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**The State of Nebraska Seeks Public Opinion on State Investments and Fair Housing**

**November 21, 2019 (LINCOLN, NEB.)** – The State of Nebraska’s Department of Economic Development (DED) and Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) are requesting the public’s participation in the completion of two important online surveys.

DED and DHHS are partnering to prepare the State’s 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan; 2020 Annual Action Plan; and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. The online surveys — which are anonymous and take less than 10 minutes to complete — will help to inform this process by gathering public opinion about the State’s housing, economic development, community development and public service needs and fair housing concerns. Responses to the survey will guide policy, actions and investments for the next five years.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to take part in this important research effort. Your experiences and opinions about the needs and fair housing concerns of Nebraskans are valuable. These are critical surveys because their topics affect the lives of everyday Nebraskans.

Those willing to participate can take one or both surveys. The State needs as many participants as possible in order to gain an accurate picture.

The first survey will determine how federal and state funding should be invested over the next five years to meet the needs of Nebraskans in the best way possible in relation to housing, community/public facilities, economic development, infrastructure and public services. To complete this survey, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2019NebraskaHCDSurvey> or just [click here](#).

The second survey asks about impediments to fair housing choice because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability or familial status. The survey will help the State eliminate barriers to fair housing choice. To complete this survey, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2019NebraskaFHSurvey> or [click here](#).

We appreciate your assistance in helping to grow Nebraska.