and the National Airborne Operations Center, which provides command and control support to the president and the secretary of defense.<sup>2</sup> The group is composed of the 1st Airborne Command and Control Squadron, the 38th Reconnaissance Squadron, the 45th Reconnaissance Squadron, the 55th Operations Support Squadron, the 343rd Reconnaissance Squadron, the 97th Intelligence Squadron, 338th Combat Training Squadron, the 82nd Reconnaissance Squadron based in Japan, the 95th Reconnaissance Squadron based in England, and Detachment 1 of the 95th Reconnaissance Squadron on the Greek island of Crete.

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<sup>1</sup>For more information about the U.S. Strategic Command, see Page 141. For more information about the Air Force Weather Agency, see Page 131. For more information about the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, see Page 140. <sup>2</sup>For more information about the National Airborne Operations Center, see Page 140.

**55th Maintenance Group:** 602 Looking Glass Ave., Suite 410, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-3110, phone (402) 294-4030

The 55th Logistics Group is responsible for supplies, transportation, contracting, and aircraft and vehicle maintenance for the 55th Wing and Offutt tenant units. The group is composed of the 55th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, the 55th Maintenance Operations Squadron, and the 55th Maintenance Squadron.

**55th Mission Support Group:** 106 Peacekeeper Drive, Suite 2N3, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-4029, phone (402) 294-5552

The 55th Support Group provides base support and services to the 55th Wing, the U.S. Strategic Command and other Offutt tenant units. Services include civil engineering, personnel administration, education, law enforcement, security, family support, disaster preparedness, housing, food and billeting services, and morale, welfare and recreation. The group is comprised of the 55th Civil Engineering Squadron, the 55th Mission Support Squadron, the 55th Security Forces Squadron, 55th Contracting Squadron and the 55th Services Squadron.

**55th Communications Group:** 201 Lincoln Highway, Suite 206, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-2040, phone (402) 294-4108

The 55th Communications Group is responsible for Offutt's local and global communications needs. The group provides worldwide command, control, communications and computer systems supporting the 55th Wing, the U.S. Strategic Command, the Air Force Space Command and the Air Force Weather Agency. The group is composed of the 55th Communications Squadron and the 55th Strategic Communications Squadron

**55th Medical Group/Ehrling Bergquist Clinic:** 2501 Capehart Road, Suite 1K47, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-2160, phone (402) 294-7311

The 55th Medical Group operates Ehrling Bergquist Clinic. The group operates family care clinics, aerospace medicine programs, wellness services and TRICARE network partners, serving a five-state area and nearly 80,000 military personnel, family members and retirees. TRICARE is the Department of Defense health insurance program. The group is composed of the 55th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, the 55th Dental Services Squadron, the 55th Medical Operations Squadron and the 55th Medical Support Squadron.

#### *U.S. Air Force Heartland of America Band*

**Heartland of America Band:** 109 Washington Square, Suite 111, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-2126, phone (402) 294-6046, Web site — [http://www.offutt.af.mil/Assoc\\_Units/Band/index.htm](http://www.offutt.af.mil/Assoc_Units/Band/index.htm)

**Commander:** Lt. Col. A. Phillip Waite

The U.S. Air Force Heartland of America Band is assigned to Air Force Air Combat Command, the Air Force's largest active duty command. Established in 1943, this 60-member unit provides musical support for Air Force troop morale and retention, ceremonies and military parades, recruiting activities, and Air Force and Department of Defense community relations programs.

Performances project the Air Force image, promote national heritage and patriotism, as well as communicate anti-drug messages to America's youth. The band's component

groups include a 45-member concert band, a 15-member jazz ensemble, popular music groups, and various chamber ensembles. These groups tour extensively throughout eight midwestern states and over 650,00 square miles, the largest area of responsibility assigned to any Air Force regional band.

The band supports the 55th Wing, the U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB associate units, seven other Air Force installations, local Air Force recruiting elements, and locally-sponsored community concerts. The band reaches a nationwide audience through radio and TV appearances and through its recording products.

### **Air Education and Training Command**

The Air Education and Training Command is one of the Air Force's major commands. It recruits, accesses, commissions, educates and trains Air Force enlisted and officer personnel. It provides basic military training, initial and advanced technical training, flying training, and professional military and degree-granting professional education. The command also conducts joint, medical service, readiness and Air Force security assistance training.

#### *Civil Air Patrol*

**Civil Air Patrol, Nebraska Headquarters:** Camp Ashland Training Site, Building 408, Suite 108, P.O. Box 155, Ashland, NE 68003-0155, phone (402) 309-7665, fax (402) 944-4267

**Commander:** Col. Robert Todd

The Civil Air Patrol is the volunteer civilian auxiliary of the Air Force and for communities across the state. It conducts aerospace education programs, provides resources to reduce the flow of drugs into and within the United States, conducts cross flow educational and orientation flights with the Air Force ROTC and helps the Air Force with emergency services, primarily search and rescue work, disaster relief and homeland security.

The Nebraska headquarters for the CAP is at Camp Ashland. The headquarters oversees 14 squadrons: four in Omaha, including one at Offutt Air Force Base; two in Lincoln; and one each in Chadron, Columbus, Fremont, Grand Island, Hastings, Norfolk, South Sioux City and Valentine.

#### *Air Force Officer Accession and Training Schools, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps*

**Detachment 465, Air Force ROTC:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 209 Pershing Military and Naval Science Building, Lincoln, NE 68588-0141, phone (402) 472-2473, fax (402) 472-8836

**Commander:** Lt. Col. Scott D. Vilter

**Detachment 470, Air Force ROTC:** University of Nebraska at Omaha, 6001 Dodge St., Omaha, NE 68182-0009, phone (402) 554-2318, fax (402) 554-2999

**Commander:** Lt. Col. Ted Spencer

Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps is an educational program designed to give men and women the opportunity to become an Air Force officer while completing a degree. Air Force ROTC is a subunit of Air Force Officer Accession and Training

Schools based at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama.

*Air Force Recruiting Service*

**369th Recruiting Group, 343rd Recruiting Squadron:** 106 Peacekeeper Drive, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-2010, phone (402) 232-3663, Web site — <http://www.airforce.com>

**Commander:** Lt. Col. Steve Marsman

The 343rd Recruiting Squadron handles Air Force recruiting in the eastern three-fourths of Nebraska, all of Iowa and South Dakota, and parts of Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The squadron is part of the 369th Recruiting Group based at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. The squadron oversees recruiting offices in Bellevue, Fremont, Kearney, Lincoln, Norfolk and Omaha.

**372nd Recruiting Group, 367th Recruiting Squadron:** 3990 E. Bijou St., Suite A, Colorado Springs, CO 80909, phone (719) 554-1241

**Commander:** Lt. Col. Gregg Vander Ley

The 367th Recruiting Squadron handles Air Force recruiting in the western one-fourth of Nebraska, all of Colorado and New Mexico, most of Wyoming, and parts of Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah. The squadron is part of the 372nd Recruiting Group based at Hill Air Force Base in Utah. The squadron oversees a recruiting office in Scottsbluff.

### **Air Mobility Command**

The Air Mobility Command is one of the Air Force's major commands. It provides airlift, air refueling, special air mission and aeromedical evacuation for U.S. military forces. It also supplies forces to theater commands to support wartime tasking.

*Defense Courier Service*

**Defense Courier Service Station:** 101 Nightwatch Ave., Suite 1, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-3170, phone (402) 294-5355

Although the Defense Courier Service is a direct reporting unit of the United States Transportation Command, it is a joint Department of Defense entity. The service is responsible for the secure and expeditious worldwide movement of time-sensitive national security materials. The station at Offutt Air Force Base is one of 20 stations worldwide.

### **Air Force Reserve Command**

The Air Force Reserve Command is one of the Air Force's major commands. It provides trained units and individuals to accomplish assigned tasks in support of national objectives. The command performs peacetime missions that are compatible with training and mobilization readiness requirements.

*610th Regional Support Group*

**610th Intelligence Operations Flight** 321 Gemini Blvd., Suite 181, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-3194, phone (402) 294-5631

**Commander:** Lt. Col. Carolyn Wendover

**710th Medical Squadron:** 2501 Capehart Road, Suite 1K47, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-2160, phone (402) 294-5450

**Commander:** Lt. Col. Donald E. Paynter

There are two Air Force Reserve units in Nebraska. The 610th Intelligence Flight provides communications security, and the 710th Medical Squadron provides support for an expeditionary medical support hospital. Both the 610th Intelligence Flight and the 710th Medical Squadron report to the 610th Regional Support Group based at Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base in Texas.

### **Air Force Space Command**

The Air Force Space Command is one of the Air Force's major commands. It is responsible for making operations in space reliable and routine for the warfighter by continuously improving its ability to provide and support combat forces.

#### *625th Missile Operations Flight*

**625th Missile Operations Flight:** 901 SAC Blvd., Suite 2B23, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-5540, phone (402) 294-7418

**Commander:** Lt. Col. Michael J. Precella

The 625th Missile Operations Flight is a direct reporting unit of the 20th Air Force based at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Wyoming. By providing space and missile expertise, the flight aids in the 20th Air Force mission to maintain land-based intercontinental ballistic missiles to deter conflict.

### **Air Force Audit Agency**

**AFAA Area Audit Office:** 106 Peacekeeper Drive, Suite 2N3, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-4032, phone (402) 232-8201, Web site — <http://www.afa.hq.af.mil>

**Chief:** Kevin Iverson

The Air Force Audit Agency is an Air Force field operating agency. It provides all levels of Air Force management with independent internal audit and appraisal of financial, operational, management and support activities. The agency produces audit reports that evaluate the efficiency, effectiveness and economy of Air Force programs and activities.

### **Air Intelligence Agency**

The Air Intelligence Agency is an Air Force field operating agency. It provides intelligence services to support Air Force operations through flexible collection, tailored air and space intelligence, weapons monitoring, and information warfare products and services.

#### *67th Intelligence Wing*

**67th Information Operations Wing, 97th Intelligence Squadron:** 102 Night-watch Ave., Suite 181, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-3190, phone (402) 294-4477

**Commander:** Lt. Col. Gordon D. Eissler

The 67th Information Operations Wing (IOW), based at Kelly Air Force Base in Texas, collects and analyzes information about weather, foreign weapon systems, friendly and enemy troop locations and provides this information to warfighters and national decision makers.

The 97th Intelligence Squadron is part of the 67th Intelligence Group of the 67th IOW. The squadron provides RC-135 reconnaissance and combat support aircrews in response to national requirements and to support military commands during contingencies and crises. The squadron directly supports Air Force headquarters and other national agencies in advanced signal research and development. The squadron also provides logistics support to Air Intelligence Agency ground airborne equipment and performs phase maintenance on airborne weapon systems.

**480th Intelligence Group, 20th Intelligence Squadron:** 106 Peacekeeper Drive, Suite 2N3, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-4037, phone (402) 294-5689

**Commander:** Lt. Col. Carol Northrup

The 20th Intelligence Squadron is part of the 480th Intelligence Group. The squadron provides tailored geospatial, precision targeting and force protection intelligence to combatant commanders and warfighting forces.

### **Air Force Weather Agency**

**Headquarters, Air Force Weather Agency:** 106 Peacekeeper Drive, Suite 2N3, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-4039, phone (402) 294-2862, e-mail address — PA@afwa.af.mil, Web site — <https://afweather.afwa.af.mil>

**Commander:** Col. Patrick M. Condray

The mission of the Air Force Weather Agency is to maximize the nation's aerospace and ground combat effectiveness by providing accurate, relevant and timely air and space weather information to the Department of Defense, coalition and national users. It also provides standardized training and equipment to Air Force Weather. AFWA is a field operating agency and reports to the United States Air Force's director of weather and the deputy chief of staff and space operations. The agency is the Department of Defense's Meteorological Satellite Center of Excellence. AFWA consists of more than 900 active duty, reserve, civilian and contract personnel and is located at Offutt Air Force Base. The agency serves as lead command that executes the \$200 million annual budget supporting the Air Force Weather Weapon System.

### ***Department of the Army***

The mission of the Department of the Army is to organize, train and equip active duty and reserve forces for the preservation of peace and security and the defense of the United States. As part of the national military team, the Army focuses on land operations. The Army also administers programs aimed at protecting the environment, improving waterway navigation, flood and beach erosion control and water resource development. It provides military assistance to federal, state and local government agencies, including natural disaster relief assistance.

### U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is one of the Army's major commands. The responsibilities of the Corps of Engineers include:

- performing real property activities, including requirements, programming, acquisition, operation, maintenance and disposal
- managing and executing engineering, construction and real estate programs for the Army and Air Force
- performing research and development in support of these programs
- managing and executing civil works programs, including research and development, planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance, and real estate activities related to rivers, harbors and waterways
- administering laws for protection and preservation of navigable waters and related resources such as wetlands
- assisting in recovery from natural disasters

#### *Northwestern Division, Missouri River Region*

**Missouri River Regional Headquarters:** 12565 W. Center Road, Omaha, NE 68144, phone (402) 697-2400, Web site — <http://www.nwd.usace.army.mil>

**Omaha District Office:** 106 S. 15th St., Omaha, NE 68102, phone (402) 221-3900

**Commander:** Col. Jeffrey A. Bedey

**Fort Crook Area Office:** Building 525, P.O. Box 13287, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113, phone (402) 294-3551 or (402) 293-2500

**Missouri River Project Office:** 9901 Pershing Drive, Omaha, NE 68112-1500, phone (402) 453-0202

**Wehrspann Regulatory Field Office:** 8901 S. 154th St., Suite 1, Omaha, NE 68138, phone (402) 896-0723

**Kearney Regulatory Field Office:** 1430 Central Ave., Suite 4, Kearney, NE 68847, phone (308) 234-1403

**Kansas City District Office:** 601 E. 12th St., Kansas City, MO 64106, phone (816) 983-3201

**Commander:** Col. Donald Curtis

**Harlan County Project Office:** 70788 Corps Road A, Republican City, NE 68971-9742, phone (308) 799-2105

The Northwestern Division of the Army Corps of Engineers covers much of the Pacific Northwest and the Midwest. The division comprises two regions: the North Pacific Region and the Missouri River Region. The Missouri River Region comprises the Omaha District and the Kansas City District.

The Omaha District covers northern Nebraska; most of Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming; and parts of Colorado, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin. The Kansas City District covers southern Nebraska, northern Kansas, much of Missouri, and parts of Colorado and Iowa.

### **U.S. Army Forces Command**

The U.S. Army Forces Command is one of the Army's major commands. It commands all assigned active Army forces in the continental United States and the Continental United States Armies, and assigned U.S. Army Reserve troop program units in the continental United States and Puerto Rico. The Forces Command also commands those subordinate commands, installations and activities assigned by the Department of the Army headquarters and, as directed, provides administrative and logistical support to the Department of the Army, the Department of Defense or other federal agencies.

### **U.S. Army Reserve Command**

**Headquarters, 561st Corps Support Group:** Training Center, 2101 Woolworth Ave., Omaha, NE 68108-3433, phone (402) 977-4400

**Commander:** Col. Brett Hamm

**Headquarters, 530th Military Police Battalion:** Training Center, Booker Armory, 5730 N. 30th St., Omaha, NE 68111, phone (402) 977-4349

**Commander:** Lt. Col. Steve Novotny

**Headquarters, 809th Quartermaster Battalion:** Training Center, 1306 Ridge Road Drive, Fremont, NE 68025-3880, phone (402) 721-4786, ext. 4701

**Commander:** Lt. Col. Stephen Tellatin

**320th Headquarters, Ordnance Battalion:** Training Center, 2000 N. 33rd St., Lincoln, NE 68503-1498, phone (402) 471-4985, ext. 207

**Commander:** Lt. Col. Mark Ellson

**89th Regional Support Command Inspector General's Office:** Training Center, 2101 Woolworth Ave., Omaha, NE 68108-3433, phone (402) 977-4474

The U.S. Army Reserve Command commands and supports all Army Reserve troop units in the continental United States with the exception of psychological operations and civil affairs units. The USARC also ensures the readiness of its forces and prepares the nearly 1,700 units under its command to mobilize and deploy to a wartime theater of operation.

Nebraska is part of the USARC's 89th Regional Support Command based in Wichita, Kan. The 561st Corps Support Group, based in Omaha, consists of three battalions: the 530th Military Police Battalion, the 809th Quartermaster Battalion and the 89th Ordnance Battalion. Almost all Army Reserve units in Nebraska belong to one of the three battalions of the 561st Corps Support Group. The only exceptions are two units of the 95th Division, based in Oklahoma City; a hospital belonging to the 331st Medical Group, based in Wichita, Kan.; and an office of the 89th Regional Support Command inspector general.

### ***U.S. Army Materiel Command***

The U.S. Army Materiel Command is one of the Army's major commands. It develops and provides equipment, supplies and related services to the Army, to Army elements of unified commands and specified commands, to Department of Defense agencies, and to other U.S. and foreign agencies as directed.

*Munitions and Armaments Command (MAC)*

**Cornhusker Army Ammunition Plant:** 102 N. 60th Road, Grand Island, NE 68803, phone (308) 384-2300, fax (308) 384-4680

**Contracting Officer's Representative:** Mary Wellensiek

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District:** 106 S. 15th St., Omaha, NE 68102-4978

The Munitions and Armaments Command (MAC) provides munitions and armaments support to the war fighter.

The Cornhusker Army Ammunition Plant, a Joint Munitions Command installation, is a former ammunition manufacturing facility that is undergoing property decontamination and disposal. The 11,936-acre facility was established in 1942 in support of World War II. The plant is on the Environmental Protection Agency's National Priorities List for hazardous substance cleanup.

The plant was transferred to the Omaha District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 2001 for disposal. Since 1999, the COE has disposed of 9,000 acres of the 11,936-acre facility at public auctions conducted by the General Services Administration.

**U.S. Army Recruiting Command**

The U.S. Army Recruiting Command is one of the Army's major commands. It is responsible for recruiting quality young men and women to serve in the regular Army and the Army Reserve.

