

November 10, 2017

Mr. Patrick J. O'Donnell  
Clerk of the Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 2018  
Lincoln, NE 68509

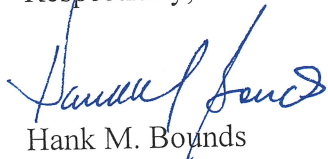
Dear Mr. O'Donnell:

Nebraska Revised Statute 85-119 requires the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska to report annually to the Legislature by December 1, information regarding ten measurements of progress for Nebraska Innovation Campus (NIC). The report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 is enclosed.

I am pleased to report that NIC received the "Emerging Research Park Award" at the 2017 Association of University Research Parks (AURP) International Conference. This award is presented to an emerging park that has been in operation less than 10 years and has excelled in bringing technology from the laboratory to economically viable business activities, thus promoting the growth of businesses, jobs, and public revenue. We were honored to be recognized by our peers in this way—a testament to the early success of NIC, made possible in part by the State's partnership and support.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at 402-472-8636.

Respectfully,



Hank M. Bounds  
President

HMB/pjb

Enclosures

**REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE**  
**Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 85-119**  
**Measurements regarding Nebraska Innovation Campus**  
**Reporting Year 2017**

Nebraska Innovation Campus Development Corporation (NICDC), through its board of directors, has a 25-year buildout goal for the completion of Nebraska Innovation Campus (NIC). NICDC is monitoring for on-time completion; and is currently reporting that NIC is slightly ahead of that development timeline. In fact, NIC is currently developing at a rate equal to or faster than the research parks listed for comparison in the University’s response to LR200<sup>1</sup>, all of which are more mature on their development timelines.

**Responses:**

**1. *Percentage of investments by state and university compared to private sector investments***

As of June 30, 2017, \$200 million has been invested at NIC. In addition to the private sector’s current \$75 million investment, NIC’s developer has begun construction of a \$16 million, 80,000 square foot building.

Private Sector	\$ 74,766	37.4%
State & University	<u>124,947</u>	62.6%
Total	\$ 199,712	

**2. *The number of square feet of construction***

As of June 30, 2017, NIC had 380,398 square feet of constructed space. Details regarding the available square footage is noted below. Vacant space is warm core and shell, and not finished. 0.7 percent of the total space is available for lease from the private developer. An additional 8.1 percent is available for sublease through the University.

(See summary on next page)

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.nebraskalegislature.gov/reports/lr200.php>

<b>Rentable Building Name</b>	<b>Total Square Feet</b>	<b>University</b>	<b>Conference Center</b>	<b>Private</b>	<b>Available UNL Sublease</b>	<b>UNL Subleases</b>	<b>Vacant UNL Sublease</b>	<b>Vacant Private</b>
Innovation Commons*	147,784	37,125	44,954	63,000				2,705
Food Innovation Center**	178,000	178,000			46,515	20,545	25,970	
Greenhouse Innovation Center**	45,950	45,950			7,760	2,880	4,880	
<b>Total</b>	<b>371,734</b>	<b>261,075</b>	<b>44,954</b>	<b>63,000</b>	<b>54,275</b>	<b>23,425</b>	<b>30,850</b>	<b>2,705</b>
<b>Non-Rentable Building Name</b>								
NUCorp-owned CRES Power Plant	8,664							
<b>Total</b>	<b>380,398</b>							

**Notes:**

\*Conference Center is owned by the University

\*\*Both buildings are master leased by the University with noted sublease space available to private companies

**3. The number of private sector companies located on NIC**

June 30, 2016	16 companies
June 30, 2017	19 companies

**4. The number of private sector jobs located on NIC**

NICDC engaged the UNL Bureau of Business Research to conduct a survey of University and private sector activities on NIC (“Tenant Survey”). The goal of the Tenant Survey is to provide more robust and independently verified data for this response without compromising proprietary information of NIC’s private sector partners. This is the second year of the survey; 93 percent of the private sector tenants completed the survey.

<b>Sector</b>	<b>Employment</b>			<b>Total</b>
	<b>Permanent</b>	<b>Student Interns</b>	<b>Other Temporary</b>	
Private	139	26	1	166
UNL	196	31	49	276
<b>Total</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>442</b>

**Source: Tenant Survey**

**5. *The amount private sector research funding to the University attributable to NIC***

For the years ending June 30, 2016 and 2017, the University reports the following sponsored research funding attributable to NIC and its sources.

