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Dear [City] Resident:

We are writing today to ask for your help with a study aimed at improving the economy in Central Nebraska. Your help is needed to learn more about the current employment situations of Central Nebraska residents, as well as those who live within commuting distance. The questions are for both workers and non-workers. This survey asks questions about employment history, education, pay, and benefits, as well as obstacles and challenges you may be facing. Your participation in the survey should only take 20 minutes and is important to help ensure that the data and the conclusions drawn from it are accurate. **Even if you are retired, self-employed or out of the workforce, we would like your response.**

This study is being conducted by the Nebraska Department of Labor (NDOL) with support from Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED). In order to help with this effort, NDOL and DED have asked the Bureau of Sociological Research at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to conduct this survey.

We ask that the **adult age 19 or older in your household who will have the next birthday** complete the questionnaire and return it in the enclosed envelope. Hearing from the person with the next birthday is important because it ensures that we get responses from a variety of current and potential workers.

We have made the survey available online because it allows us to collect the information more quickly and to be more responsible with our research money. However, because some people don't use the internet and it is important that we hear from all households, we've also enclosed a paper copy and a postage-paid return envelope. To access this survey online, please go to the link listed below or scan the QR below and enter your unique identification number.

Survey Link: <https://go.unl.edu/laborcentral>
Unique Identification Number: [ID]



If you do not want to do the survey online, please complete and return the enclosed paper questionnaire. This survey is completely voluntary. You might notice that there is a unique identification number on your questionnaire. This number simply allows us to keep track of which households have already responded. When you return your questionnaire, we will use this number to remove your address from our list. This allows us to make sure the answers you provide remain confidential and that we are not sending you reminders after you have responded. All results will be reported so that no individual can be identified.

If you have any questions about this survey please contact the Bureau of Sociological Research by telephone at 1-800-480-4549 or by e-mail at bosr@unl.edu. If you have questions about your rights or complaints about the research, contact the Institutional Review Board (IRB) at (402)472-6965 or irb@unl.edu.

Thank you for participating in this Central Nebraska Labor Availability Survey.

Sincerely,

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