

Agreement for Services

Whereas, the City of Blair, is constantly pursuing a better, improved quality of life for the citizens of Blair and the surrounding area through the attraction of new businesses and the expansion of existing businesses which generate new jobs and investment into the community; and

Whereas, the voters of Blair have approved a local option municipal economic development plan (LB840) to help promote and assist in the development of new and existing business and industry; and

Whereas, Gateway Development Corporation is a private nonprofit public and private partnership that was organized to help Blair and the Washington County Area grow through the recruitment and development of commercial and industrial enterprises, and

Whereas, the City of Blair's local option municipal Economic Development plan (LB840) sets forth that the City of Blair will contract with Gateway Development Corporation to review and administer the program, and

Whereas, the City of Blair desires to participate in the development of policy for Gateway Development Corporation and contract with Gateway Development Corporation to provide administration of the local option municipal Economic Development Program as approved by the voters of the City of Blair.

Now therefore, it is agreed as follows:

- 1) Gateway Development Corporation will work for and with the City of Blair to promote the Blair/Washington County area to encourage new and expanded jobs and investment.
- 2) Gateway Development Corporation will handle the administration of the City of Blair's local option municipal Economic Development program to include, but not limited to, taking applications, reviewing applications, reviewing and developing background information on applicants desired by the LB840 committee and City Council Finance Committee, meeting with LB840 Committee, assist in negotiating level of proposed funding, meet with City Council as necessary, work with City Staff on any funding agreements, monitor compliance to any funding agreements, prepare quarterly reports and updates to be presented periodically to City Council.
- 3) In compensation for the above services the City of Blair shall pay Gateway Development Corporation \$60,000 annually on or before June 1, each year starting June 1, 2011 and annually thereafter until modified or canceled by either party.
- 4) In addition to the compensation outlined above the Mayor, with consent of the Council shall appoint two members of the City Council to serve on the Board of Directors of Gateway Development Corporation.

This agreement is entered into this 10th day of May, 2011.

James Realph, Mayor
City of Blair, Nebraska

Paula Hazlewood, Executive Director
Gateway Development Corporation