



CITY OF BLAIR

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 13, 2026, 7:00PM

MEMO TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: David Scott, Deputy City Administrator of Operations

RE: VIN Specific Enterprises LLC (VSE)

SUMMARY: VIN Specific Enterprises LLC (VSE) has completed an application for LB840 funds to move its operation currently located in Bennington Nebraska to Blair Nebraska. They are in the process of acquiring the property with the legal description of, BC MUTUAL ADDITION TRACT 1 114 PC 1 22.702 AC, better known as the former Mutual of Omaha property. VSE plans to move its entire current work force of approximately 17 employees from their current location to the new Blair location. They also intend to hire 20 new employees at the new larger facility. They are looking to close on the property in about 45 days and intend to start the move in quarter one of 2027.

PREVIOUS ACTION: The Mayor and City Council have contracted with Gateway Development to facilitate its voter approved LB840 program. That agreement was most recently updated in September 2026. As such, Gateway Development staff receive and evaluate LB840 applications and present them to the Economic Development Committee and City Council.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION: Jacob Lynn Enterprises, LLC will acquire a 9.875 million commercial facility in Blair, Nebraska, which will serve as the new operating location for Vin Specific Enterprises (VSE). VSE is an advanced manufacturing, engineering, and research and development company specializing in CNC-manufactured diesel truck components, diesel calibration, microcontroller technology, 3D printing, prototyping, and related engineering and product development. The project represents an anticipated capital investment of approximately \$12 million, including the acquisition of the facility, approximately \$250,000 in building improvements and buildout, and approximately \$2.5 million in machinery, tools, and advanced manufacturing equipment. VSE also anticipates continued investment in robotics and automated manufacturing technology to expand production capacity. VSE currently employs 17 employees and anticipates creating approximately 15-20 additional full-time positions over the next two years, with anticipated average annual compensation of approximately \$100,000. The project will bring significant private capital investment and high paying skilled employment to Blair and Washington County while expanding advanced manufacturing and research and development activity in Nebraska.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: VSE is asking for \$200,000 in LB840 funds for land and facility acquisition but also to assist in relocating the current 17 employees and new job creation of 20 employees.

RECOMMENDATION: Keeping in mind that Design Plastics has forgone its LB840 award of \$250,000, the Community Development Committee voted unanimously to approve in full amount of \$200,000.

