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**The formal launch of the  
University of Nebraska's  
Rural Futures Institute**

September 27, 2012  
Pinnacle Bank  
210 E 23rd Street  
Columbus, Nebraska  
10:30 AM – 1:30 PM

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# Rural Futures Institute Day

September 27, 2012  
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**10:30 – 11:00 AM**

**Formal Announcement of Rural Futures Institute**

*J.B. Milliken, President, University of Nebraska*

*Ronnie Green, Vice President, University of Nebraska*

**11:00 – 11:10 AM**

**Message from Office of U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack**

*Doug O'Brien, USDA Deputy Undersecretary for Rural Development*

**11:10 – 11:35 AM**

**University Panel**

*Bob Bartee, Vice Chancellor for External Affairs, UNMC*

*Charlie Bicak, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academics and Student Affairs, UNK*

*Ellen Weissinger, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, UNL*

*Jeanne Surface, Assistant Professor of Educational Admin/Supervision, UNO*

**11:35 – 12:00 PM**

**Community/Partner Panel**

*Garry Clark, Executive Director, Cuming County Economic Development Corp.*

*Chuck Hassebrook, Executive Director, Center for Rural Affairs*

*Hayley Harthoorn, University of Nebraska Student, Ainsworth, NE*

*Kerry Hoffschneider, Communications Manager, Pioneer Hi-Bred International*

*Jeff Yost, President and CEO, Nebraska Community Foundation*

**12:00 – 1:30 PM**

**Lunch**

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A special thanks to Pinnacle Bank and the  
Columbus community for hosting this event.