

## **Survey to Focus on Internet Access and Use**

LINCOLN, Neb. — A statewide survey will ask Nebraska residents how they are using the Internet and the technology needs of their household.

Letters were mailed on February 8 notifying about 6,600 households in Nebraska that they had been randomly selected to participate in the survey.

The Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) was awarded a grant from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration for conducting a study of broadband use and needs in Nebraska. The survey includes questions about Nebraskans' current use of technology, their opinions about community technology resources, and technology training needs.

“Results from the survey will inform federal, state and local policy makers about how Nebraskans are currently using technology, what barriers remain that prevent households from adopting broadband Internet service, and the input will guide the development and provision of educational opportunities for residents to better utilize current technologies,” stated Jerry Vap, Chairman of the Commission.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is conducting the survey for the Commission. In addition, the Nebraska Information Technology Commission Community Council (NITC) and Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) collaborated with the Commission on this survey.

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