*5th Recruiting Brigade, Des Moines Recruiting Battalion*

**Omaha Recruiting Company:** 3801 Dodge St., Omaha, NE 68131-3110, phone (402) 553-5277, e-mail address — 4L3B@usarec.army.mil, Web site — <http://www.usarec.army.mil/5thbde/4gbn/>

**Commander:** Capt. Kyle Hadlock

**Lincoln Recruiting Company:** 292 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508-3849, phone (402) 476-3405, e-mail address — 4L7B@usarec.army.mil

**Commander:** Capt. William Allen

**Sioux City Recruiting Company:** 4301 Sergeant Road, Suite 200, Sioux City, IA 51106, phone (712) 274-9102, e-mail address — 4L9B@usarec.army.mil

**Commander:** Capt. John Simpson

The Des Moines Recruiting Battalion has three recruiting companies that operate in Nebraska: the Omaha, Lincoln and Sioux City companies.

The Omaha company serves Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties, with two recruiting stations in Omaha, one in Bellevue, one in Millard, one in Fremont and one in Council Bluffs, Iowa. The Lincoln company serves the southern, central and north-central parts of the state, with recruiting stations in Beatrice, Grand Island, Kearney, Lincoln and North Platte. The Sioux City company serves northeast Nebraska and northwest Iowa, with recruiting stations in Fremont, Norfolk and three Iowa communities: Sioux City, Spencer and Storm Lake.

*6th Recruiting Brigade, Denver Recruiting Battalion*

**Scottsbluff Recruiting Station:** 2302 Frontage Road, Box 103, Scottsbluff, NE 69361, phone (308) 635-2832, fax (308) 635-2406, Web site — <http://www.usarec.army.mil/6thbde/6dbn/index.html>

**Station Commander:** Staff Sgt. Sean Aguilar

The Scottsbluff Recruiting Station serves 11 counties in western Nebraska: Banner, Box Butte, Cheyenne, Dawes, Deuel, Garden, Kimball, Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan and Sioux. The station is part of the Denver Recruiting Battalion's Cheyenne Company Leadership Team based in Cheyenne, Wyo.

**U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command**

The U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command is one of the Army's major commands. It prepares the Army for war, acts as the architect for the Army for the future, and ensures the command's capability to execute its mission. These duties are carried out through six mission domains: doctrine, force design, materiel requirements, leader development, training and mission support.

*U.S. Army Cadet Command, Army Reserve Officer Training Corps*

**U.S. Army ROTC, Department of Military Science:** Creighton University, 2500 California Plaza, Omaha, NE 68178-0165, phone (402) 280-2828, e-mail address — [armyrotc@creighton.edu](mailto:armyrotc@creighton.edu)

**Commander:** Lt. Col. Dale Lazo

**U.S. Army ROTC, Department of Military Science:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 110 Military and Naval Science Building, Lincoln, NE 68588-0140, phone (402) 472-2469

**Commander:** Lt. Col. Bede A. Bolin

The Army Reserve Officer Training Corps is designed to develop college-educated officers for the active Army, the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve. Army ROTC is a subunit of the U.S. Army Cadet Command based at Fort Monroe, Va. The Creighton University and University of Nebraska-Lincoln programs are part of the 2nd Brigade of the Army ROTC's Fourth Region.

*U.S. Military Academy*

**U.S. Military Academy Liaison Officer:** Robert A. Hillyer Jr., 5834 J St., Lincoln, NE 68510, phone (402) 488-2965; Web site — <http://www.usma.edu/admissions>

The U.S. Military Academy is at West Point, N.Y. During the four-year course, cadets receive, besides a general education, theoretical and practical training as junior officers. Cadets who complete the course satisfactorily receive the degree of bachelor of science and a commission as second lieutenant in the Army.

## *Department of the Navy*

The mission of the Department of the Navy is to protect the United States by the effective prosecution of war at sea, including the seizure or defense of advanced naval bases; to support, as required, the forces of all U.S. military departments; and to maintain freedom of the seas. The Department of the Navy includes two uniformed services: the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps. The department also includes the U.S. Coast Guard in time of war.<sup>3</sup>

### U.S. Navy

The chief of naval operations exercises command over the operating forces of the Navy and the Navy's shore activities.

#### *Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet*

**Strategic Communications Wing ONE Detachment:** 201 Looking Glass Ave., Suite 141, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-3130, phone (402) 232-7270

**Officer in Charge:** Lt. Cmdr. Jeffrey Roth

Strategic Communications Wing ONE, based at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma, provides operations and administrative command and support for the Navy's TACAMO ("Take Charge And Move Out") E-6 Mercury aircraft. The E-6 provides a survivable communications link between national decision makers and the country's arsenal of strategic nuclear weapons. Strategic Communications Wing ONE is a Navy air wing carrying out a Navy mission in joint operations. The wing oversees Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadrons THREE (VQ-3) and FOUR (VQ-4) and various training units.

On Oct. 1, 1998, the TACAMO E-6B aircraft took over the Looking Glass mission formerly held by the EC-135 aircraft of the Air Force's 7th Airborne Command and Control Squadron. The Looking Glass mission is to support the U.S. Strategic Command's Command and Control System and provide the USSTRATCOM commander in chief with an airborne platform capable of coordinating and controlling the nation's strategic forces. The detachment at Offutt Air Force Base provides maintenance support for the E-6B.

#### *Naval Education and Training, Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps*

**Naval ROTC, Department of Naval Science:** 103 Military and Naval Science Building, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68588-0139, phone (402) 472-2475, fax (402) 472-7700, Web site — <http://www.unl.edu/nrotc>

**Commanding Officer:** Col. Eric T. Litaker

The Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps program was established to educate and train qualified young men and women for service as Navy or Marine Corps commissioned officers. NROTC is overseen by the Navy's chief of naval education and training.

#### *Navy Recruiting Command*

**Omaha Navy Recruiting District Office:** Overland Wolf Building, 6910 Pacific St., Suite 400, Omaha, NE 68106-1085, phone (402) 558-7909, Web site — <http://www.cnrc.navy.mil>

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<sup>3</sup> For more information about the U.S. Coast Guard, see Page 148.

**Commanding Officer:** Cmdr. A.R. Boex

The Omaha Navy Recruiting District handles Navy recruiting in central and eastern Nebraska; all of Iowa, North Dakota and South Dakota; and parts of Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The district is part of the Navy Recruiting Command's central region. The district office oversees recruiting stations in Bellevue, Grand Island, Kearney, Lincoln and Omaha.

**Denver Navy Recruiting District Office:** 225 E. 16th Ave., Suite 300, Denver, CO 80203-1607, phone (303) 866-1980

**Commanding Officer:** Cmdr. Richard Eason

The Denver Navy Recruiting District handles Navy recruiting in western Nebraska, all of Colorado, most of Wyoming, parts of Kansas and parts of Oklahoma. The district is part of the Navy Recruiting Command's west area. The district office oversees a recruiting station in Scottsbluff.

*Naval Reserve Force*

**Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center:** 5808 N. 30th St., Omaha, NE 68102, phone (402) 451-2098

**Commanding Officer:** Cmdr. William Lear

**Naval Reserve Center:** 4511 N.W. 42nd St., Lincoln, NE 68524-2241, phone (402) 470-2142, e-mail address — [lincolnn@cnrf.nola.navy.mil](mailto:lincolnn@cnrf.nola.navy.mil)

**Commanding Officer:** Lt. Cmdr. Mark Bauermeister

The mission of the U.S. Naval Reserve Force is to provide mission-capable units and individuals to the Navy-Marine Corps team throughout the full range of operations from peace to war. The Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center in Omaha and the Naval Reserve Center in Lincoln are part of Navy Region North Central of the Naval Surface Reserve Force. The role of the centers is to train reservists and ensure they are ready for mobilization. The reserve center in Omaha oversees nine Naval Reserve units, and the center in Lincoln oversees four reserve units.

**U.S. Marine Corps**

The Marine Corps is organized, trained and equipped to provide Fleet Marine Forces of combined arms, together with supporting air components, for service in the seizure or defense of naval bases and for the conduct of such land operations that may be essential to a naval campaign. The Marine Corps also provides detachments and organizations for service on Navy armed vessels, provides security detachments for protection of naval property at naval stations and bases, and performs such other duties as the president may direct.

*Marine Corps Recruiting Command*

**Headquarters, Des Moines Recruiting Station:** 4725 Merle Hay Road, Suite 209, Des Moines, IA 50322, phone (515) 253-0121, Web site — <https://www.mcrc.usmc.mil>

**Commanding Officer:** Maj. Karl Rohr

The Des Moines Recruiting Station handles Marine Corps recruiting for all of

Nebraska except the Panhandle, all of Iowa, and parts of South Dakota, Illinois and Wisconsin. The station is part of the 9th Marine Corps Recruiting District. The station's Nebraska recruiting offices are in Bellevue, Grand Island, Kearney, Lincoln, North Platte, Omaha, and Sioux City, Iowa.

*Marine Forces Reserve, 4th Force Service Support Group*

**Engineer Maintenance Company, 4th Maintenance Battalion:** Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center, 5808 N. 30th St., Omaha, NE 68111-1299, phone (402) 453-8807, fax (402) 457-5474

**Commanding Officer:** Maj. Allen E. Perkins

**Inspector/Instructor:** Capt. David A. Millen

The mission of Marine Forces Reserve is to augment and reinforce the active Marine Corps forces in time of war, national emergency or contingency operations; and provide personnel and operational tempo relief for the active forces in peacetime.

The mission of the 4th Maintenance Battalion's Engineer Maintenance Company is to provide intermediate maintenance support for Marine Corps engineer equipment (e.g. forklifts, bulldozers, cranes, generators and water purification units) of the Marine Expeditionary Force. The 4th Maintenance Battalion, based in Charlotte, N.C., is a unit of the 4th Force Service Support Group based in New Orleans.

*National Guard Bureau<sup>4</sup>*

**Nebraska National Guard Headquarters:** 1300 Military Road, Lincoln, NE 68508-1090, phone (402) 309-7114

**Adjutant General:** Maj. Gen. Roger P. Lempke

The National Guard consists of citizen-soldiers and airmen who serve the nation and the states. The National Guard has two roles — one as part of the nation's entire military force, and the other to the respective states and territories for emergency response and community support missions. The guard has three missions: to participate in global security for the United States, to provide emergency response at the state level and to give support to local community needs. This dual state/federal role is unique and sets the National Guard apart from other military reserve forces.

The National Guard Bureau, a joint bureau of the Departments of the Army and the Air Force, develops and administers programs for Army National Guard and Air National Guard units. It is also the primary communication channel between the Army and Air Force and the states and territories.

**Air National Guard**

**Nebraska Air National Guard Headquarters:** 1300 Military Road, Lincoln, NE 68508-1090, phone (402) 309-7102

**Assistant Adjutant General-Air:** Brig. Gen. Mark R. Musick

**Chief of Staff:** Brig. Gen. Robert B. Bailey

**155th Air Refueling Wing:** 2420 W. Butler Ave., Lincoln Municipal Airport (Ne-

<sup>4</sup>For more information about the Nebraska National Guard, see Page 570.

braska National Air Guard Base), Lincoln, NE 68524-1897, phone (402) 309-1114

**Commander:** Col. Steven Adams

**Detachment 1, Headquarters, Nebraska Air National Guard:** 205 Looking Glass Ave., Suite 175, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-3130, phone: (402) 294-7811

**Commander:** Lt. Col. Richard Evans

The Air National Guard's federal mission is to maintain well-trained, well-equipped units available for prompt mobilization during war and to provide assistance during national emergencies. Under state law, the Air National Guard protects life and property and preserves peace, order and public safety. These missions are accomplished through emergency relief support during natural disasters; search and rescue operations; support to emergency management authorities; maintenance of vital public services; and counterdrug operations. In Lincoln, the 155th Air Refueling Wing is composed of an Operations Group that manages flight activities, a Logistics Group that manages the fleet of KC-135 Stratotankers, a Support Group optimized to sustain the wing while conducting its state or federal mission, and a Medical Squadron that provides medical services. At Offutt Air Force Base, a detachment has been established to assist the 55th Wing with training and support functions related to RC-135 flight operations.

### Army National Guard

**Nebraska Army National Guard Headquarters:** 1300 Military Road, Lincoln, NE 68508-1090, phone (402) 309-7112

**Assistant Adjutant General-Army:** Brig. Gen. Walter E. Zink II

**Deputy STARC Commander:** Lt. Col. Robert Hailey

**Chief of Staff:** Col. W. Steven Rein

**Joint Headquarters, State Area Command:** 1776 N. 10th St., Lincoln, NE 68508-1096, phone (402) 309-7437

**Commander:** Maj. Kimberly VanDenTop-Caniglia

**Headquarters, 92nd Troop Command:** 2400 N.W. 24th St., Lincoln, NE 68524-1892, phone (402) 309-1723

**Commander:** Col. Roma Amundson

**Headquarters, 67th Support Group (Area):** 1776 N. 10th St., Lincoln, NE 68508-1096, phone (402) 309-7367

**Commander:** Col. Kenneth Hassler

**Headquarters, 209th Regional Training Institute:** 220 County Road A, Ashland, NE 68003-6000, (402) 309-7608

**Commander:** Col. Ronald Schrock

The Army National Guard's federal mission is to maintain well-trained, well-equipped units available for prompt mobilization during war and to provide assistance during national emergencies. These units have received specialized training enabling them to conduct diverse missions such as combat operations, ground and air transportation, nuclear biological and chemical operations, medical support operations, law enforcement and security operations and leadership development training. Under state law, the Army National Guard protects life and property while preserving peace, order and public safety. These missions are accomplished through emergency relief support

during natural disasters, search and rescue operations, support to emergency management authorities, maintenance of vital public services and counterdrug operations. Army National Guard units are located in 28 Nebraska communities.

### **U.S. Property and Fiscal Office**

**U.S. Property and Fiscal Office for Nebraska:** 1234 Military Road, Lincoln, NE 68508-1092, phone (402) 309-7510, e-mail address — [ngneuspfo@ng.army.mil](mailto:ngneuspfo@ng.army.mil)

**U.S. Property and Fiscal Officer:** Col. David D. Zwart

The U.S. Property and Fiscal Office for Nebraska is accountable for all federal funds and property in the possession of the Nebraska Air National Guard and the Nebraska Army National Guard. The office ensures that all federal funds are obligated and expended in conformance with applicable guidelines. The office provides accounting and payroll, audit and internal review, data processing, logistics, and purchasing and contracting support.

### ***Joint Chiefs of Staff and Joint Staff***

The Joint Chiefs of Staff consist of the chairman, the vice chairman, the chief of staff of the Army, the chief of naval operations, the chief of staff of the Air Force, and the commandant of the Marine Corps. The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is the principal military adviser to the president, the National Security Council and the secretary of defense.

The Joint Staff under the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff assists the chairman and the other members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in carrying out their responsibilities. The Joint Staff is composed of all members of the Armed Forces and civilian employees assigned or detailed to permanent duty to perform the functions assigned to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

### **National Airborne Operations Center**

**National Airborne Operations Center:** 102 Looking Glass Ave., Suite 19, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-3150, phone (402) 294-6291

**Commander:** Col. Samuel C. Seager Jr., U.S. Air Force

The National Airborne Operations Center is part of the national military command centers that directly support the president, secretary of defense and joint chiefs of staff in the exercise of national defense responsibilities.

The center operates four E-4B airplanes, which are modified Boeing 747s capable of serving as the NAOC. In the event of national emergency or destruction of the ground command and control centers, the aircraft provides a command, control and communications center to direct U.S. forces, execute emergency war orders and coordinate actions by civil authorities.

## *U.S. Strategic Command*

**Office of the Commander:** CC, 901 SAC Blvd., Suite 2A1, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-6000, phone (402) 294-4111, Web site — <http://www.stratcom.mil>

**Public Affairs Office:** J020, 901 SAC Blvd., Suite 1A1, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-6000, phone (402) 294-4130

**Commander:** Gen. James E. Cartwright, U.S. Marine Corps

**Deputy Commander:** Lt. Gen. C. Robert Kehler, U.S. Air Force

The U.S. Strategic Command is one of nine U.S. unified commands under the Department of Defense. Headquartered at Offutt Air Force, with more than 3,000 people representing the four service areas including Department of Defense civilians and contractors, USSTRATCOM is the largest tenant command at Offutt Air Force Base.

USSTRATCOM is a global integrator charged with the missions of full-spectrum global strike, space operations computer network operations, Department of Defense information operations, strategic warning, integrated missile defense, global C4ISR (Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance), combating weapons of mass destruction and specialized expertise to the joint warfighter. The command operates and maintains an underground global operations center as a primary command and control mode. USSTRATCOM exercises command authority over the nations' strategic military forces to included intercontinental ballistic missiles, bomber aircraft and ballistic missile submarines.

## *Defense Commissary Agency*

**Offutt Commissary:** 101 Meyer Ave., Building 107, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-2130, phone (402) 294-6782, e-mail address — [hqcmcm@west.deca.mil](mailto:hqcmcm@west.deca.mil)

**Store Director:** Sam Tresenriter

The Defense Commissary Agency is responsible for providing a worldwide system of commissaries for reselling groceries and household supplies to military service members, their families and other authorized patrons.

## *Defense Finance and Accounting Service*

**Omaha Field Site:** P.O. Box 7010, Bellevue, NE 68005-1910, phone (402) 232-3080

**Field Site Manager:** David F. Randall

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service is the Department of Defense accounting firm. It is responsible for making all payments, including payroll and contracts, and for maintaining all finance and accounting records for the department. The service prepares annual financial statements for DOD.

The DFAS Omaha Field Site was activated in 1995 as part of the consolidation of 300 finance and accounting operations. It was the fourth DFAS field site to be activated in the nation and the first under the direction of the DFAS Denver site. DFAS Omaha employs more than 250 civilian personnel. It provides financial management services for 14 active duty Air Force bases, 42 Air National Guard units and 17 Air Reserve Units. The Omaha field site also provides full support to a number of other Depart-

ment of Defense agencies, including the United States Air Force Academy, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency and the Defense Courier Service. DFAS Omaha also handles the Transportation Working Capital Fund accounting for the U.S. Transportation Command, the Air Force's Air Mobility Command, the Army's Surface Deployment and Distribution Command and the Navy's Military Sealift Command.

