RFI Forum - West Region

growing economies  |  energizing leadership  |  enhancing community vitality

October 14, 2014
Hampton Inn and Suites Hotel & Conference Center
301 W. Hwy. 26, Scottsbluff, NE

All scheduled times are Mountain Standard Time (MST).

10:00 AM  Opening Remarks
Chuck Schroeder, Director of the Rural Futures Institute

10:30 AM  Local Tours
Hear from local leaders across your region about how collaborative efforts are paying off in business growth, redevelopment, expanded opportunities for further education and increasing quality of life for all generations, including youth and young adults.
Tour Sites: TBA

12:00 PM  Lunch
A box lunch will be provided during the tour

1:45 PM  Return to Meeting Facility

2:00 PM  Welcome to the Regional Forum
Chuck Schroeder, Director of the Rural Futures Institute

2:30 PM  RFI Grant Showcase
Featured grants include:
- Entrepreneurship Based Economic Development
- Communities Creating their own Innovation and Entrepreneurship (E-CAP)
- TBA
- Rural Community Serviceship Program
- Community Marketing: Taking a New Look at Rural Communities in the Great Plains

3:30 PM  Young Leader Visioning Session
See your region a new light through the perspectives of young people as they share their thoughts on the future of their home town and what will attract them to stay or return in the future.

4:00 PM  Roundtable Idea Exchange
Participate in defining key issues and opportunities for community and economic development in your region, and discuss how the RFI can best collaborate in efforts already underway and emerging opportunities to address regional priorities.

6:00 PM  Social & Appetizers

7:00 PM  Conclusion