

# Scottsbluff Receives Economic Development Certification

Scottsbluff is now one of 16 communities in the state that has gained economic development certification from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. The D.E.D named Scottsbluff as one of the four most recent communities to gain the certification. Scottsbluff City Manager Rick Kuckkahn says the work by Twin Cities Development in completing the rigorous application process allows Scottsbluff to stand out as a community prepared to accept new business.

In certifying Scottsbluff, the D.E.D. noted Scottsbluff was one of the first communities to approve an L.B. 840 program and sales tax to help grow new and expanding businesses. Since its passage more than \$3.8 million in incentives have helped create or retain more than 775 jobs in the area. D.E.D. also noted Twin Cities Development has provided \$292,000 in state grant funds to help 25 area families purchase homes and has established an innovative web site to attract a work force to western Nebraska.

The certification program is sponsored by the Nebraska Diplomats.

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