DFAS Omaha has been identified for closure by the Base Realignment and Closure Committee and is scheduled to deactivate in February 2008.

### *Defense Logistics Agency*

The Defense Logistics Agency provides supplies to the military services and supports their acquisition of weapons and other materiel. Support begins with joint planning with the services for parts for new weapon systems, extends through production, and concludes with the disposal of materiel that is obsolete, worn out or no longer needed. The agency provides supply support, contract administration services, and technical and logistics services to all branches of the military and to a number of federal agencies.

#### **Document Automation and Production Service**

**DAPS-Offutt:** 106 Peacekeeper Dr., Suite 2N3, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-4005, phone (402) 294-4115, Web site — <http://www.daps.dla.mil>

**Electronic Duplication Systems Technician:** Joseph Knott

The Defense Automated Printing Service handles printing needs for the Department of Defense and federal executive branch agencies. DAPS specializes in electronic conversion, retrieval, output and distribution of digital and hard copy information. The office at Offutt Air Force Base is part of a 10-member office group based in Bangor, Wash.

#### **Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service**

**Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office:** 107 Comsat Dr., Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-3200, phone (402) 232-7180, Web site — <http://wex.drms.dla.mil>

**Operations Monitor:** Jon Howery

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service provides for the redistribution and disposal of DOD equipment and supplies no longer needed by the original user. When equipment becomes surplus, it is offered to the General Services Administration and state agencies, after which it is sold to the public on the Internet at [www.govliquidation.com](http://www.govliquidation.com).

The Defense Reutilization Marketing Office at Offutt Air Force Base serves Nebraska, western Iowa and southeastern South Dakota.

### *Defense Security Service*

**Omaha Field Office:** 1510 Wall St., Suite 212, Bellevue, NE 68005-3686, phone (402) 294-5875, Web site — <http://www.dss.mil>

**Special Agent in Charge:** William A. Harrison Jr.

The Defense Security Service conducts all personnel security investigations for

DOD components and, when authorized, also conducts investigations for other U.S. government activities. These include investigating allegations of subversive affiliations and investigating adverse suitability information. The Omaha Field Office serves most of Nebraska, most of Iowa, and parts of South Dakota and Minnesota.

### *U.S. Military Entrance Processing Command*

**Omaha Military Entrance Processing Station:** 5303 F St., Omaha, NE 68117-2805, phone (402) 733-7474; fax (402) 733-7660; e-mail address — [omaha@mepcom.army.mil](mailto:omaha@mepcom.army.mil)

**Commander:** Maj. Michael L. Nelson

The Omaha Military Entrance Processing Station is one of 65 stations nationwide reporting to the U.S. Military Entrance Processing Command. The MEPS mission is to ensure that Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine, Coast Guard and National Guard applicants are medically, mentally and morally qualified to enter into military service. After applicants are deemed qualified, the MEPS processes them into the service and ships them to basic training stations. The Omaha MEPS processes applicants from the eastern two-thirds of Nebraska and western Iowa.

**Denver Military Entrance Processing Station:** 721 19th St., Suite 275, Denver, CO 80202-2515, phone (303) 623-1020, ext. 223, fax (303) 623-5506, e-mail address — [denver@mepcom.army.mil](mailto:denver@mepcom.army.mil), Web site — <http://www.mepcom.army.mil>

**Commander:** Maj. C. Hugo Morales

The Denver station processes applicants from western Nebraska, Colorado, and parts of Kansas and Wyoming.

## Department of Energy

The Department of Energy, in partnership with its customers, provides the technical information and the scientific and educational foundation for the technology, policy and institutional leadership necessary to achieve efficiency in energy use, diversity in energy sources, a more productive and competitive economy, improved environmental quality and a secure national defense.

### *Western Area Power Administration*

**Rocky Mountain Region, Division of Wyoming/Nebraska Maintenance, Gering Field Office (facilities in Alliance, Bridgeport, Chadron, Dunlap, Gering, Lyman, Kimball, Mitchell, Morrill and Stegall):** 1030 U St., Gering, NE 69341, phone (308) 436-2889

**Field Maintenance Manager:** Nolan White

**Rocky Mountain Region, Division of Eastern Colorado Maintenance, Brush Field Office (facilities in Chappell, Ogallala and Sidney):** 17532 Highway 71, Brush, CO 80723, phone (970) 842-2372

**Field Maintenance Manager:** Rickey Carson

**Rocky Mountain Region, Division of Eastern Colorado Maintenance, Sidney**

**Converter Station:** P.O. Box 57, Sidney, NE 69162, phone (308) 254-3046

**Foreman II:** Ernest Schmidt

**Rocky Mountain Region, Division of Wyoming/Nebraska Maintenance, Casper Office:** 5600 Poison Spider Road, Casper, WY 82604, phone (307) 261-5775

**Division Director:** Dave Neumayer

**Upper Great Plains Region, Huron Maintenance Office:** 200 Fourth St. S.W., Huron, SD 57350-2474, phone (605) 353-9201, toll-free phone (800) 365-9272, fax (605) 353-9205

**Maintenance Manager:** Dan Olson

The Western Area Power Administration is responsible for the federal electric power marketing and transmission functions in 15 central and western states, including Nebraska. WAPA headquarters is in Lakewood, Colo. WAPA is one of the four power administrations of the Department of Energy.

WAPA annually markets and transmits more than 10,000 megawatts of power from 55 hydropower plants. It sells about 15 percent of national and 65 percent of regional hydroelectric generation. WAPA also markets the United States' 547-megawatt entitlement from the coal-fired Navajo Generating Station near Page, Ariz.

The administration sells power to cooperatives, municipalities, public utility districts, private utilities, federal and state agencies, and irrigation districts. These wholesale power customers, in turn, provide service to retail consumers in Arizona, California, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Texas, Utah and Wyoming.

WAPA operates and maintains an extensive high-voltage power transmission system to deliver power to customers. This system includes 16,760 miles (26,967 kilometers) of transmission lines.

Except for the Central Arizona Project's Navajo generation, power facilities are part of 11 rate-setting systems. These are made up of 14 multipurpose water resource projects and a transmission project.

Nebraska lies in two project areas. Western Nebraska is served by the Loveland Area Projects, which includes the Western Division of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program. Eastern Nebraska is served by the Eastern Division of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program. The Rocky Mountain customer service region markets power for the Loveland Area Projects, and the Upper Great Plains customer service region markets power for Pick-Sloan's Eastern Division.

## Department of Health and Human Services

The Department of Health and Human Services is the U.S. executive department that works to improve the health, safety and well-being of U.S. citizens. Its programs include disease screening and prevention, safety and wellness, nutrition and food and drug information.

### *Food and Drug Administration*

**Omaha Resident Post:** 11061 I St., Omaha, NE 68137, phone (402) 331-8536,  
Web site — <http://www.fda.gov>

**Resident in Charge:** James P. McReavey

Food and Drug Administration programs are designed to achieve the overall objective of consumer protection. FDA's mission is to ensure that food is safe, pure and wholesome; that human and animal drugs, biological products and medical devices are safe and effective; and that electronic products that emit radiation are safe.

### *Indian Health Service*

**Winnebago PHS Indian Hospital:** Aberdeen Area, Winnebago Service Unit,  
P.O. Box 88, Winnebago, NE 68071, phone (402) 878-2231

**Service Unit Director:** Donald Lee

**Carl T. Curtis Health Education Center:** Aberdeen Area, Omaha Service Unit,  
P.O. Box 250, Macy, NE 68039, phone (402) 837-5381

**Chief Executive Officer:** Wehnona St. Cyr

The goal of the Indian Health Service is to raise the health status of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest possible level. The service provides a comprehensive health service delivery system for American Indians and Alaska Natives, with opportunity for tribal involvement in developing and managing programs. The service:

- assists Indian tribes in developing their health programs through activities such as health management training, technical assistance and human resource development
- facilitates and assists tribes in coordinating health planning, in obtaining and using health resources available through federal, state and local programs, in operating comprehensive health programs, and in evaluating health programs
- provides comprehensive healthcare services, including hospital and ambulatory medical care, preventive and rehabilitative services, and development of community sanitation facilities
- serves as the primary federal advocate for Indians to ensure comprehensive health services for American Indian and Alaska Natives

The Aberdeen Area Indian Health Service was established to serve the Indian tribes in North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa. The Aberdeen Area Office in Aberdeen, S.D., is administrative headquarters for 22 service units.

Several tribes assume partial or full responsibility for their own healthcare through contractual arrangements with the Aberdeen Area IHS. Tribally managed facilities include the Carl T. Curtis Health Education Center, an ambulatory care and nursing

home facility in Macy managed by the Omaha Tribe.

The five-physician, 30-bed hospital in Winnebago supplies basic healthcare to members of the Winnebago and Omaha tribes and to many Indians living in the Sioux City, Iowa, area.

## Department of Homeland Security

**Nebraska Contact Person:** Rick Sheehy, Lieutenant Governor, Room 2315, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509-4863, phone (402) 471-2256, Web address — [www.ltgov.ne.gov](http://www.ltgov.ne.gov)

On Nov. 25, 2002, President George W. Bush signed the Homeland Security Bill of 2002 into law, which created the Department of Homeland Security. The department's purpose is to protect the United States from terrorist attacks, reduce the country's vulnerability to terrorism and minimize damage and aid recovery if terrorist attacks occur. The legislation combined intelligence analysis and infrastructure protection, border protection and immigration and response-and-recovery resources into one department. The department provides state and local government agencies with a central resource for homeland security issues.

The department's creation marked the largest reorganization of the federal government since World War II. Before the reorganization, more than 100 government organizations performed homeland security duties. The department employs approximately 180,000 federal workers.

The department contains five divisions: Border and Transportation Security; Emergency Preparedness and Response; Science and Technology; Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection; and Management.

Nebraska has offices within the Border and Transportation division.

### *Border and Transportation Security*

The Border and Transportation Security division secures national borders and transportation systems, which cover 350 official ports of entry. The division manages who and what enters the country and prevents terrorists and weapons of terror from entering the country while ensuring legitimate traffic flows efficiently.

As ordered by the Homeland Security Bill of 2002, the division absorbed these offices: U.S. Customs Service and Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, formerly part of the Department of Treasury; Transportation Security Administration, formerly part of the Department of Transportation; Office for Domestic Preparedness, formerly part of the Department of Justice; and Federal Protective Service, formerly part of the General Services Administration.

The Department of Homeland Security shares duties of the Animal and Health Inspection Service with the Department of Agriculture<sup>1</sup> and shares duties of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Border Patrol with the Department of Justice.

### U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

**Omaha Field Office:** 3736 S. 132nd St., Omaha, NE 68144, phone (402) 697-9154, Web address — <http://www.ice.gov>

**Deputy Field Office Director:** Ben Bandanza

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement is the investigative component of Border and Transportation Security. It combines the functions and resources of several agencies, including the U.S. Customs Service and the former Immigration and Naturalization Service. ICE enforces immigration and customs laws, protects specified federal buildings and leads air and marine enforcement activities.

#### *U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services*

**Omaha District Office:** 3736 S. 132nd St., Omaha, NE 68144, National Customer Service Call Center (800) 375-5283, Web address — <http://www.uscis.gov>

**District Director:** Jerry Heinauer

**Nebraska Service Center:** P.O. Box 82521, Lincoln, NE 68501-2521, phone (402) 323-7830

**Director:** Terry E. Way

In March 2003, the services formerly provided under the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service were moved into U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. USCIS works to improve the administration of benefits and citizenship services. Benefits include:

- family-based petitions that allow close relatives to immigrate, work and gain permanent residency
- employment-based petitions that allow current and prospective employees to stay in the U.S. temporarily
- asylum and refugee processing
- naturalization for eligible applicants who wish to become U.S. citizens
- special status programs, which grant immigration status to eligible foreign nationals
- production and issuance of immigration documents

The Nebraska Service Center in Lincoln processes applications and petitions from residents of Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

#### *U.S. Customs and Border Protection*

**Omaha Port Director's Office:** 5229 Boeing Court, Omaha, NE 68110, phone (402) 341-0240, Web address — <http://www.CBP.gov>

**Port Director:** Leo Hachey

U.S. Customs and Border Protection enforces customs, immigration, agriculture and related laws. CBP also administers the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and other laws for more than 80 other government agencies. The primary mission of the agency is preventing terrorists and the instruments of terror from entering the United States while facilitating the passenger and trade operations arriving or departing the United States. Other responsibilities of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection include:

- interdicting and seizing contraband, including narcotics and illegal drugs
- assessing and collecting customs duties, excise taxes, fees and penalties due on imported merchandise
  - processing persons, carriers, cargo and mail into and out of the country
  - enforcing a wide range of requirements to protect the public, such as auto safety and emission control standards, radiation and radioactive material standards; counterfeit monetary instruments; flammable fabric restrictions; animal and plant quarantine requirements; and food, drug and hazardous substance prohibitions
  - detecting and apprehending persons engaged in practices designed to circumvent customs and related laws; copyright, patent and trademark provisions; quotas; and marking requirements for imported merchandise
  - cooperating with other federal agencies and foreign governments in suppressing the traffic of illegal narcotics and pornography
  - enforcing export control laws and intercepting illegal high-technology and weapon exports
  - overseeing Deferred Inspections Site for Nebraska, South Dakota, and Western Iowa where incoming aliens are referred when documentation requires additional review and/or possible correction.

### *U.S. Coast Guard*

**Cutter Gasconade:** 9800 John J. Pershing Drive, Omaha, NE 68112, phone (402) 451-7681

**Officer in Charge:** Master Chief Boatswain Mate David A. Heye

**Shoreside Support Detachment, Omaha:** 9800 John J. Pershing Drive, Omaha, NE 68112, phone (402) 453-4333

**Supervisor:** Bosun Mate 1st Class Terrell Odom

**Auxiliary Station:** U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, c/o U.S. Coast Guard, P.O. Box 12337, Omaha, NE 68112-0337, phone (402) 451-7083

**Division Captain:** Capt. E. Kay Reed

The Coast Guard is a branch of the U.S. armed forces at all times and is a service within the Department of Homeland Security except when operating as part of the Navy in time of war or when the president directs. Before March 1, 2003, the Coast Guard was part of the Department of Transportation. The Coast Guard:

- maintains the U.S. aids to navigation system, which is intended to help a navigator determine a position or plot a safe course or to warn the navigator of dangers or obstructions to navigation
  - directs a national boating safety program for small boats
  - administers laws regulating construction, maintenance and operation of bridges and causeways across U.S. navigable waters
  - oversees the Coast Guard Auxiliary, a nonmilitary volunteer organization of private citizens who conduct boating education programs, patrol marine regattas, participate in search and rescue operations and conduct courtesy marine examinations of recreational boats
  - administers a licensing and regulatory program governing the construction,

ownership and operation of deepwater ports on the high seas to transfer oil from tankers to shore

- operates the nation's icebreaking vessels to facilitate maritime transportation and aid in prevention of flooding in domestic waters
- enforces the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and other laws relating to the protection of the marine environment when spills occur
- formulates and enforces safety standards for the design, construction, equipment and maintenance of commercial vessels of the United States and offshore structures on the Outer Continental Shelf
- evaluates and licenses U.S. Merchant Marine personnel
- administers the Marine Safety Council, which acts as a deliberative body to consider proposed Coast Guard regulations
- serves as the primary U.S. maritime law enforcement agency
- maintains a state of readiness to provide coastal and harbor defense as part of the Navy in time of war, or as directed by the president
- enforces rules and regulations governing the safety and security of ports and anchorages, and the movement of vessels and prevention of pollution in U.S. waters
- oversees the Coast Guard Reserve, which provides individuals and trained units for active duty in time of war or national emergency and which augments the active service during domestic emergencies and during routine and peak operations
- maintains a system of rescue vessels, aircraft and communications facilities to save life and property in and over the high seas and the navigable waters of the United States
- operates Vessel Traffic Services in six major ports to provide for the safe movement of vessels at all times

The Cutter Gasconade is a 75-foot river buoy tender attached to a 90-foot barge that operates on the Missouri River between Glasgow, Mo., and Sioux City, Iowa. The ship deploys aids-to-navigation buoys and day beacons to mark the ever-changing river channel. The ship, which has a crew of 13 active Coast Guard members and 31 reserve members, has its home port at Omaha. The Shoreside Support Detachment unit in Omaha provides support services to the ship and maintains the port building and grounds.

The recruiting station in Bellevue handles Coast Guard recruiting for all of Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary operates on four levels: flotillas, divisions, district regions and national. A division of the auxiliary exists in the eastern part of Nebraska. This division supports the activities of five flotillas that primarily conduct public education programs. The flotillas also conduct safety patrols on the Missouri River and area lakes, as well as conduct vessel safety checks and other operations with local law enforcement and state agencies.

### *U.S. Secret Service*

**Omaha Resident Agent's Office:** 2707 N. 108th St., Omaha, NE 68164, phone (402) 965-9670, fax (402) 445-9638

**Resident Agent in Charge:** John G. Gutmiedl

The Secret Service has the authority and responsibility to:

- protect the president, the vice president, the president-elect, the vice-president-elect and their immediate families; major presidential and vice presidential candidates; former presidents and their spouses, except that protection of a spouse terminates in the event of remarriage; children of a former president until the age of 16; visiting heads of foreign states or governments; other distinguished foreign visitors to the United States; and official U.S. representatives performing special missions abroad

- provide security at the White House complex and other presidential offices, the temporary official residence of the vice president in the District of Columbia, and foreign diplomatic missions in the Washington, D.C., area and throughout the United States, its territories and possessions

- detect and arrest people who break U.S. laws relating to currency, coins, obligations and securities of the United States or of foreign governments

- suppress the forgery and fraudulent negotiation or redemption of U.S. government checks, bonds, and other obligations or securities

- conduct investigations relating to certain criminal violations of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, the Federal Land Bank Act and the Government Losses in Shipment Act

- detect and arrest offenders of laws pertaining to electronic funds transfer fraud, credit and debit card fraud, false identification documents or devices, computer access fraud and U.S. Department of Agriculture food coupons

## Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Nebraska State Office:** 10909 Mill Valley Road, Omaha, NE 68154-3955, phone (402) 492-3100, Web site — <http://www.hud.gov>

**Office Director:** Stan Quay

The Department of Housing and Urban Development is the principal federal agency responsible for programs concerned with the nation's housing needs, fair housing opportunities, and community improvement and development.

