

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION
FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Monday, June 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in the Gering City Hall at 1025 P Street, Gering, NE, the City of Gering will hold a public hearing concerning an application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”). This grant is available to local governments for community/economic development activities.

The City of Gering, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska (“Gering”) is proposing to provide a \$1,000,000 CDBG loan for direct assistance to fund the purchase of new equipment for Prime Metal Products, Inc., an existing company located at 220757 Highway 92 East in Gering, Nebraska (“the Company” or “Business”).

The project involves a \$2,000,000 expansion at Prime Metal Products Gering facility \$2,000,000 of which will be used to purchase new equipment and for operating capital. The City is applying for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of One Million Ten Thousand dollars (\$1,010,000) with Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) of that for grant administration. The One Million dollars in CDBG funding will be used by the company for the purchase of equipment and operating capital for their expansion into residential duct work this will be matched by an additional million dollars in equipment purchases and operating capital that will be funded by a \$500,000 loan from a local financial institution and \$500,000 in LB840 funds from the city of Scottsbluff. The city will conditionally grant the \$1,000,000 to Panhandle Regional Development, Inc., a non-profit development organization (“NDO”). The NDO will then utilize such conditionally granted CDBG funds to make a performance-based loan of \$1,000,000 to the business for the purchase of equipment associated with the expansion of the business at its Gering Nebraska facility (the “Project”). Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) of the One Million Dollar (\$1,000,000) performance-based loan will be forgiven after the Business satisfies a CDBG national objective. The project will include and additional \$1,800,000 in non-CDBG activities including loading dock improvements and other equipment purchase funded with non-CDBG funds.

The Company is a yellow label commercial sheet metal manufacturing business that specializes in the production of spiral pipe, square duct, and their associated fittings, as well as roof curbs and adaptors for new and replacement rooftops. The expansion will add residential ductwork to their product line. No chemical byproducts will be emitted in the manufacturing process. This funding will permit the Company to create 40 new full-time equivalent positions, with at least 51% of them to be held by or made available to Low to Moderate Income (“LMI”) persons. No displacement of businesses or individuals is expected to occur as result of this project.

The grant application will be available for public inspection at Gering City Hall. All interested parties are invited to attend this public hearing at which time you will have an opportunity to be heard regarding the grant application. Written and oral testimony will also be accepted at the public hearing scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Monday, June 13, 2022, at the Gering CityHall, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE 69341. Written comments addressed to Kathy Welfl, City Clerk at 1025 P Street, Gering, NE 69341 will be accepted if received on or before noon, Monday, June 13, 2022.

Individuals requiring physical or sensory accommodations including interpreter service, Braille, large print or recorded materials, please contact Kathy Welfl at 1025 P Street, (308) 436-5096, Gering, NE 69341 no later than noon, Monday June 6, 2022. Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and non-English speaking individuals provided that **seven (7) day** notice is received by the City of Gering.