

Bellevue, Nebraska – Strategically Located in the Heartland of America

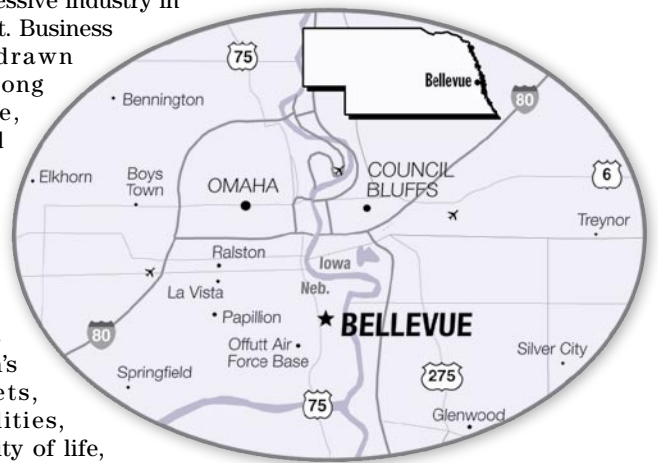
The American dream is alive and well in Bellevue, the third largest city in Nebraska. Nationally, the “Cornhusker State” was named by Forbes Magazine as 9th best for business. The city boasts a highly-educated workforce, an impressive infrastructure for urban technology, affordable cost of living, top ranked K-12 schools, and beautiful parks and trails. Known as the birthplace of Nebraska, this city of nearly 80,000 is located in the heartland of the country – along the banks of the Missouri River.



Offutt Air Force Base calls Bellevue, Nebraska home. One of the largest installations in the world with nearly 12,000 military and federal employees in 93 units representing the four branches of the military, Offutt's economic impact is more than \$2.4 billion to the community.

The location of progressive industry in the region is no accident. Business and industry are drawn to the area by a strong pro-business climate, nationally recognized schools, outstanding medical facilities, one of the nation's lowest cost of living, and a labor force with one of the nation's best work ethic. Business leaders praise the region's transportation assets, communication facilities, mild climate, high quality of life, recreational opportunities, and its natural scenic beauty.

Bellevue's largest employer is Offutt Air Force Base with more than 10,000 active duty personnel and a \$2.4 billion economic impact. Offutt is the home of the 55th Wing, U.S. Strategic Command, the Air Force Weather Agency, and Air Combat Command's Heartland of America Band. That's why the city's largest business sector is the defense industry. Hosting more than 50 defense contractors in the community with more than 3000 employees, Bellevue boasts a



Strategically located in the heartland of America, Bellevue is just south of Omaha in east-central Nebraska. The City is bounded by the Missouri River on the east, Omaha on the north and Offutt Air Force Base on the south.

highly-trained and educated workforce. Northrop Grumman, Lockheed Martin, and McCallie Associates are Bellevue's largest contractors concentrating on mission support contracts. “We are very fortunate to have a strong, community-minded defense industry thriving in Bellevue. The contractors located in the City appreciate its business climate as well as the community culture,” explains Megan A. Lucas, President & CEO of the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce.

Medical Sector Becoming City's Fastest Growing

Bellevue broke ground recently on their newest industry -- the medical sector. The community is enjoying a newly completed \$8 million Alegenat medical clinic and looking forward to the opening of the Bellevue Medical Center in 2010. The Center is a \$100 million capital investment in the community that will employ 500 people. “Bellevue is Nebraska's third largest city and we needed a hospital to serve our community and our future growth,” according to Bellevue Mayor Gary Mixan. He added, “it is exciting to watch the hospital being built.” The hospital will provide labor and delivery care, emergency care, inpatient and outpatient surgery, and intensive care. Facilities will



Bellevue's strategic location, high-tech labor pool, extensive telecommunications system, and urbanized infrastructure make it an ideal place for tech-centric companies like Northrop Grumman.



The Bellevue Medical Center is targeted to be the first LEED Certified hospital in the Midwest. It will have 100 private, inpatient beds. Future expansion will allow for an additional 100 beds. The Center will also serve as a teaching hospital and training facility for the Air Force physicians, including approximately 20 percent of the Air Force's staff of family practice physicians.

feature state-of-the-art diagnostic services and equipment, including a cardiac catheterization lab, radiology, lab testing, and pharmacy on the premises. The result of the recent growth of the medical sector is increasing interest in more medical office buildings – which are already in the planning stages. Bellevue's location on the Nebraska/Iowa border and growing population are factors driving the current medical trend.

State-of-the-Art Communications Capabilities

Bellevue's state-of-the-art communications capabilities is unmatched – served by digital central offices. The area is one of only a few in the country that is at the intersection of both east-west and north-south fiber optic networks. Dark fiber and dual power grids are two key reasons why businesses have been successful and safe.

Bellevue -- Home to Nebraska's fastest-growing University

Bellevue University is partnering with the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and Creighton University to establish the Great Plains National Security Education Consortium sponsored by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. The consortium is part of the Intelligence Community Centers of Academic Excellence program and will provide academic, research, cultural immersion, and outreach activities focused on national security-related topics to students with diverse interests and backgrounds. One central goal of

the consortium is to develop students who have the knowledge of international and cultural issues, proficiency in foreign languages and skills in research, analysis, and critical thinking required of professionals employed in the 16 federal agencies that make up the U.S. intelligence community.

The university offers graduate and undergraduate Security Management degree programs - the nation's largest. The degree programs are well-respected

in the industry, preparing students to be competitive candidates in this growing field. Under the Career Avenues Initiative, the Career Coaching Center provides information on career-relevant internship and employment opportunities for students and alumni. Earlier this year, four Bellevue University alumni were chosen by The Department of Defense to participate in its Palace Acquire Internship Program.

Nebraska -- A Pro-Business Tax Climate

Through the use of targeted business tax incentives, exemptions, and low taxes, the state offers a tax structure that is equitable to businesses and individuals. Nebraska's solid financial position is guaranteed by a state constitution that prohibits deficit financing. Several performance-based incentives allow firms to earn a series of tax credits, refunds, and exemptions for investment and new job creation. The economy also benefits from solid population and labor force growth as well as a growing industry mix.

To find out more information about relocating/expanding business operations to Bellevue, contact Megan A. Lucas at the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce at 402.898.3000 or www.BellevueNebraska.com. 🏡



Bellevue University is a world-class leader in adult learning. Nearly 50 undergraduate degree programs, 13 graduate degree programs and a Ph.D. in Human Capital Management are offered. The city's university and remarkable K-12 school system fuel a highly-skilled workforce.