Although HUD administers many programs, its major functions may be grouped into six categories:

- insuring mortgages for single-family and multifamily dwellings, and extending loans for home improvement and for purchasing mobile homes
- channeling funds from investors into the mortgage industry through the Government National Mortgage Association
- making direct loans for construction or rehabilitation of housing projects for the elderly and the handicapped
- providing housing subsidies for low- and moderate-income families
- providing community development grants to states and communities
- promoting and enforcing fair housing and equal housing opportunity

## Department of the Interior

The mission of the Department of the Interior is to protect and provide access to the nation's natural and cultural heritage and honor the nation's trust responsibilities to tribes. The department manages the nation's public lands and minerals, national parks, national wildlife refuges and western water resources and upholds federal trust responsibilities to Indian tribes. It is responsible for migratory wildlife conservation; historic preservation; endangered species; surface-mined land protection and restoration; mapping; and geological, hydrological and biological science.

### *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*

**Office of the Resident Agent in Charge (Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota):** 225 South Pierre St., Pierre, S.D. 57501, phone (605) 224-1001

**Resident Agent in Charge:** Bob Prieksat

**Office of Law Enforcement:** 8200 Cody Drive, Suite H, Lincoln, NE 68512, phone (402) 423-0062, e-mail address — [mark\\_webb@fws.gov](mailto:mark_webb@fws.gov)

**Special Agent:** Mark Webb

**Office of Special Agent for Law Enforcement:** P.O. Box 1086, North Platte, NE 69101, phone (308) 534-0925, e-mail address — [mike\\_damico@fws.gov](mailto:mike_damico@fws.gov)

**Special Agent:** Mike Damico

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Ecological Services:** 203 W. Second St., Federal Building, Second Floor, Grand Island, NE 68801, phone (308) 382-6468, e-mail address — [steve\\_anschutz@fws.gov](mailto:steve_anschutz@fws.gov)

**Nebraska Field Supervisor:** Steve Anschutz

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is responsible for migratory birds, endangered species, certain marine mammals and inland sport fisheries. Its mission is to conserve, protect and enhance fish and wildlife and their habitats. Within this framework, the service strives to foster an environmental stewardship ethic based on ecological principles and scientific knowledge of wildlife; works with the states to improve the conservation and management of fish and wildlife resources; and administers a national program providing opportunities to the public to understand, appreciate and wisely use these resources.

The service has headquarters in Washington, D.C., seven regional offices, and a variety of field units and installations. These include more than 500 national wildlife refuges and 37 wetland management districts totaling more than 93 million acres; 65 national fish hatcheries; and a nationwide network of wildlife law enforcement agents. Wildlife law enforcement in Nebraska and Kansas is supervised by the resident agent in charge in Derby, Kan.

In the area of resource management, the service provides leadership for the protection and improvement of land and water habitats. Activities include surveillance of pesticides, heavy metals and other contaminants; studies of fish and wildlife populations; ecological studies; environmental impact assessments, including hydroelectric dams, nuclear power sites, stream channelization and dredge-and-fill permits; and environmental impact statement reviews.

The service helps fulfill the public demand for recreational fishing while maintaining the nation's fisheries at a level and in a condition that will ensure their continued survival. Specific wildlife and fishery resource programs include wildlife refuge management for migratory bird production, migration and wintering; migratory bird population, production and harvest surveys; refuge management of resident species of mammals and nonmigratory birds; protection of certain marine mammals; fish hatchery production and stocking; law enforcement; and technical assistance.

The service provides national and international leadership in identifying, protecting and restoring endangered species of animals and plants. This program includes developing the Federal Endangered and Threatened Species List, conducting status surveys, preparing recovery plans, and coordinating efforts nationally and internationally; operating national wildlife refuges; law enforcement; foreign importation enforcement; and consultation with foreign countries.

Public use and information programs include preparing leaflets and brochures; operating environmental study areas on service lands; operating visitor centers, self-guided nature trails, observation towers and display ponds; and providing recreational activities such as hunting, fishing and wildlife photography.

**Crescent Lake-North Platte National Wildlife Refuge Complex:** 115 Railway St., Suite C109, Scottsbluff, NE 69361, phone (308) 762-4893 (Crescent Lake), phone (308) 635-7851 (North Platte), e-mail address — [steve\\_knode@fws.gov](mailto:steve_knode@fws.gov), Web site — <http://www.r6.fws.gov/crescentlake>

**Project Leader:** Steven A. Knode

Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge is a 46,000-acre block of Sandhills rangeland north of Oshkosh in Garden County. It is managed for the preservation of migratory and

breeding birds and other wildlife. The refuge is open to limited hunting and fishing.

North Platte National Wildlife Refuge, established by executive order in 1916, was set aside as a “preserve and breeding ground for native birds.” The 2,722-acre refuge, located in northern Scotts Bluff County, is managed as a resting and feeding area for waterfowl and shorebirds. Other important uses include providing nesting habitat for bald eagles and waterfowl and offering wildlife-oriented recreational uses compatible with the management of refuge wildlife.

**Fort Niobrara-Valentine National Wildlife Refuge Complex:** HC 14, Box 67, Valentine, NE 69201, phone (402) 376-3789, e-mail address — [r6rw\\_ftn@mail.fws.gov](mailto:r6rw_ftn@mail.fws.gov), Web site — <http://www.fortniobrara.fws.gov>

**Refuge Manager:** Royce Huber

The 19,131-acre Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge is four miles east of Valentine. Buffalo, elk, deer and prairie dogs can be seen along the wildlife drive throughout the year. A visitor center explaining the history and ecology of the area is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every day during the summer and weekdays during the rest of the year. Hiking trails lead to Fort Falls and into the Fort Niobrara Wilderness Area. Canoeing down the refuge through the scenic Niobrara River Canyon is a popular activity.

The 71,272-acre Valentine National Wildlife Refuge is 13 miles south of Valentine. The Hackberry Headquarters on the refuge is along State Spur 16B. Birdwatching, wildlife observation and photography are encouraged. In the spring, observation blinds are provided for viewing prairie chickens and sharp-tailed grouse courtship displays. Fishing and upland game, deer and waterfowl hunting are provided.

**DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge:** 1434 316th Lane, Missouri Valley, IA 51555, phone (712) 642-4121, fax (712) 642-2877, e-mail address — [desoto@fws.gov](mailto:desoto@fws.gov), Web site — <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/desoto/>

**Refuge Manager:** Larry Klimek

DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1958, is 25 miles north of Omaha. Fifty-four percent of the 8,362-acre refuge lies in Nebraska and 46 percent lies in Iowa in the Missouri River Valley. Refuge objectives are to protect and enhance habitat for endangered species; provide food, water and cover for migrating waterfowl, especially snow geese; provide habitat for other migrating and resident wildlife; protect, preserve and display the salvaged 1860s steamboat *Bertrand* cargo; provide interpretation and environmental educational opportunities; and provide wildlife-oriented recreation. About 500,000 snow geese stop at the refuge during their annual fall migration. The 788-acre, seven-mile long DeSoto Lake, a former oxbow of the Missouri River, provides opportunities for fishing and wildlife and waterfowl observation.

**Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge:** 3720 Rivers Way, Fort Calhoun, NE 68023, phone (402) 468-4313 or (712) 642-4121 (DeSoto NWR), e-mail address — [boyerchute@fws.gov](mailto:boyerchute@fws.gov), Web site — [www.fwf.gov/boyerchute/](http://www.fwf.gov/boyerchute/)

**Refuge Manager:** Michael Ellis

**Complex Refuge Manager:** Larry Klimek

Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge is a 4,039-acre wildlife area converted from agriculture. It is along the Missouri River, three miles east of Fort Calhoun and 15 miles north of Omaha. The project restored a portion of the Missouri River habitat that flows

through a 2.5-mile-long channel paralleling the main flow of the river. The refuge may be expanded up to 10,000 acres as part of the federally sponsored "Back to the River" project. The refuge is open during daylight hours and offers fishing, hunting, nature trails and wildlife observation. The refuge opened in 1996 and is compacted with the DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge. Development is being carried out in partnership with the Papio-Missouri Natural Resources District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

**Karl E. Mundt National Wildlife Refuge:** c/o Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge, 38672 291st Street., Lake Andes, SD 57356, phone (605) 487-7603, fax (605) 487-7604, e-mail address — [r6rw\\_lan@fws.gov](mailto:r6rw_lan@fws.gov)

**Project Leader:** Michael J. Bryant

Karl E. Mundt National Wildlife Refuge is in Boyd County and in Gregory County, S.D., along the Missouri River. The refuge was established for wintering bald eagles; however, nesting bald eagles recently have begun using the refuge. The refuge contains 780 acres of river bottomland, 20 acres of which lie in Nebraska. An additional 300 acres of woodlands in South Dakota are protected by perpetual easement. Along with the bald eagle, a variety of resident and migratory species use the refuge. It is closed to the public because of the potential for disturbance to the bald eagles. However, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has a viewing area on its property below Fort Randall Dam.

**Rainwater Basin Wetland Management District Office:** 2610 Ave. Q, P.O. Box 1686, Kearney, NE 68848, phone (308) 236-5015, fax (308) 237-3899, e-mail address — [rainwater@fws.gov](mailto:rainwater@fws.gov), Web site — <http://rainwater.fws.gov>

**Project Leader:** Gene Mack

The Rainwater Basin Wetland Management District is a field office with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The office manages 23,395 acres in 62 locations in 14 counties in south-central Nebraska. Lands are primarily wetlands and adjacent upland areas that have been restored to tall-grass prairie. The areas are managed to provide habitat for migratory birds, endangered species and resident wildlife. The areas are open to public use for wildlife observation, hunting and trapping, environmental education and hiking. Two hiking trails, four visitor contact stations and two blinds are available for wildlife observation. The office also provides help to private landowners who wish to manage wetlands on their own lands through the Partners for Wildlife Program.

## *U.S. Geological Survey*

**USGS Nebraska Water Science Center:** 5231 S. 19th St., Lincoln, NE 68512-1271, phone (402) 328-4100, Web site — <http://ne.water.usgs.gov>

**Director:** Robert B. Swanson

**USGS Nebraska Water Science Center Offices:** 5231 S. 19th St., Lincoln, NE 68512-1271, phone (402) 328-4100, phone (402) 437-5082; 1608 N. 28th St., Ord, NE 68862, phone (308) 728-5601; 244 Federal Building, 300 E. Third St., North Platte, NE 69101, phone (308) 532-5323

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) collects, compiles and disseminates data on water, energy, biological and geological resources in Nebraska as well as geography and geospatial information. The USGS gathers, interprets and presents data that

enable resource planners and others to make decisions based on objective research. As the nation's leading earth science agency, the USGS works with federal, state and local agencies to address issues related to Nebraska's earth resources. The USGS provides reports, maps and information to help others manage, develop and protect America's water, energy, mineral, biological and land resources. It publishes the results of its investigations in thousands of new reports and maps each year.

The USGS Nebraska Water Science Center (NEWSC) is one of the state-level Water Science Centers in the Water Resources Discipline and is dedicated to hydrologic data collection, scientific research, applied science and information dissemination. The district office helps USGS conduct nationwide assessments of the quality, quantity and use of the nation's water resources. The other USGS Disciplines are Biological Resources, Geology, Geography, and Geospatial Information Disciplines. The director of the NEWSC serves as the USGS state representative because the other four disciplines do not have offices in Nebraska.

### *Bureau of Indian Affairs<sup>1</sup>*

**Winnebago Agency:** Winnebago, NE 68071, phone (402) 878-2502, Web site — <http://www.doi.gov/bureau-indian-affairs.html>

**Superintendent:** Tammie Poitra

**Santee Field Office:** 425 Frazier Ave., Suite 2, Niobrara, NE 68760, phone (402) 857-2332

The principal objectives of the Bureau of Indian Affairs are to:

- encourage and assist American Indian and Alaska Native people to manage their own affairs under the trust relationship to the federal government
- facilitate, with maximum involvement of American Indian and Alaska Native people, full development of their human and natural resource potential
- mobilize all public and private aids to the advancement of American Indian and Alaska Native people for use by them
- promote self-determination by using the skills of American Indian and Alaska Native people in the direction and management of programs for their benefit

The bureau works with American Indian and Alaska Native people, tribal governments, American Indian organizations, other federal agencies, state and local governments, and other interested groups.

Nebraska, pursuant to Public Law 280, assumed civil and criminal jurisdiction over Nebraska reservations in 1953. In 1969, the U.S. government granted the Omaha Tribe retrocession on criminal jurisdiction. In 1986, the assistant U.S. secretary for Indian affairs accepted retrocession to the United States of all criminal jurisdiction exercised by the state over the Winnebago Reservation. The 1986 Nebraska Legislature offered the retrocession. By Tribal Resolution No. 86-37, the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska acknowledged and endorsed the offer of the state to retrocede criminal jurisdiction to the United States.

The Omaha Tribe of Nebraska contracts with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to provide judicial and law enforcement services, as provided by the Indian Self-Determination Act. The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska contracts judicial services and some of

<sup>1</sup> For more information on tribal government in Nebraska, see Pages 59-61 and 686.

the law enforcement communication services. Winnebago Reservation police officers serving the Winnebago Reservation are federal employees.

The Omaha and Winnebago tribes of Nebraska have total jurisdiction over minor children who qualify as eligible descendants of their tribes, as provided by the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978. The 1985 Legislature passed the Nebraska Indian Child Welfare Act to aid Nebraska's Indian children.

The Winnebago Agency administers services to the Winnebago and Omaha tribes in Thurston County and the Santee Sioux Tribe in Knox County. All three tribes operate under tribal constitutions enacted under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934. There are about 9,000 enrolled members of these three tribes.

### *Bureau of Land Management*

**Wild Horse and Burro Center:** 5050 100th Road, P.O. Box 160, Elm Creek, NE 68836, phone (308) 856-4498

**Facility Manager:** Joseph A. Stratton

The Bureau of Land Management is responsible for managing about 270 million acres of public lands. These lands are primarily in the West and Alaska; however, small scattered parcels are in other states. In addition to mineral management responsibilities on the public lands, BLM also is responsible for subsurface resource management of an additional 300 million acres where mineral rights are owned by the federal government.

Resources managed by the bureau include timber, solid minerals, oil and gas, geothermal energy, wildlife habitat, endangered plant and animal species, rangeland vegetation, recreation and cultural values, wild and scenic rivers, designated conservation and wilderness areas and open space. Bureau programs provide for the protection (including fire suppression), orderly development and use of the public lands and resources under principles of multiple use and sustained yield. The bureau also manages watersheds to protect soil and enhance water quality; develops recreational opportunities on public lands; administers programs to protect and manage wild horses and burros; and, under certain conditions, makes land available for sale to individuals, organizations, local governments and other federal agencies when such transfer is in the public interest.

The bureau oversees the development of energy and mineral leases and ensures compliance with applicable regulations governing the extraction of these resources. It has responsibility to issue rights-of-way, leases and permits. The bureau also is responsible for the survey of federal lands and establishes and maintains public land records and records of mining claims.

Five employees are responsible for the care and well-being of animals at the Wild Horse and Burro Center at Elm Creek. The facility is a resting point for up to 5,000 wild horses and burros throughout the year on their way to adopters' homes throughout the country. Several hundred animals are adopted per year through the efforts of local volunteers and facility staff.

## *National Park Service*

**Midwest Regional Office:** 601 Riverfront Drive, Omaha, NE 68102-4226, phone (402) 661-1601

**Regional Director:** Ernest Quintana

**Midwest Archaeological Center:** 474 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508-3873, phone (402) 437-5392, Web site — <http://www.cr.nps.gov/mwac>

**Manager:** Mark Lynott

**Agate Fossil Beds National Monument:** 301 River Road, Harrison, NE 69346, phone (308) 668-2211, Web site — <http://www.nps.gov/agfo>

**Superintendent:** Blanca Stransky

**Homestead National Monument of America:** 8523 W. State Highway 4, Beatrice, NE 68310-6743, phone (402) 223-3514, Web site — <http://www.nps.gov/home>

**Superintendent:** Mark Engler

**Missouri National Recreational River:** P.O. Box 591, O'Neill, NE 68763, phone (402) 336-3970, Web site — <http://www.nps.gov/mnrr>

**Superintendent:** Paul Hedren

**Niobrara National Scenic River:** P.O. Box 591, O'Neill, NE 68763, phone (402) 336-3970, Web site — <http://www.nps.gov/niob>

**Superintendent:** Paul Hedren

**Scotts Bluff National Monument:** P.O. Box 27, Gering, NE 69341-0027, phone (308) 436-4340, Web site — <http://www.nps.gov/sclb>

**Superintendent:** Ken Maybery

**Chimney Rock National Historic Site:** (Affiliated Area), Chimney Rock Road, P.O. Box F, Bayard, NE 69334-0680, phone (308) 586-2581; Nebraska State Historical Society, 1500 R St., Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 471-3270, Web site — <http://www.nps.gov/chro>

The National Park Service is dedicated to conserving the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education and inspiration of this and future generations. There are 386 units in the National Park System, including national parks and monuments; scenic parkways, preserves, trails, riverways, seashores, lakeshores and recreation areas; and historic sites associated with important movements, events and personalities of the nation's past.

The Midwest Regional Office in Omaha administers a 13-state area that includes Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. The National Park Service also has a Midwest Archaeological Center in Lincoln, which handles archaeological work for the Midwest and Intermountain regions.

