

## Connecting entrepreneurs and business owners to the right resource at the right time.

SourceLink Nebraska is a statewide platform where anyone can search for nonprofit, education, and government resources to start or grow a business in Nebraska. In other words, SourceLink Nebraska is a one-stop shop for Nebraska entrepreneurs, existing business owners, and resource partners. In 2018, the Nebraska Business Development Center (NBDC), Nebraska Extension, and Rural Prosperity Nebraska (RPN) collaborated by bringing the SourceLink® framework to Nebraska.

SourceLink Nebraska establishes the core infrastructure for Nebraska's economic development ecosystem, consequently elevating transparency and increasing accessibility of resources. Likewise, SourceLink Nebraska supports economic development in Nebraska by enhancing the coordination of services statewide. This infrastructure helps to reveal and correct regional deficits in resource availability while promoting collaboration between resource partners.

The SourceLink Nebraska website is available 24/7/365 for entrepreneurs and business owners to search for resource information. For more intensive assistance, our Network Navigator can provide guidance during business hours. When visiting the SourceLink Nebraska website, you will find The Resource Navigator® (a searchable database of resource partners), a calendar of events, and stories about business owners and entrepreneurs. Moreover, SourceLink Nebraska provides business guides and Enlighten, an on-demand virtual library of training videos for entrepreneurs and business owners.

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## 2022 Performance

6,062	Website Visits	2,961	Resource Navigator Searches
584	Events	154,127	Online Referrals
140	Personal Action Plans (1-on-1 Assistance)	1,427	Direct Referrals to Resource Partners

Personal Action Plans by U.S. Congressional District District 1 22.9% District 2

District 3



50.7%

26.4%



