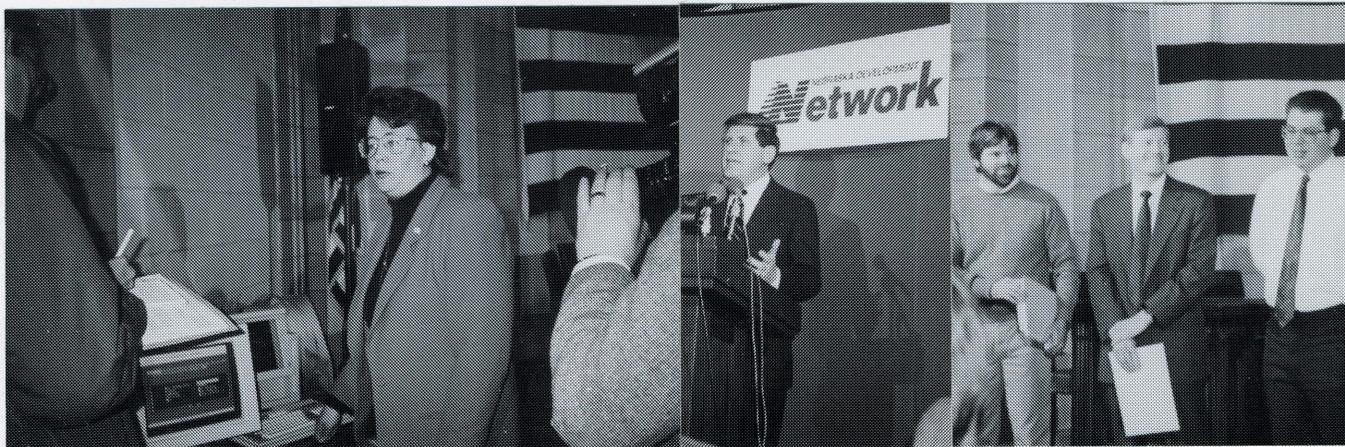


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Lt. Governor Maxine Moul (left) demonstrates Nebraska Online for the press after Governor Ben Nelson (middle) introduced the concept, and Library Commission staff (left to right), Vern Buis, Steve Jonas, and Dennis Klebe explained their role in development.

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Dear Nebraska Neighbors:

On January 27 I signed an executive order creating the Nebraska Development Network.

As a cooperative effort among public and private agencies around the state, the Network will bring together information and resources to help communities plan and sustain economic development. An outgrowth of the Rural Development Commission created last year by my very first executive order, the Network will work with communities to train community leaders, prepare strategic development plans and design economic development strategies to compete in the global economy.

It is important for the state to have an environment for communities and businesses to succeed in the changing economic world. The state also has a responsibility to use the resources available to help in that effort in the most effective ways possible. The Nebraska Development Network is intended to ensure that development resources statewide are working together with a common goal.

The Network will help communities focus public resources on effective efforts to create and improve the quality of the local business environment—labor, finance, business services, physical infrastructure, technology and effective government. Regional development groups will

help deliver programs developed by the Network to communities.

A key element in the Network's work with regional groups will be information sharing efforts through a program called *Nebraska Online*, a computer bulletin board maintained by the Nebraska Library Commission and accessible at public libraries and utility offices statewide.

Network participants will include eleven working groups to make recommendations on strategies on recruitment, development finance, human resource development, leadership development, international trade, ag/food processing, technology transfer, community development, start-up/existing business, information and one-stop assistance. Finally, the Network will help conduct the Community Academy to help provide information on leadership, community development and economic development.

All of this activity will be guided by Steve Buttress, Director of the Department of Economic Development and Lt. Governor Maxine Moul who chairs the Rural Development Commission.

By promoting community and regional teamwork and sharing information to develop leadership, we can make great progress building our communities and, in turn, building this One Nebraska. — Governor Ben Nelson

For more information about *Nebraska Online*, see pages 6 and 7.