In Nebraska, three national monuments, two wild and scenic rivers, and a national historic site are under the Omaha office's jurisdiction.<sup>2</sup> Scotts Bluff National Monument in Scotts Bluff County has 300 square acres. Homestead National Monument of America in Gage County has more than 200 acres. Agate Fossil Beds National Monument

<sup>2</sup> For more about the areas in Nebraska administered by the National Park Service, see Pages 46-47.

in Sioux County has about 3,055 acres. The Niobrara National Scenic River in Brown, Cherry, Keya Paha and Rock counties is 76 miles long and has 23,074 acres. The Missouri National Recreational River is a two-segment unit comprising 126 miles of the Missouri River and its tributaries and 34,149 acres. The 83-acre Chimney Rock National Historic Site in Morrill County is administered by the Nebraska State Historical Society, the city of Bayard and the National Park Service under a cooperative agreement.

### *Bureau of Reclamation*

**Nebraska-Kansas Area Office:** P.O. Box 1607, Grand Island, NE 68802, phone (308) 389-4622

**Area Manager:** Alice Johnson

**Wyoming Area Office:** 705 Pendell Blvd., Box 1630, Mills, WY 82644-1630, phone (307) 261-5671

**Area Manager:** John H. Lawson

**McCook Field Office:** RR 1, 1706 W. Third St., McCook, NE 69001, phone (308) 345-4400

**McCook Office Manager:** Marvin R. Swanda

**Chief, Water Operations:** Bill Peck

**Chief, Facilities Maintenance:** Terry Seitz

The mission of the Bureau of Reclamation is to manage, develop and protect water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of the American public.

The U.S. reclamation program has helped to settle and develop the West through the development of a water storage and delivery infrastructure. This infrastructure provides water supplies and hydroelectric power for agricultural, municipal and industrial users; protects and improves water quality; provides recreational and fish and wildlife benefits; enhances river regulations; and helps control floods. With this infrastructure largely in place, the reclamation program is focusing greater emphasis on resource management and protection than on development. The bureau:

- works in partnership with others to develop water conservation plans, provide for the efficient and effective use of water and related resources and improve the management of existing water resources
  - designs and constructs authorized water resource projects
  - develops and supports recreational uses at reclamation projects
  - conducts research and encourages technology transfer to improve resource management, development and protection
  - ensures that the lands it manages are free from hazardous and toxic waste and helps other federal and state agencies in protecting surface water and groundwater from hazardous waste contamination
  - operates and maintains its facilities to ensure reliability, safety and economic operation to protect the public, property and the nation's investment in the facilities, and to preserve environmental resources
  - provides engineering and technical support to federal and state agencies, American Indian tribes, and other nations to accomplish national, regional and international

resource management, development and protection objectives

Reclamation project facilities in operation include 348 storage reservoirs, thousands of miles of canals and water conveyances and distribution facilities and 58 hydroelectric power plants.

All of the bureau's geographic area in the 17 western states is included under area offices that have first-level program line authority. The Wyoming Area Office has first line authority for the geographic area that extends from Wyoming into western Nebraska to the confluence of the North Platte and South Platte rivers, forming the Platte River. The Nebraska-Kansas Area Office in Grand Island has first line authority for the remainder of Nebraska.

The NKAO manages four units of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program and one additional project in Nebraska. The Pick-Sloan units are Ainsworth, Frenchman-Cambridge and Bostwick. The other NKAO-managed project is the Mirage Flats Unit in northwest Nebraska.

Major reclamation facilities in Nebraska include: Trenton Dam and Swanson Lake near Trenton; Enders Dam and Reservoir near Imperial; Red Willow Dam and Hugh Butler Lake near McCook; Medicine Creek Dam and Harry Strunk Lake near Cambridge; Harlan County Dam and Lake (maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) near Alma; Box Butte Dam and Reservoir south of Chadron; Merritt Dam and Reservoir near Valentine; Virginia Smith Dam and Calamus Reservoir near Burwell; Davis Creek Dam and Reservoir near Scotia; and Lake Alice and Lake Minatare near Scottsbluff.

The Nebraska projects provide water for farmland, as well as for flood control, recreation, and fish and wildlife purposes. Reservoirs in Nebraska provide 25,000 acres of water surface at normal pool and 40,000 acres of adjacent land for public use. The reservoir recreation areas are managed by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

The Pick-Sloan projects in Nebraska and Kansas were constructed for flood control in the Republican and Solomon River basins. During the 1993 flooding in the Midwest, flood control operations at these dams prevented downstream damages of \$1.2 billion by storing more than 800,000 acre-feet of flood waters. Flood control operations of these facilities are directed by the Army Corps of Engineers.

## Department of Justice

As the largest law firm in the nation, the Department of Justice serves as counsel for its citizens. Through its thousands of lawyers, investigators and agents, the department plays the key role in protection against criminals and subversion, in ensuring healthy competition of business, in safeguarding the consumer, and in enforcing drug, immigration and naturalization laws. The department also plays a role in protecting citizens through efforts for law enforcement, crime prevention, crime detection, and prosecution and rehabilitation of offenders.

The department conducts all suits in the Supreme Court in which the United States is concerned. It represents the U.S. government in legal matters generally, rendering legal advice and opinions, upon request, to the president and to the heads of the executive departments. The U.S. attorney general supervises and directs these activities, as well as those of the U.S. attorneys and U.S. marshals in the various judicial districts around the country.

## *U.S. Attorney*

**U.S. Attorney — District of Nebraska Offices:** 1620 Dodge St., Suite 1400, Omaha, NE 68102-1506, phone (402) 661-3700; 487 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 437-5241; 236 Federal Building, 300 E. Third St., North Platte, NE 69101, phone (308) 532-3514

**Nebraska U.S. Attorney:** Joe W. Stecher

U.S. attorneys serve as the nation's principal litigators under the direction of the attorney general. There are 93 U.S. attorneys appointed by the president with advice and consent of the Senate. One U.S. attorney is assigned to each judicial district, with the exception of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, where a single U.S. attorney serves in both districts. Each U.S. attorney is the chief federal law enforcement officer within his or her jurisdiction. Nebraska constitutes a single judicial district.<sup>1</sup>

U.S. attorneys have three statutory responsibilities:

- the prosecution of criminal cases brought by the federal government
- the prosecution and defense of civil cases in which the United States is a party
- the collection of debts owed the federal government that are administratively uncollectible

## **Nebraska U.S. Attorneys, 1854-2007**

### *Territorial*

Experience Estabrook.....1854-1859	Robert A. Howard.....1860-1861
Leavitt L. Bowen.....1859-1860	David L. Collier.....1861-1864

### *State (District)*

Daniel Gantt.....1864-1876	Joseph T. Votava.....1935-1954
James Neville.....1876-1878	Donald R. Ross.....1954-1956
Gerrio M. Sambertson.....1878-1887	Henry W. Shackelford.....1956
George E. Prichett.....1887-1890	William C. Spire.....1956-1961
Benjamin S. Baker.....1890-1894	Theodore L. Richling.....1961-1969
Andrew Jackson Sawyer.....1894-1898	Richard A. Dier.....1969-1972
Williamson S. Summers.....1898-1904	William K. Schaphorst.....1972-1975
Irving F. Baxter.....1904-1905	Daniel E. Wherry.....1975-1977
Charles A. Goss.....1905-1910	Edward G. Warin.....1977-1981
Francis Howell.....1910-1915	Thomas D. Thalken.....1981 <sup>2</sup>
Thomas S. Allen.....1915-1921	Ronald D. Lahners.....1981-1993
James C. Kinsler.....1921-1930	Thomas J. Monaghan.....1993-2001
Charles E. Sandall.....1930-1935	Michael G. Heavican.....2001-2006
	Joe W. Stecher.....2006-

## **Nebraska U.S. Attorney, 2007**

### **JOE W. STECHER**

**Office:** 1620 Dodge St., Suite 1400, Omaha, NE 68102-1506, phone (402) 661-3700

**Appointed Nebraska U.S. Attorney:** October, 2006

<sup>1</sup>Formerly part of the Department of the Treasury.

### ***Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives<sup>3</sup>***

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives enforces federal criminal laws regarding alcohol, tobacco products, firearms, explosives and arson, as well as regulates the firearms and explosives industries. The primary objectives of ATF are to reduce firearms violence and regulate the firearms and explosives industries in order to prevent terrorist acts. This agency recently moved from the Department of the Treasury to the Department of Justice.

#### **Office of Criminal Enforcement**

**Omaha Office:** 2707 N. 108th St., Suite 202, Omaha, NE 68164, phone (402) 952-2605, fax (402) 952-2606, Web site — <http://www.atf.gov>

**Resident Agent in Charge:** John R. Spencer

The Office of Criminal Enforcement, in partnership with other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, works to:

- suppress illegal trafficking, possession and use of firearms, destructive devices and explosives
- investigate acts of arson
- investigate narcotics traffickers who use firearms and explosives as tools of their trade, especially violent gangs
- suppress interstate trafficking of illicit distilled spirits and contraband cigarettes

#### **Office of Industry Operations**

**Omaha Office:** 2707 N. 108th St., Suite 202, Omaha, NE 68164, phone (402) 952-2635, fax (402) 952-2606

The Office of Industry Operations duties are to:

- assist other federal, state and local government agencies in the resolution of problems relating to revenue protection
- ensure that persons prohibited by law from manufacturing, importing or dealing in firearms and explosives do not obtain a license or permit
- ensure that storage facilities for explosives are safe and secure and do not present a hazard to the public
- inspect explosive storage facilities to ensure they are safe and do not present a hazard to the public
- ensure that an audit trail is preserved to permit the tracing of firearms used to commit crimes and to provide for accountability for explosive materials

## *Drug Enforcement Administration*

**Omaha District Office:** 2707 N. 108th St., Suite D201, Omaha, NE 68164, phone (402) 965-3600

**Assistant Special Agent in Charge:** L.D. Mathews

The Drug Enforcement Administration is the lead federal agency in enforcing U.S. narcotics and controlled substance laws and regulations.

The administration operates on a worldwide basis. It presents cases to the criminal and civil justice systems of the United States — or any other competent jurisdiction — on those significant organizations and their members involved in cultivation, production, smuggling, distribution or diversion of controlled substances appearing in or destined for illegal traffic in the United States. DEA immobilizes these organizations by arresting their members, confiscating their drugs and seizing their assets. The agency also creates and supports enforcement-related programs — domestically and internationally — aimed at reducing the availability of and demand for controlled substances.

The administration's responsibilities include:

- investigation of major narcotic violators who operate at interstate and international levels
- seizure and forfeiture of assets derived from, traceable to or intended to be used for illicit drug trafficking
- enforcement of regulations governing the legal manufacture, distribution and dispensing of controlled substances
- management of a national narcotics intelligence system
- coordination with federal, state and local law enforcement authorities and cooperation with counterpart agencies abroad
- training, scientific research and information exchange in support of drug traffic prevention and control

## *Federal Bureau of Investigation*

**Iowa-Nebraska Field Office:** 10755 Burt St., Omaha, NE 68114, phone (402) 493-8688, e-mail address — [omaha@fbi.gov](mailto:omaha@fbi.gov)

**Lincoln Office:** 560 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, P.O. Box 80556, Lincoln, NE 68501, phone (402) 476-6393

**Grand Island Office:** 201 Federal Office Building, 203 W. Second St., Grand Island, NE 68802, phone (308) 382-3690

**North Platte Office:** 318 Post Office Building, 300 E. Third St., North Platte, NE 69101, phone (308) 532-5116

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is the principal investigative arm of the Department of Justice. It is charged with gathering and reporting facts, locating witnesses, and compiling evidence in cases involving federal jurisdiction.

The FBI is charged with investigating all violations of federal law except those that have been assigned by legislative enactment or otherwise to another federal agency. Its jurisdiction includes a wide range of responsibilities in the criminal, civil and security fields. Priority has been assigned to the five areas that affect society the most: organized crime/drugs, counterterrorism, white-collar crime, foreign counterintelligence and violent crime.

## *U.S. Marshals Service*

**District of Nebraska Omaha Office:** Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse, 111 S. 18th Plaza, Suite B06, Omaha, NE 68102-4970, phone (402) 221-4781

**District of Nebraska Lincoln Office:** 552 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 742-7021

**District of Nebraska North Platte Office:** 349 Federal Building, 300 E. Third St., North Platte, NE 69101, phone (308) 532-7558

**Nebraska U.S. Marshal:** Brian M. Ennis

Each federal judicial district is served by a U.S. marshal appointed by the president. Nebraska constitutes a single judicial district.<sup>2</sup> Besides the Omaha and Lincoln offices, a part-time office operates in North Platte.

The U.S. Marshals Service is the nation's oldest federal law enforcement agency. The service is responsible for:

- providing support and protection for the federal courts, including security for judicial facilities, judges, magistrates, jurors and attorneys
- apprehending federal fugitives
- operating the Federal Witness Security program and ensuring the safety of endangered government witnesses
- maintaining custody of and transporting federal prisoners
- executing court orders and arrest warrants

## Nebraska U.S. Marshals, 1854-2007

### *Territorial*

Mark W. Izard .....	1854-1855	William E. Moore.....	1860-1861
Eli R. Doyle.....	1855-1856	Phineas W. Hitchcock.....	1861-1865
B.P. Rankin .....	1856-1858	Caspar E. Yost.....	1865-1867
William A. West.....	1858-1860		

### *State (District)*

Casper E. Yost.....	1867-1869	Earl L. Young.....	1938
Joseph T. Hoile.....	1869-1872	George E. Proudfit.....	1938-1948
William Daily .....	1872-1880	Frank Golden.....	1948-1954
Ellis L. Bierbower.....	1880-1889	William Raab.....	1954-1961
Brad D. Slaughter.....	1889-1893	Jack D. Obbink.....	1961-1964
Frank E. White.....	1893-1897	D. Clive Short.....	1964-1969
George H. Thummel.....	1897-1899	Lloyd H. Grimm.....	1969-1974
Trevanyon L. Matthews.....	1899-1905	Ronald C. Romans.....	1974-1980
William P. Warner.....	1905-1915	Mack A. Backhaus.....	1980-1982
Thomas J. Flynn.....	1915-1920	Thomas A. O'Hara Jr.....	1982-1994
James C. Dahlman.....	1920-1921	Cleveland Vaughn Jr.....	1994-1995
James B. Nickerson.....	1921	Willie Greason Jr.....	1995-1996 <sup>3</sup>
Dennis H. Cronin.....	1921-1932	Roger Arechiga.....	1996-1997 <sup>3</sup>
Valentine J. Peter.....	1932-1936	John Cleveland.....	1997-2002 <sup>3</sup>
John C. Byrnes.....	1936-1938	Brian M. Ennis.....	2002-

<sup>3</sup>Attorney general appointment

<sup>2</sup> For more information about the U.S. District Court, District of Nebraska, see Pages 197-203.

- seizing, managing and selling property forfeited to the government by drug traffickers and other criminals, and assisting the Justice Department's asset forfeiture program
- responding to emergency circumstances, including civil disturbances, terrorist incidents, and other crisis situations, through its Special Operations Group, and restoring order in riot and mob-violence situations
- operating the U.S. Marshals Service Training Academy
- providing security and law enforcement assistance to the U.S. Air Force in the movement of missiles

### *U.S. Trustee Program*

**District of Nebraska Office:** Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse, 111 S. 18th Plaza, Suite 1148, Omaha, NE 68102, phone (402) 221-4300, fax (402) 221-4383

**Assistant U.S. Trustee:** Patricia M. Fahey

The U.S. Trustee Program acts in the public interest to promote the efficiency and to protect and preserve the integrity of the bankruptcy system. It works to secure the just, speedy and economical resolution of bankruptcy cases; monitors the conduct of parties, takes action to ensure compliance with applicable laws and procedures and identifies and investigates bankruptcy fraud and abuse; and oversees administrative functions in bankruptcy cases.

The U.S. trustees supervise the administration of four of the five types of bankruptcy proceedings defined under the Bankruptcy Code. These are:

- proceedings under chapter 7 in which the assets of the debtor are liquidated
- reorganization proceedings under chapter 11 for rehabilitation of the business debtor
- adjustments of debts of a regular-income family farmer under chapter 12
- adjustment of debts of an individual with regular income under chapter 13, pursuant to which an individual can discharge debts by arranging for payments over a period of time

The U.S. trustee does not have a significant role in proceedings under chapter 9, which relates to the adjustment of debts of a municipality.

The Omaha office serves all of Nebraska and is in the U.S. Trustee Program's Region 13, which is made up of Nebraska, Arkansas and Missouri.

## Department of Labor

The Department of Labor works to foster, promote and develop the welfare of U.S. wage earners, to improve their working conditions, and to advance their opportunities for profitable employment. The agency administers federal labor laws guaranteeing workers' rights to safe and healthful working conditions, a minimum hourly wage and overtime pay, freedom from employment discrimination, unemployment insurance and workers' compensation. The department also protects workers' pension rights; provides for job training programs; helps workers find jobs; works to strengthen free collective bargaining; and keeps track of changes in employment, prices and other national economic measurements. As the department seeks to assist all U.S. citizens who need and want to work, special efforts are made to meet the unique job market problems of older workers, youths, minority group members, women, the handicapped and other groups.

### *Employment Standards Administration*

The Employment Standards Administration is responsible for administering and directing employment standards programs dealing with minimum wage and overtime standards; registration of farm labor contractors; determining prevailing wage rates to be paid on government contracts and subcontracts; nondiscrimination and affirmative action for minorities, women, veterans and handicapped government contract and subcontract workers; workers' compensation programs for federal and certain private employers and employees; safeguarding the financial integrity and internal democracy of labor unions; and administering statutory programs to certify employee protection provisions for various federally sponsored transportation programs.

#### **Office of Federal Contract Compliance Program**

**Omaha District Office:** Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse, 111 S. 18th Plaza, Suite 2231, Omaha, NE 68102-1312, phone (402) 221-3381, Web site — <http://www.dol.gov>

**District Director:** Margaret Kraak

The Office of Federal Contract Compliance Program ensures that companies that do business with the government promote affirmative action and equal employment opportunity on behalf of minorities, women, the disabled and Vietnam veterans.

#### **Wage and Hour Division**

**Omaha District Area Office:** Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse, 111 S. 18th Plaza, Suite 2238, Omaha, NE 68102-1321, phone (402) 221-4682

**Assistant District Director:** Richard J. Tesarek

The Wage and Hour Division is responsible for planning and administering a variety of federal labor programs. These programs are designed to:

- protect low-wage incomes as provided by the minimum wage provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act
- discourage excessively long hours of work through enforcement of the overtime provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act

- safeguard the health and well-being of minors
- prevent curtailment of employment and earnings for students, trainees and handicapped workers
- minimize losses of income and job rights caused by indebtedness
- direct a program of farm labor contractor registration designed to protect the health, safety and welfare of migrant and seasonal agriculture workers
- administer and enforce a number of immigration-related programs designed to safeguard the rights of U.S. and foreign workers and to prevent U.S. workers similarly employed from being adversely affected by employment of alien workers

The division also is responsible for predetermination of prevailing wage rates for federal construction contracts and federally assisted programs for construction, alteration and repair of public works subject to the Davis-Bacon Act and related acts, and a continuing program for determining wage rates under the Service Contract Act. The division also has enforcement responsibility in ensuring that prevailing wages and overtime standards are paid in accordance with federal law.

### *Employment and Training Administration*

The Employment and Training Administration fulfills responsibilities that relate to employment services, job training and unemployment insurance. Component offices and services of the administration manage a federal-state employment security system; fund and oversee programs to provide work experience and training for groups having difficulty entering or returning to the work force; formulate and promote apprenticeship standards and programs; and conduct continuing programs of research, development and evaluation.

#### **Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training**

**Nebraska State Office:** Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse, 111 S. 18th Plaza, Suite C49, Omaha, NE 68102-1322, phone (402) 221-3281, e-mail address — davis.richard@dol.gov, Web site — [http://www.doleta.gov/atels\\_bat](http://www.doleta.gov/atels_bat)

**Director:** Richard Davis

The National Apprenticeship Act enables the Department of Labor to formulate and promote labor standards necessary to safeguard the welfare of apprentices, to cooperate with the states in the promotion of such standards, and to bring together employers and labor for the formulation of programs of apprenticeship.

Sponsors and potential sponsors are encouraged and helped in the development, expansion and improvement of apprenticeship and other forms of allied industrial training. Through field representatives in states, the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training works closely with employers, labor unions, vocational schools, community planning groups and others concerned with apprenticeship.

## *Occupational Safety and Health Administration*

**Omaha Area Office:** 6910 Pacific St., Overland Wolf Centre, Suite 100, Omaha, NE 68106, phone (402) 553-0171, toll-free phone (800) 642-8963 (Nebraska only), Web site — <http://www.osha.gov>

**Area Director:** Ben S. Bare

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration develops and promulgates occupational safety and health standards; develops and issues regulations; conducts investigations and inspections to determine the status of compliance with the standards and regulations; and issues citations and proposes penalties for noncompliance with the standards and regulations.

OSHA also provides outreach in the form of compliance assistance, technical assistance, training and educational materials, electronic products, and conferences and tools intended to support the safety and health efforts of employers and other stakeholders. Additional information may be found at <http://www.osha.gov>.

## *Veterans' Employment and Training Service*

**Nebraska Office:** 1033 O Street, Box 128, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 471-9833, Web site — <http://www.dol.gov/vets>

**Director:** Rick Nelson

The Veterans' Employment and Training Service directs the Department of Labor's veterans' employment and training programs.

Service field staff work closely with and provide technical assistance to State Employment Security Agencies and Jobs for Veterans' Act grant recipients to ensure that veterans are provided the priority services required by law. The staff also coordinate with employers, labor unions, veterans' service organizations and community organizations through planned public information and outreach activities. Federal contractors are provided management assistance in complying with their veterans' affirmative action and reporting obligations.

The service also administers the Veterans' Workforce Investment Program grant program, which is designed to meet the employment and training needs of service-connected disabled veterans and veterans recently separated from military service.

Service staff also administer the veterans' re-employment rights program. They provide assistance to help restore job, seniority and pension rights to veterans following absences from work for active military service and to protect employment and retention rights of reserve or National Guard members.

A VETS office, which works with Nebraska Workforce Development — a division of the Nebraska Department of Labor — is in Lincoln.

## Department of Transportation

The Department of Transportation establishes the nation's overall transportation policy. The department has 10 administrations, and their jurisdictions include highway development and construction; urban mass transit; railroads; aviation; and the safety of waterways, ports, highways and oil and gas pipelines.

### *Federal Aviation Administration*

**Great Plains System Management Office<sup>1</sup>:** 14015 W. 95th St., Lenexa, KS 66215-5206, phone (913) 254-8840, Web site — <http://www.faa.gov>

**Manager:** Ken Birlingmair

**FAA/OMA System Support Center:** P.O. Box 19123, ATO, Omaha, NE 68119, phone (402) 422-6470

**Supervisor:** Carl Woods

**FAA/LNK System Support Center:** 3431 Aviation Road, Suite 130, Lincoln, NE 68524, phone (402) 458-7880

**Supervisor:** Mary E. Halsey

**FAA/GRI System Support Center:** 3776 N. Sky Park Road, Grand Island, NE 68801-9142, phone (308) 382-2524

**Supervisor:** David Pieper

**FAA/LBF System Support Center:** RR 3, Box 292, North Platte, NE 69101, phone (308) 532-5590

**Supervisor:** Carl Woods

**Lincoln Flight Standards District Office:** 3431 Aviation Road, Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 68524, phone (402) 475-1738

**Manager:** Diana L. Frohn

**Columbus Automated Flight Service Station:** 2659 14th Ave., Columbus, NE 68601, phone (402) 563-1508

**Manager:** Jeanne Giering

**Lincoln Airport Traffic Control Tower:** 2600 W. Adams St., Lincoln, NE 68524, phone (402) 474-3011

**Manager:** Mark Grant

**Omaha Airport Traffic Control Tower:** Eppley Airfield, P.O. Box 19127, Omaha, NE 68119, phone (402) 346-6678

**Manager:** John Jorgensen

**Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON):** 100 TRACON Hill, Bellevue, NE 68005-3953, phone (402) 291-3644

**Manager:** Don Hughes

The Federal Aviation Administration is charged with:

- regulating air commerce in ways that best promote its development and safety and fulfill the requirements of national defense
- controlling the use of navigable airspace of the United States and regulating civil and military operations in such airspace

<sup>1</sup> Functions as the primary office for the FAA's Nebraska System Support Centers in Omaha, Bellevue, Lincoln, Grand Island and North Platte.

- encouraging and developing civil aeronautics
- consolidating research and development with respect to air navigation facilities
- installing and operating air navigation facilities
- developing and operating a common system of air traffic control and navigation for civil and military aircraft
  - developing and implementing programs and regulations to control aircraft noise, sonic boom and other environmental effects of civil aviation
  - regulating U.S. commercial space transportation

Nebraska airway facilities include system support centers in Omaha, Lincoln, Grand Island and North Platte. The Great Plains System Management Office in Lenexa, Kan., is the primary office for these centers.

Other manned airway facilities in Nebraska include the OFF Work Center in Bellevue and the QHO Long Range Radar Work Center in Omaha, which report to the Omaha System Support Center; the OLU Work Center in Columbus and the QJM Work Center in Rockville, which report to the Grand Island System Support Center; and the LBF Long Range Radar Work Center in Wellfleet and the BFF Work Center in Scottsbluff, which report to the North Platte System Support Center.

The system support centers and work centers perform maintenance of federal airway facilities and equipment.

The FAA's Flight Standards District Office in Lincoln certifies air carriers, air agencies and airmen; enforces federal aviation regulations; ensures the safety and maintenance of civil aircraft; investigates aircraft accidents; and conducts an airman education program.

Nebraska also has an Automated Flight Service Station in Columbus; airport traffic control towers in Omaha and Lincoln and a contract airport traffic control tower in Grand Island; and a Terminal Radar Approach Control facility at Offutt Air Force Base near Bellevue. These facilities transmit weather and flight information necessary for private, military and commercial aviation.

### *Federal Highway Administration*

**Nebraska Division Office:** 220 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508-3851, phone (402) 437-5765, e-mail address — Nebraska.fhwa@fhwa.dot.gov, Web site — <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/>

**Division Administrator:** William M. Brownell

The Federal Highway Administration administers highway transportation programs. The administration coordinates highways with other modes of transportation to achieve a balance of transportation systems and facilities under cohesive transportation policies. Administration activities include:

- the federal-aid highway program, which provides financial assistance to the states for highway planning, system, construction and improvement, including maintenance of the National Highway System
- highway safety programs, including a state and community safety program jointly administered with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and a highway safety construction program to eliminate road hazards and improve rail-highway cross-

ing safety

- reviews of state truck size and weight enforcement programs
- the federal lands highway program, affecting forest highways, public lands highways, park roads and parkways, and American Indian reservation roads
- research, development and technology transfer activities
- efforts to find research and technology abroad that can be applied to the U.S. highway system

### *Federal Railroad Administration*

**Omaha Office of Safety:** Council Bluffs Federal Building, 8 S. Sixth St., Room 246, Council Bluffs, IA 51501, phone (712) 325-4343, Web site — <http://www.fra.dot.gov>

**Chief Inspector:** R.C. Edmondson

The purpose of the Federal Railroad Administration is to carry out and enforce rail safety regulations, administer railroad financial assistance programs, conduct research and development in support of improved railroad safety and national rail transportation policy, provide for the rehabilitation of Northeast Corridor rail passenger service and consolidate government support of rail transportation activities. A hazardous materials inspector manages the FRA's safety interests in Nebraska.

## Department of the Treasury

The Department of the Treasury formulates and recommends economic, financial, tax and fiscal policies; serves as financial agent for the U.S. government; enforces the law; and manufactures coins and currency.

### *Office of the Comptroller of the Currency*

**Nebraska Office of the Comptroller Offices:** 13710 FNB Parkway, Suite 110, Omaha, NE 68154, phone (402) 493-0654, fax (402) 493-0329; 1811 W. Second St., Suite 360, Grand Island, NE 68803, phone (308) 381-8126; 117 Pierce St., Suite 100, Sioux City, IA 51101, phone (712) 252-6160, fax (712) 252-6164, Web site — <http://www.occ.treas.gov>

**Assistant Deputy Comptrollers:** Troy L. Thornton and William S. Glover

The primary mission of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency is to regulate national banks. The office has the power to examine banks; approve or deny applications for new bank charters, branches or mergers; take enforcement action — such as bank closures — against banks that are not in compliance with laws and regulations; and issue rules, regulations and interpretations on banking practices. The office supervises approximately 2,900 national banks, including their trust activities and overseas operations.

## *Internal Revenue Service*

**Senior Commissioner's Representative — Great Plains Area:** Gerald Krogman, 316 N. Robert St., St. Paul, MN 55101, phone (651) 312-7661

**Administrative Officer — Nebraska Territory:** Christopher Wiese, 7215 Ontario St., Omaha, NE 68124 (402) 361-0253

**Media Specialist:** 310 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53203, phone (414) 297-1040

**Nebraska Governmental Liaison:** 1313 Farnam St., Omaha, NE 68102-1836, phone (402) 221-7242

**Grand Island Office:** 3307 W. Capital Ave., Grand Island, NE 68803-1334

**Lincoln Office:** 160 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508-3877, taxpayer assistance available, phone (402) 437-5060

**Norfolk Office:** 208 N. Fifth St., Suite B, Norfolk, NE 68701-5220, phone (402) 371-1503

**North Platte Office:** Federal Building, 300 E. Third St., North Platte, NE 69103-0160, taxpayer assistance available, phone (308) 532-8810

**Omaha (Downtown) Office:** State Building, 1313 Farnam St., Omaha, NE 68102-1836, taxpayer assistance available, phone (402) 221-3614

**Omaha Office:** 7215 Ontario St., Omaha, NE 68124

**Scottsbluff Office:** 2001 Broadway, Suite 3, P.O. Box 766, Scottsbluff, NE 69363-0766, taxpayer assistance available, phone (308) 635-3435

**Appeals Office:** Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse, 111 S. 18th Plaza, Suite 2217, Omaha, NE 68102-1321, phone (402) 221-3683

**Chief Counsel Office:** Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse, 111 S. 18th Plaza, Suite 2201, Omaha, NE 68102-1321, phone (402) 221-7337

**Associate Area Counsel:** Al Kerkhove

**Tax Assistance by Telephone:** toll-free phone for recorded federal tax information and automated refund information, (800) 829-4477; refund hotline, (800) 829-1954; toll-free phone for federal tax forms and publications, (800) 829-3676; individual tax help line (800) 829-1040; business/specialty tax help line (800) 829-4933; toll-free phone for federal tax assistance for hearing-impaired taxpayers, (800) 829-4059

**Tax Assistance by Computer:** Web site — <http://www.irs.gov>

The Internal Revenue Service is the nation's tax collection agency and administers the Internal Revenue Code enacted by Congress. The IRS has four major operating divisions:

- Wage and Investment, which serves approximately 116 million taxpayers who file individual and joint tax returns
- Small Business and Self-Employed, which serves approximately 45 million small businesses and self-employed taxpayers
- Large and Mid-Size Business, which serves corporations with assets of more than \$10 million
- Tax-Exempt and Government Entities, which serves tax-exempt organizations such as nonprofit charities and government entities and businesses offering employee benefit plans

Other divisions include criminal investigation, appeals, chief counsel and communications and liaison.

The IRS Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998 expanded taxpayers' rights and established the Taxpayer Advocate Service as an independent voice inside the agency on the taxpayer's behalf. The service assists taxpayers with problems that have not been resolved through normal channels and taxpayers who have suffered or are about to suffer significant hardships. This toll-free service is available by calling 877-777-4778 or contacting the Local Taxpayer Advocate office at (402) 221-4181.

### *Office of Thrift Supervision*

**Nebraska Field Office:** 1200 N St., Suite 214, Lincoln, NE 68508-2020, phone (402) 476-0373

**Field Manager:** Doug Pittman

The Office of Thrift Supervision regulates federal and state-chartered savings institutions and supports their efforts to meet housing and other community credit and financial service needs. Activities of OTS include:

- examining and supervising thrift institutions in the four OTS regions to ensure the safety and soundness of the industry
- ensuring thrifts comply with consumer protection laws and regulations
- conducting a regional quality assurance program
- developing national policy guidelines
- issuing various financial reports
- preparing regulations, bulletins, other policy documents, congressional testimony and official correspondence on matters relating to the thrift industry, interest rate risk, financial derivatives and economic issues
- prosecuting enforcement actions relating to thrift institutions

The OTS is a nonappropriated agency and thus uses no tax money to fund its operations. Its expenses are met by fees and assessments on thrift institutions.

## **Department of Veterans Affairs**

The Department of Veterans Affairs operates benefit programs to veterans and their families. Benefits include compensation payments for disabilities or death related to military service; pensions; education and rehabilitation; home loan guaranty; burial; and a medical care program incorporating nursing homes, clinics and medical centers.

### *Veterans Benefits Administration*

**Nebraska Regional Office:** 5631 S. 48th St., Lincoln, NE 68516, phone (402) 420-4200, toll-free phone (800) 827-1000, Web site — <http://www.vba.va.gov/ro/central/linc/default.htm>

**Director:** Doug Smith

The Veterans Benefits Administration conducts an integrated program of veterans' benefits, including death and disability compensation and pension; special equipment,

housing, clothing and other items for disabled veterans; educational assistance; vocational rehabilitation; housing loan guaranty services; and life insurance. The administration provides information, advice and help to veterans, their dependents, beneficiaries, representatives and others applying for VA benefits. It also cooperates with other federal, state and local agencies in developing employment opportunities for veterans and referral for assistance in resolving socioeconomic, housing and other problems. VBA also provides information regarding veterans' benefits to branches of the armed forces. Programs are provided through VA regional offices, medical centers, visits to communities and a special toll-free telephone service, 800-827-1000.

### *National Cemetery System*

**Fort McPherson National Cemetery:** 12004 S Spur 56A, Maxwell, NE 69151-1031, phone (308) 582-4433, ext. 4766, toll-free number (888) 737-2800, fax (308) 582-4616, e-mail address — [gbacon@cem.va.gov](mailto:gbacon@cem.va.gov), Web site — <http://www.cem.va.gov>

**Director:** George Bacon

The mission of the National Cemetery System is to:

- provide burial of eligible service members, veterans, reservists and National Guard members with 20 years' qualifying service, their spouses, and certain children, in VA national cemeteries, and maintain their graves
- mark, upon application, the graves of eligible veterans worldwide and reservists and National Guard members with 20 years' qualifying service who are buried in national, state or private cemeteries
- administer the State Cemetery Grants Program, which provides financial aid to states for establishing and improving state veterans' cemeteries
- provide Presidential Memorial Certificates to the loved ones of honorably discharged, deceased service members or veterans

There are 120 national cemeteries throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. Fort McPherson National Cemetery is Nebraska's only national cemetery. Started in 1873, the cemetery is the site of historical burials of cavalry and American Indians from the Indian Wars, as well as veterans from the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. The cemetery has more than 6,500 gravesites.

### *Veterans Health Administration*

The Veterans Health Administration provides hospital care, nursing home care, domiciliary care, and outpatient medical and dental care to eligible veterans of military service. The administration operates medical centers, domiciliaries, outpatient clinics, nursing home care units and Vietnam Veteran Outreach Centers.

**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Central Plains Health Network Office (Veterans Integrated Service Network 23):** 600 S. 70th St., Building 5, Lincoln, NE 68510, phone (402) 484-3200, Web site — <http://www.va.gov>

**Network Director:** Dr. Robert Petzel

In 2002, the Department of Veterans Affairs merged two networks that provided

healthcare services. The new Veterans Integrated Service Network 23 is stationed in Minneapolis with a satellite office located in Lincoln. VISN 23 serves Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota, and portions of Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Wyoming. The Lincoln Regional Office serves approximately 162,800 veterans in Nebraska.

The Nebraska panhandle, along with Colorado, Montana, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming, belongs to VISN 19.

The three VA facilities in Nebraska, located in Omaha, Lincoln and Grand Island, were integrated in November 1999 to become the VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System. Each of these facilities provides a unique array of healthcare services.

**Omaha Division:** 4101 Woolworth Ave., Omaha, NE 68105, phone (402) 346-8800

As an acute, highly affiliated, tertiary care facility, the Omaha division provides inpatient medical, surgical and psychiatric care in addition to its ambulatory care services. The Omaha VA is the home of a major clinical research program.

**Lincoln Division:** 600 S. 70th St., Lincoln, NE 68510, phone (402) 489-3802

The Lincoln VA is an outpatient, primary care facility. Inpatient services are provided through a contractual arrangement with the community.

**Grand Island Division:** 2201 N. Broadwell Ave., Grand Island, NE 68803, phone (308) 382-3660

The Grand Island VA focuses on ambulatory and extended care including geriatric and rehabilitation services. Inpatient services are provided through a contractual arrangement with the community.

**Community-Based Outpatient Facilities:** These facilities, located in Alliance, Gering, Lincoln, Norfolk, North Platte, Rushville and Sidney, provide closer access to primary care. VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System is researching additional sites for community-based outpatient care.

**Lincoln Vet Center — Outreach:** 920 L St., Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 476-9736

**Team Leader:** Lawrence D. Obrist

**Omaha Vet Center — Outreach:** 2428 Cuming St., Omaha, NE 68131-1600, phone (402) 346-6735

**Team Leader:** Norman A. McCormack

Vet Centers offer counseling and support groups; individual, marital and family therapy; employment education; assistance with VA benefits; screening and referral to inpatient care for alcohol or drug abuse and psychiatric care; and counseling for sexual trauma in the military. Veterans of the Vietnam era and conflict zone veterans of World War II, Korea, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf and Somalia are eligible to use Vet Center services free of charge. Families of these veterans also are eligible.

## INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

### Corporation for National and Community Service

**Lincoln Office:** 274A Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 437-5474, fax (402) 437-5495, e-mail address — rpace@cns.gov

**State Director:** Robert Pace

The Corporation for National and Community Service engages U.S. citizens in community-based service that addresses the nation's educational, public safety, human and environmental needs. The corporation carries out its mission through three major programs: AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve America and the National Senior Service Corps.

AmeriCorps is the national service initiative that engages thousands of U.S. citizens in solving the most pressing community and national problems. In exchange for one or two years of service, members receive awards of up to \$4,725 per year to help finance their college education or vocational training or to pay back their student loans.

Learn and Serve America supports student service learning from kindergarten through graduate school. Service learning is a concept through which students participate in organized service experiences that meet community needs and are supported by a curriculum that allows research, reflection and discussion of their experiences. The focus of the program is to build a solid foundation for service learning in the curriculum of every U.S. school.

The National Senior Service Corps, which consists of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, the Foster Grandparent Program and the Senior Companion Program, supports community service by senior adults. The programs demonstrate the continued resource of seniors, provide community service, and engage the experience, expertise and commitment of seniors in the community.

The Corporation provides federal funding for the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission.

In Nebraska, the Corporation's state office is responsible for supporting the AmeriCorps\*VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) and National Senior Service Corps programs in Nebraska. It operates in collaboration with the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission.

### Environmental Protection Agency

**Nebraska Office:** 289 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 437-5080, toll-free action line (Kansas City, Kan., office) (800) 223-0425

**Project Officer:** Dick Wiechman

The mission of the Environmental Protection Agency is to protect human health and to safeguard the natural environment — air, water and land — on which life depends. The agency's purpose is to ensure that federal laws protecting human health and the environment are enforced fairly and effectively.

The EPA office in Lincoln provides technical assistance and oversight to the Nebraska pesticide program. The Lincoln office also provides assistance to American

Indian tribes in the state. The Nebraska Department of Agriculture enforces and implements the Nebraska Pesticide Act.<sup>1</sup> The EPA Region 7 office in Kansas City, Kan., is responsible for other EPA programs affecting Nebraska, including hazardous waste, air, water, radiation and toxic substance programs.

## Farm Credit Administration

The Farm Credit Administration is responsible for ensuring the safe and sound operation of the banks, associations, affiliated service organizations and other entities that collectively comprise the Farm Credit System, and for protecting the interests of the public and those who borrow from Farm Credit institutions or invest in Farm Credit securities.

The administration carries out its responsibilities by conducting examinations of the various Farm Credit lending institutions, which are Farm Credit Banks, the Bank for Cooperatives, the Agricultural Credit Bank, Federal Land Bank Associations, Production Credit Associations, Agricultural Credit Associations and Federal Land Credit Associations. It also examines the service organizations owned by the Farm Credit lending institutions, as well as the National Consumer Cooperative Bank and its subsidiaries.

The lending institutions of the Farm Credit System were established to provide credit and closely related services to farmers, ranchers and producers or harvesters of aquatic products; persons engaged in providing on-the-farm services; rural homeowners; and associations of farmers, ranchers and producers or harvesters of aquatic products. Initially capitalized by the U.S. government, the Farm Credit lending institutions are organized as cooperatives and are completely owned by their borrowers. The loan funds provided to borrowers by these institutions are obtained primarily through the sale of securities to investors in the nation's capital markets.

## *Farm Credit Services of America*

**Omaha Office:** P.O. Box 2409, Omaha, NE 68103-2409, phone (402) 348-3333, toll-free phone (800) 884-3276, Web site — <http://www.fcsamerica.com>

**President:** Jack Webster

Farm Credit Services of America is a part of the Farm Credit System, a nationwide agricultural banking network that provides credit and affiliated services to farm and ranch operators across the United States.

Farm Credit Services of America is owned by its 57,000 stockholders/customers and is governed by a 17-member board of directors. The board has 15 elected and two appointed directors. In 2004, stockholders elected seven of the directors. The association operates on a cooperative basis. All Farm Credit Services of America customers own stock in the association.

Unlike commercial banks, Farm Credit institutions do not take deposits. Instead, money is raised by selling systemwide bonds on Wall Street. The proceeds are then channeled through Farm Credit banks and associations to agricultural producers and

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<sup>1</sup> For more information about the Nebraska pesticide program, see Pages 466-467.

cooperatives. Because of the market acceptance of the agency's securities and the volume of funds raised, Farm Credit Services of America is able to offer competitive interest rates and unlimited amounts of capital to the agricultural sector.

Farm Credit Services of America has a network of 43 retail offices within Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming, with its corporate headquarters located in Omaha.

## Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

**Omaha Field Office:** 9850 Nichols St., Suite 310, Omaha, NE 68114, phone (402) 397-0142, Web site — <http://www.fdic.gov>

**Supervisor:** Brent Klanderud

**Grand Island Field Office:** P.O. Box 5558, Grand Island, NE 68802-5558, phone (308) 381-1016

**Supervisor:** Brent Klanderud

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation works to promote and preserve public confidence in U.S. financial institutions by:

- insuring more than \$3 trillion of bank and thrift deposits up to the legal limit of \$100,000
- periodically examining about 5,300 state-chartered banks that are not members of the Federal Reserve System for safety and soundness as well as compliance with consumer protection laws
- liquidating assets of failed institutions to reimburse the insurance funds for the cost of failures

## Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service

**Omaha Field Station:** 222 S. 15th St., Suite 382, Omaha, NE 68102, phone (402) 221-3555

**Mediator:** Ron Morrison

The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service assists labor and management in resolving disputes in collective bargaining contract negotiation through voluntary mediation and arbitration services; provides training to unions and management in cooperative processes to improve long-term relationships under the Labor Management Cooperation Act of 1978, including federal sector partnership training authorized by Executive Order 12871; provides alternative dispute resolution services and training to government agencies, including the facilitation of regulatory negotiations under the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act and the Negotiated Rulemaking Act of 1996; and awards competitive grants to joint labor-management committees to encourage innovative approaches to cooperative efforts.

## Federal Reserve System

**Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Omaha Branch:** 2201 Farnam St., Omaha, NE 68102, phone (402) 221-5500, toll-free phone (800) 333-1040, Web site — <http://www.kansascityfed.org>

**Vice President and Branch Manager:** Kevin Drusch

The Federal Reserve System, the central bank of the United States, is charged with administering and making policy for the nation's credit and monetary affairs. Through its supervisory and regulatory banking functions, the Federal Reserve ensures the banking industry remains in sound condition, capable of responding to the nation's domestic and international financial needs and objectives.

The system's major responsibility is executing monetary policy. It also performs other functions, such as transferring funds, handling government deposits and debt issues, supervising and regulating banks, and acting as lender of last resort.

The system consists of seven parts: the Board of Governors in Washington, D.C.; the 12 Federal Reserve Banks and their 25 branches and other facilities throughout the country; the Federal Open Market Committee; the Federal Advisory Council; the Consumer Advisory Council; the Thrift Institutions Advisory Council; and the nation's financial institutions, including commercial banks, savings and loan associations, mutual savings banks and credit unions. The Omaha Branch is part of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

## General Services Administration

The General Services Administration establishes policy for and provides management of government property and records, including construction and operation of buildings; procurement and distribution of supplies; utilization and disposal of real and personal property; transportation, traffic and communications management; and management of the government-wide automatic data processing resource program. Its functions are carried out at three levels of organization: the central office, regional offices and field activities.

### *Public Buildings Service*

**Nebraska Property Management Office:** Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse, 111 S. 18th Plaza, Suite C31, Omaha, NE 68102-1321, phone (402) 221-4725, Web site — <http://www.gsa.gov>

**Director:** Michael E. Sisk, e-mail address — [michael.sisk@gsa.gov](mailto:michael.sisk@gsa.gov)

**Lincoln Building Property Management Office:** 181 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 437-5436

**Property Manager:** Chuck Korytowski, e-mail address — [chuck.korytowski@gsa.gov](mailto:chuck.korytowski@gsa.gov)

**North Platte Building Property Management Office:** Federal Building, 300 E. Third St., P.O. Box 1053, North Platte, NE 69103, phone (308) 532-8550

**Property Manager:** Andy Young, e-mail address — [andy.young@gsa.gov](mailto:andy.young@gsa.gov)

The Public Buildings Service provides space and related services for other federal agencies and the federal courts. Services include real estate brokerage, property management, construction and repairs, security services, property disposal and overall portfolio management. The service is responsible for more than 280 million square feet of federally owned and leased space.

The Nebraska Property Management Center in Omaha manages federal property in Nebraska and Council Bluffs, Iowa. The Lincoln and North Platte Building Property Management offices are under the jurisdiction of the Nebraska Property Management Center.

## *Federal Supply Service*

**Fleet Management Center:** Council Bluffs Federal Building, 8 S. Sixth St., Suite 309, Council Bluffs, IA 51501-4206, phone (712) 322-6152, Web site — <http://www.gsa.gov>

**Manager:** Debra Wilson

The Federal Supply Service helps federal agencies acquire supplies, furniture, computers, tools and equipment. FSS also arranges for travel and transportation services, manages the federal vehicle fleet and helps federal agencies dispose of items they no longer need by transferring them to other government agencies or nonprofit organizations or by selling them to the public.

FSS operates an Interagency Fleet Management System that provides more than 170,000 vehicles and related services to federal agencies through a network of 72 fleet management centers. The Fleet Management Center in Council Bluffs, Iowa, serves Nebraska and western Iowa.

## *Federal Technology Service*

**Area Telecommunications Office:** Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse, 111 S. 18th Plaza, Suite 38, Omaha, NE 68102, phone (402) 221-3332, Web site — <http://www.gsa.gov>

**Area Manager:** Barton Boggs

The Federal Technology Service (FTS) provides federal agencies with telecommunications, information technology systems, hardware and software, consulting services, information security services, and integrated technology solutions. Also, FTS helps citizens contact the U.S. government through the Federal Information Center, the Federal Information Relay Service, the blue pages in local telephone books and the Government Information Xchange World Wide Web site at <http://www.gsa.gov/public.htm>.

## **Nuclear Regulatory Commission**

**Regional State Liaison:** 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 400, Arlington, TX 76011-4055, e-mail address — [wam@nrc.gov](mailto:wam@nrc.gov), Web site — <http://www.nrc.gov>

**Regional State Liaison Officer:** William A. Maier

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission regulates the use of nuclear materials in the United States to protect public health and safety, the environment, and defense and security. The NRC is not connected with nuclear weapons.

The NRC reviews and issues licenses for the construction and operation of commercial nuclear power plants, research reactors and other nuclear fuel facilities. It licenses the possession and use of nuclear materials for medical, industrial, educational and research purposes. Nebraska is one of 34 states that belongs to the Agreement States Program, under which the NRC gives states authority to license and regulate commercial nuclear materials. The NRC also licenses the import and export of nuclear facilities, equipment and materials.

The NRC conducts inspections and investigations to assure that nuclear plant activities are in compliance with the terms of the license and the agency's other regulations

and requirements. The commission has approximately 3,400 employees and an annual budget of about \$822 million.

A major share of the NRC's work is regulating the use of nuclear energy to generate electric power. The NRC regulates Nebraska's two commercial nuclear power plants — the Cooper Nuclear Station near Brownville and the Fort Calhoun Station near Fort Calhoun. The Nebraska Public Power District operates the Cooper plant, and the Omaha Public Power District operates the Fort Calhoun plant. Information about the Cooper and Fort Calhoun nuclear plants are available at <http://www.nrc.gov> or by calling 1-800-368-5642.

## U.S. Postal Service

**Central Plains District:** P.O. Box 249500, Omaha, NE 68124-9500, phone (402) 255-3900

**District Manager:** Michael Holloway

**Postal Inspection Service:** 10707 Pacific St., Suite 100, P.O. Box 249550, Omaha, NE 68124-9550, phone (402) 392-8920

**Omaha Post Office:** 1124 Pacific St., P.O. Box 249998, Omaha, NE 68108, phone (402) 348-2696

**Postmaster:** EvaJon Sperling

**Lincoln Post Office:** 700 R St., Lincoln, NE 68501-9998, phone (402) 458-1842

**Postmaster:** Kerry Kowalski

The U.S. Postal Service provides mail processing and delivery services to individuals and businesses within the United States. The service develops mail-handling systems and operates its own planning and engineering programs. The protection of the U.S. mail and the mail system is the responsibility of the Postal Inspection Service. As the law enforcement arm of the U.S. Postal Service, the Inspection Service is the country's oldest federal law enforcement agency and has jurisdiction in all criminal matters infringing on the integrity and security of the mail, and the safety of all postal valuables, property and personnel. Postal inspectors investigate violations of all postal laws and other related criminal violations. Included are investigations of mail fraud, the illegal transmission of controlled substances through the U.S. mail, the mailing of child pornography, thefts of mail or other postal valuables, assaults on postal employees, bombs sent through the mail and other unauthorized mail matter, including poison and harmful or prohibited articles.

The Central Plains District is responsible for post offices in Nebraska, Kansas and southwestern Iowa. The district covers more than 158,000 square miles and serves more than 4 million people. The Nebraska post offices are under the jurisdiction of the district manager.

More than 4.5 million pieces of mail are processed each day at the Omaha Mail Processing Plant. The plant is fully automated and ranks as one of the top nationally in on-time delivery of first-class mail in the overnight delivery area. Omaha has next-day delivery to the following zip code prefixes: 680-687 (approximately the eastern third

of Nebraska) and 515-516 (Council Bluffs, Iowa, and southwestern Iowa). First-class mail can be delivered in two or three days to most cities across the nation. One of the top three U.S. business mailers has chosen Omaha as the base for its business activity, exceeding 650 million pieces of mail annually.

The Lincoln Mail Processing Plant sorts and transports mail for the southeastern corner of the state. Zip code areas include 683, 684 and the Lincoln city 685 prefixes. The plant processes an average of 1.5 million pieces of mail per day.

## Nebraska Zip Codes, 2007\*

City	Zip Code	City	Zip Code
Abie.....	68001	Bloomington.....	68929
Adams.....	68301	Blue Hill.....	68930
Agnew (Raymond).....	68428	Blue Springs.....	68318
Ainsworth.....	69210	Boelus.....	68820
Albion.....	68620	Boone (Albion).....	68620
Alda.....	68810	Boys Town.....	68010
Alexandria.....	68303	Bradshaw.....	68319
Allen.....	68710	Brady.....	69123
Alliance.....	69301	Brainard.....	68626
Alma.....	68920	Brewster.....	68821
Almeria (Taylor).....	68879	Bridgeport.....	69336
Alvo.....	68304	Bristow.....	68719
Amelia.....	68711	Broadwater.....	69125
Ames.....	68621	Brook.....	68320
Amherst.....	68812	Broken Bow.....	68822
Angora.....	69331	Brownlee (Thedford).....	69166
Anselmo.....	68813	Brownville.....	68321
Ansley.....	68814	Brule.....	69127
Arapahoe.....	68922	Bruning.....	68322
Arcadia.....	68815	Bruno.....	68014
Archer.....	68816	Brunswick.....	68720
Arlington.....	68002	Burchard.....	68323
Arnold.....	69120	Burr.....	68324
Arthur.....	69121	Burwell.....	68823
Ashby.....	69333	Bushnell.....	69128
Ashland.....	68003	Butte.....	68722
Ashton.....	68817	Byron.....	68325
Atkinson.....	68713	Cairo.....	68824
Atlanta.....	68923	Callaway.....	68825
Auburn.....	68305	Cambridge.....	69022
Aurora.....	68818	Campbell.....	68932
Avoca.....	68307	Carleton.....	68326
Axtell.....	68924	Carroll.....	68723
Ayr.....	68925	Cedar Bluffs.....	68015
Bancroft.....	68004	Cedar Creek.....	68016
Barneston.....	68309	Cedar Rapids.....	68627
Bartlett.....	68622	Center.....	68724
Bartley.....	69020	Central City.....	68826
Bassett.....	68714	Ceresco.....	68017
Battle Creek.....	68715	Chadron.....	69337
Bayard.....	69334	Chambers.....	68725
Beatrice.....	68310	Champion.....	69023
Beaver City.....	68926	Chapman.....	68827
Beaver Crossing.....	68313	Chappell.....	69129
Bee.....	68314	Chester.....	68327
Beemer.....	68716	Clarks.....	68628
Belden.....	68717	Clarkson.....	68629
Belgrade.....	68623	Clatonia.....	68328
Bellevue.....	68005	Clay Center.....	68933
	68123	Clearwater.....	68726
	68147	Cody.....	69211
Bellwood.....	68624	Coleridge.....	68727
Belvidere.....	68315	Colon.....	68018
Benedict.....	68316	Columbus.....	68601-
Benkelman.....	69021		02
Bennet.....	68317	Comstock.....	68828
Bennington.....	68007	Concord.....	68728
Bertrand.....	68927	Cook.....	68329
Berwyn (Ansley).....	68819	Cordova.....	68330
Big Springs.....	69122	Cornlea (Humphrey).....	68642
Bingham.....	69335	Cortland.....	68331
Bladen.....	68928	Cotesfield (Elba).....	68835
Blair.....	68008-	Cozad.....	69130
	09	Crab Orchard.....	68332
Bloomfield.....	68718	Craig.....	68019

\* Source: U.S. Postal Service.

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Crawford.....	69339	Fordyce .....	68736
Creighton.....	68729	Fort Calhoun.....	68023
Creston.....	68631	Foster (Osmond).....	68765
Crete.....	68333	Franklin.....	68939
Crofton.....	68730	Fremont .....	68025-26
Crookston.....	69212	Friend.....	68359
Culbertson.....	69024	Fullerton.....	68638
Curtis.....	69025	Funk.....	68940
Dakota City.....	68731	Garland.....	68360
Dalton.....	69131	Garrison (David City).....	68632
Danbury.....	69026	Geneva.....	68361
Dannebrog.....	68831	Genoa.....	68640
Davenport.....	68335	Gering.....	69341
Davey.....	68336	Gibbon.....	68840
David City.....	68632	Gilead.....	68362
Dawson.....	68337	Giltner.....	68841
Daykin.....	68338	Glennvil.....	68941
Decatur.....	68020	Goehner.....	68364
Denton.....	68339	Gordon.....	69343
Deshler.....	68340	Gothenburg.....	69138
Deweese.....	68934	Grafton.....	68365
DeWitt.....	68341	Grand Island.....	68801-03
Dickens.....	69132	Grant.....	69140
Diller.....	68342	Greeley.....	68842
Dix.....	69133	Greenwood.....	68366
Dixon.....	68732	Gresham.....	68367
Dodge.....	68635	Gretna.....	68028
Doniphan.....	68832	Guide Rock.....	68942
Dorchester.....	68343	Gurley.....	69141
Douglas.....	68344	Hadar.....	68738
DuBois.....	68345	Haigler.....	69030
Dunbar.....	68346	Hallam.....	68368
Duncan.....	68634	Halsey.....	69142
Dunning.....	68833	Hamlet.....	69031
Dwight.....	68635	Hampton.....	68843
Eagle.....	68347	Hardy.....	68943
Eddyville.....	68834	Harrisburg.....	69345
Edgar.....	68935	Harrison.....	69346
Edison.....	68936	Hartington.....	68739
Elba.....	68835	Harvard.....	68944
Elgin.....	68636	Hastings.....	68901-02
Elk Creek.....	68348	Hay Springs.....	69347
Elkhorn.....	68022	Hayes Center.....	69032
Ellsworth.....	69340	Hazard.....	68844
Elm Creek.....	68836	Heartwell.....	68945
Elmwood.....	68349	Hebron.....	68370
Elsie.....	69134	Hemingford.....	69348
Elsmere.....	69135	Henderson.....	68371
Elwood.....	68937	Hendley.....	68946
Elyria.....	68837	Henry (Morrill).....	69358
Emerson.....	68733	Herman.....	68029
Emmet.....	68734	Hershey.....	69143
Enders.....	69027	Hickman.....	68372
Endicott.....	68350	Hildreth.....	68947
Ericson.....	68637	Holbrook.....	68948
Eustis.....	69028	Holdrege.....	68949
Ewing.....	68735	Holland (Hickman).....	68372
Exeter.....	68351	Holmesville (Beatrice).....	68310
Fairbury.....	68352	Holstein.....	68950
Fairfield.....	68938	Homer.....	68030
Fairmont.....	68354	Hooper.....	68031
Falls City.....	68355	Hordville.....	68846
Farnam.....	69029	Hoskins.....	68740
Farwell.....	68838		
Filley.....	68357		
Firth.....	68358		

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Howells.....	68641	Lyman.....	69352
Hubbard.....	68741	Lynch.....	68746
Hubbell (Chester).....	68375	Lyons.....	68038
Humboldt.....	68376	Macy.....	68039
Humphrey.....	68642	Madison.....	68748
Huntley (Republican City).....	68971	Madrid.....	69150
Hyannis.....	69350	Magnet.....	68749
Imperial.....	69033	Malcolm.....	68402
Inavale.....	68952	Malmo.....	68040
Indianola.....	69034	Manley.....	68403
Inland.....	68954	Marquette.....	68854
Inman.....	68742	Marsland.....	69354
Ithaca.....	68033	Martell.....	68404
Jackson.....	68743	Maskell.....	68751
Jansen.....	68377	Mason City.....	68855
Johnson.....	68378	Max.....	69037
Johnson Lake.....	68937	Maxwell.....	69151
Johnstown.....	69214	Maywood.....	69038
Julian (Johnson).....	68378	McCook.....	69001
Juniata.....	68955	McCool Junction.....	68401
Kearney.....	68845	McGrew.....	69353
	68847-49	McLean.....	68747
Kenesaw.....	68956	Mead.....	68041
Kennard.....	68034	Meadow Grove.....	68752
Keystone.....	69144	Melbeta.....	69355
Kilgore.....	69216	Memphis.....	68042
Kimball.....	69145	Merna.....	68856
Lakeside.....	69351	Merriman.....	69218
La Vista.....	68128	Milburn (Anselmo).....	68813
Lamar (Champion).....	69023	Milford.....	68405
Laurel.....	68745	Millard.....	68144-45
Lawrence.....	68957	Miller.....	68858
Lebanon.....	69036	Milligan.....	68406
Leigh.....	68643	Mills.....	68753
Lemoine.....	69146	Minatare.....	69356
Leshara (Valley).....	68064	Minden.....	68959
Lewellen.....	69147	Mitchell.....	69357
Lewiston.....	68380	Monroe.....	68647
Lexington.....	68850	Moorefield.....	69039
Liberty.....	68381	Morrill.....	69358
Lincoln.....	68501-10	Morse Bluff.....	68648
	68512	Mullen.....	69152
	68514	Murdock.....	68407
	68516-17	Murray.....	68409
	68520-24	Naper.....	68755
	68526-29	Naponee.....	68960
	68531-32	Nebraska City.....	68410
	68542	Nehawka.....	68413
	68583	Neligh.....	68756
	68588	Nelson.....	68961
Lindsay.....	68644	Nemaha.....	68414
Linwood.....	68036	Nenzel.....	69219
Lisco.....	69148	Newcastle.....	68757
Litchfield.....	68852	Newman Grove.....	68758
Lodgepole.....	69149	Newport.....	68759
Long Pine.....	69217	Nickerson.....	68044
Loomis.....	68958	Niobrara.....	68760
Lorton.....	68382	Nora (Nelson).....	68961
Louisville.....	68037	Norfolk.....	68701-02
Loup City.....	68853	Norman (Minden).....	68959
		North Bend.....	68649
		North Loup.....	68859
		North Platte.....	69101
			69103

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Oak.....	68964	Plattsmouth.....	68048
Oakdale.....	68761	Pleasant Dale.....	68423
Oakland.....	68045	Pleasanton.....	68866
Obert.....	68762	Plymouth.....	68424
Oconto.....	68860	Polk.....	68654
Octavia.....	68650	Ponca.....	68770
Odell.....	68415	Potter.....	69156
Odessa.....	68861	Prague.....	68050
Offutt Air Force Base.....	Offutt A F B	Primrose.....	68655
Ogallala.....	69153	Prosser (Wood River).....	68883
Ohioa.....	68416	Purdum.....	69157
Omaha.....	68101-	Ragan (Holdrege).....	68969
	14	Ralston (Omaha).....	68127
	68116-	Randolph.....	68771
	20	Ravenna.....	68869
	68122	Raymond.....	68428
	68124	Red Cloud.....	68970
	68127	Republican City.....	68971
	68130-	Reynolds.....	68429
	39	Richfield (Springfield).....	68059
	68142	Richland (Columbus).....	68601
	68144-	Rising City.....	68658
	45	Riverdale.....	68870
	68147	Riverton.....	68972
	68152	Roca.....	68430
	68154-	Rockville.....	68871
	55	Rogers.....	68659
	68157	Rosalie.....	68055
	68164	Rose (Bassett).....	68714
	68172	Roseland.....	68973
	68175-	Royal.....	68773
	76	Rulo.....	68431
	68178-	Rushville.....	69360
	83	Ruskin.....	68974
	68197-	St. Columbans.....	68056
	98	St. Edward.....	68660
O'Neill.....	68763	St. Helena.....	68774
Ong.....	68452	St. Libory.....	68872
Orchard.....	68764	St. Mary (Sterling).....	68443
Ord.....	68862	St. Paul.....	68873
Orleans.....	68966	Salem.....	68433
Osceola.....	68651	Sargent.....	68874
Oshkosh.....	69154	Saronville.....	68975
Osmond.....	68765	Schuyler.....	68661
Otoe.....	68417	Scotia.....	68875
Overton.....	68863	Scottsbluff.....	69361
Oxford.....	68967		69363
Page.....	68766	Scribner.....	68057
Palisade.....	69040	Seneca.....	69161
Palmer.....	68864	Seward.....	68434
Palmyra.....	68418	Shelby.....	68662
Panama.....	68419	Shelton.....	68876
Papillion.....	68133	Shickley.....	68436
	68046	Shubert.....	68437
Parks.....	69041	Sidney.....	69160
Pawnee City.....	68420		69162
Paxton.....	69155	Silver Creek.....	68663
Pender.....	68047	Smithfield.....	68976
Peru.....	68421	Snyder.....	68664
Petersburg.....	68652	South Bend.....	68058
Phillips.....	68865	South Sioux City.....	68776
Pickrell.....	68422	Spalding.....	68665
Pierce.....	68767	Sparks.....	69220
Pilger.....	68768	Spencer.....	68777
Plainview.....	68769	Sprague.....	68438
Platte Center.....	68653	Springfield.....	68059

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Springview.....	68778	Verdel (Niobrara).....	68760
Stamford.....	68977	Verdigré.....	68783
Stanton.....	68779	Verdon.....	68457
Staplehurst.....	68439	Virginia.....	68458
Stapleton.....	69163	Waco.....	68460
Steele City.....	68440	Wahoo.....	68066
Steinauer.....	68441	Wakefield.....	68784
Stella.....	68442	Wallace.....	69169
Sterling.....	68443	Walthill.....	68067
Stockville.....	69042	Walton.....	68461
Strang.....	68444	Washington.....	68068
Stratton.....	69043	Waterbury.....	68785
Stromsburg.....	68666	Waterloo.....	68069
Stuart.....	68780	Wauneta.....	69045
Sumner.....	68878	Wausa.....	68786
Superior.....	68978	Waverly.....	68462
Surprise (Ulysses).....	68667	Wayne.....	68787
Sutherland.....	69165	Weeping Water.....	68463
Sutton.....	68979	Weissert (Ansley).....	68814
Swanton.....	68445	Wellfleet.....	69170
Syracuse.....	68446	West Point.....	68788
Table Rock.....	68447	Western.....	68464
Talmage.....	68448	Westerville.....	68881
Taylor.....	68879	Weston.....	68070
Tecumseh.....	68450	Whiteclay.....	69365
Tekamah.....	68061	Whitman.....	69366
Theedford.....	69166	Whitney.....	69367
Thurston.....	68062	Wilber.....	68465
Tilden.....	68781	Wilcox.....	68982
Tobias.....	68453	Willow Island.....	69171
Trenton.....	69044	Wilsonville.....	69046
Trumbull.....	68980	Winnebago.....	68071
Tryon.....	69167	Winnetoan.....	68789
Uehling.....	68063	Winside.....	68790
Ulysses.....	68669	Winslow.....	68072
Unadilla.....	68454	Wisner.....	68791
Union.....	68455	Wolbach.....	68882
Upland.....	68981	Wood Lake.....	69221
Utica.....	68456	Wood River.....	68883
Valentine.....	69201	Wymore.....	68466
Valley.....	68064	Wynot.....	68792
Valparaiso.....	68065	York.....	68467
Venango.....	69168	Yutan.....	68073

## Railroad Retirement Board

**District Office:** Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse, 111 S. 18th Plaza, Suite C125, P.O. Box 815, Omaha, NE 68101, phone (402) 221-4641, office hours 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**District Manager:** J. Wilwerding

The Railroad Retirement Board administers comprehensive retirement-survivor, disability and unemployment-sickness benefit programs for the nation's railroad workers and their families.

## Selective Service System

**Nebraska State Headquarters:** 1300 Military Road, Lincoln, NE 68508-1090, phone for registration information (888) 655-1825, Web site — <http://www.sss.gov>

**Director of Selective Service:** William A. Chatfield

The purpose of the Selective Service System is to be prepared to supply the Department of Defense with human resources adequate to ensure U.S. security, with accompanying regard for the maintenance of an effective national economy.

The system was established by the Military Selective Service Act. The act authorizes the registration of male U.S. citizens and all other males who are in the United States and between the ages of 18 and 26. Nonimmigrant aliens are exempted. Proclamation 4771 of July 2, 1980, requires male persons born after Jan. 1, 1960, and who have reached age 18 to register. Registration is conducted over the Internet, at U.S. post offices and at U.S. embassies and consulates.

Nebraska has a state headquarters, 24 local boards, six area offices, one alternative service office, one district appeal board and one civilian review board. The state director and the 120 volunteer local board members are nominated by the governor and appointed by the national director of the Selective Service System on behalf of the president.

## Small Business Administration

**Omaha District Office:** 11145 Mill Valley Road, Omaha, NE 68154-3949, phone (402) 221-4691, fax (402) 221-3680, Web site — <http://www.sba.gov>

**Director:** Leon Milobar

**Deputy Director:** Kathleen Piper

**SBA/SCORE Business Information Center:** 11141 Mill Valley Road, Omaha, NE 68154, phone (402) 221-3606, fax (402) 221-3680, e-mail address — [bic@novia.net](mailto:bic@novia.net)

The purposes of the Small Business Administration are to aid, counsel, assist and protect the interests of small business; ensure that small business concerns receive a fair portion of government purchases, contracts and subcontracts, as well as sales of government property; make loans to small business concerns, state and local development companies, and the victims of floods or other catastrophes, or of certain types of economic injury; and license, regulate and make loans to small business investment companies.

In Nebraska, the SBA furnishes management and technical assistance through the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), the Nebraska Small Business Development Center at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and other small business development centers in Kearney, Lincoln, North Platte, Scottsbluff and Wayne.

The SBA/SCORE Business Information Center is managed through a partnership between the SBA and the Omaha chapter of SCORE, a nonprofit organization. The BIC offers a small business library, a free computer lab, access to online research, low-cost monthly training and counseling. Contacts with the BIC through phone calls or e-mail are handled statewide by telephone counseling or referral to local small business resources.

## Social Security Administration

**Grand Island Level 1 District Office:** 115 N. Webb Rd., Grand Island, NE 68803, phone (308) 385-6440

**District Manager:** Mary Miller

**Norfolk Level 2 District Office:** 605 Iron Horse Dr., Suite 1, Norfolk, NE 68701, phone (402) 371-1598

**District Manager:** Greg Heineman

**North Platte Level 2 District Office:** 300 E. Third St., Room 204, North Platte, NE 69103, phone (308) 532-9502

**District Manager:** Kristine Warren

**Scottsbluff Level 2 District Office:** 415 Valley View Dr., Scottsbluff, NE 69361, phone (308) 635-2158

**District Manager:** Larry Heitman

**Lincoln Level 1 District Office:** 100 Centennial Mall North, Federal Office Building, Room 191, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 437-5401

**District Manager:** Dave Bensley

**Beatrice Level 2 District Office:** 2630 Eastside Blvd., Beatrice, NE 68310, phone (402) 223-2309

**District Manager:** Doris Saathoff

**Omaha Level 1 District Office:** 7100 W. Center Road, Suite 200, Omaha, NE 68106, phone (402) 399-8963

**District Manager:** Tonya Freeman

**Sioux City (Iowa) Level 1 District Office:** 3555 Southern Hills Drive, Sioux City, IA 51106, phone (712) 255-5525 (office serves Dakota, Dixon and Thurston counties in Nebraska)

**District Manager:** Doug Keane

**Omaha Office of Hearings and Appeals:** 9239 W. Center Road, Suite 102, Omaha, NE 68124, phone (402) 391-7118

**Billings (Mont.) Office of Hearings and Appeals:** 2900 Fourth Ave. N., Suite 500, Billings, MT 59101, phone (406) 247-7550

**Chief Administrative Law Judge:** Emily C. Shattil

Information from the Social Security Administration is available toll-free at (800)

772-1213.

The Social Security Administration manages the nation's social insurance program, consisting of retirement, survivor and disability insurance programs, commonly known as Social Security. The SSA also administers the Supplemental Security Income program for the elderly, blind and disabled. The administration is responsible for studying the problems of poverty and economic insecurity among U.S. citizens and making recommendations on effective methods for solving these problems through social insurance. The administration also assigns Social Security numbers to workers and maintains earnings records for workers under their Social Security numbers.

Nebraska is served by eight SSA district offices and two hearing and appeals offices in Omaha and Billings, Mont. Level 1 offices oversee other offices. The Grand Island Level 1 office oversees Level 2 offices in Norfolk, North Platte and Scottsbluff. The Lincoln Level 1 office oversees a Level 2 office in Beatrice. The Omaha Level 1 office oversees a Level 2 office in Council Bluffs, Iowa. The Sioux City, Iowa, Level 1 office, which serves Dakota, Dixon and Thurston counties in Nebraska, oversees Level 2 offices in Spencer, Iowa, and Storm Lake, Iowa.