	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2017
Private Donations/Research Projects at NIC	\$ 3,376,000	\$ 4,364,000
Federal	2,670,000	3,957,000
Industry	1,608,000	1,435,000
State Agencies	243,000	276,000
Universities	55,000	223,000
Associates/Foundations	82,000	215,000
Local & Area	54,000	128,000
<i>Subtotal</i>	<b>\$ 8,088,000</b>	<b>\$ 10,598,000</b>
Private sector services provided by the University	6,424,000	6,551,000
<i>Total</i>	<b>\$ 14,512,000</b>	<b>\$ 17,149,000</b>

All figures rounded to nearest thousands.

NOTE: An important component of UNL’s research mission is its research services to the private sector provided by the Food Processing Center and the Food Allergy Research and Resource Program; this activity is included above.  
**Source: UNL Office of Research & Economic Development**

**6. *The number of internships or other employment opportunities provided by private sector companies at NIC to University students***

Private sector companies reported the following in the Tenant Survey:

<u>Sector</u>	<u>Internships</u>
Private Sector	26
UNL	31
Total	57

**Source: Tenant Survey**

**7. *The percentage of facilities leased by private sector companies***

63,000	Private Leases
<u>23,425</u>	UNL Subleases
86,425	
326,780	Total Leased Space Available
<b>26.4%</b>	

**8. *The number of new businesses started or supported at NIC***

As of June 30, 2017, 17 new businesses have been started or supported at NIC.

**9. *The number of conferences and participants at NIC***

At the end of its second year of operation (May 1, 2017), UNL reported 219 conference days with a total of 37,730 participants.

**NICDC Board Members as of June 30, 2017**

**Private-Sector Members**

- Dana Bradford, CEO, Waitt Brands
- Tom Henning, Chairman, President, and CEO, Assurity Life Insurance Company
- Larry Miller, President, Phibro Animal Health
- Tonn Ostergard, President and CEO, Crete Carrier Corporation
- Matt Williams, Chairman, Gothenburg State Bank

**University Members**

- Michael Boehm, Harlan Vice Chancellor, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Nebraska
- Hank Bounds, President, University of Nebraska
- Daniel Duncan, Executive Director, Nebraska Innovation Campus (ex-officio)
- Steve Goddard, Interim Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Ronnie Green, Chancellor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

**Officers**

- Christine Jackson, NICDC Treasurer
- Kate Engel, NICDC Secretary
- Joel Pedersen, NICDC Legal Counsel

## APPENDIX A: Extended Bios of NICDC Directors and Officers

### Dana Bradford



#### *Current Business Involvement*

Dana serves as Executive Chairman of Waitt Brands, a global consumer brands platform he started in 2012. The consumer brands include Bobby Jones, Vorando, Sunice, Viking, and Battle.

In addition, Dana serves on the boards of Meritage Homes (NYSE: MTH), one of American's largest homebuilders, Southwest Value Partners, a San Diego based real estate company, and Customer Service Profiles, an Omaha based provider of customer satisfaction data and analytics.

#### *Past Business Involvement*

McCarthy Group: Dana served as a director of the board from 2005-2012, and served as President and Managing Partner of the private equity firm during the same period. From 1999-2005, he worked for the McCarthy organization in various positions.

#### *Community Involvement*

##### 2014/15 Community Involvement

Chairman	Metropolitan Entertainment & Convention Authority
Co-chair	Heartland 2050 – Regional Vision
Chairman	2015 Capital Campaign for the United Way of the Midlands
Director	Greater Omaha Chamber
Director	Nebraska Innovation Campus Development Corporation
Director	Seventy Five North
Governor	Knights of Aksarben Foundation
Advisor	Steven M. Gootter Foundation
Advisor	Aksarben Future Trust
Advisor	Robert B. Daugherty Foundation
Director	Children's Hospital & Medial Center
Member	Omaha Public Schools Strategic Planning Committee

#### *Past Board Service*

Dana served as chairman of the boards of SAFE Boats International, a Seattle based manufacturer of defense and emergency response boats and Vornado Air, a Wichita based consumer brands company.

Dana served on the board of Ballantyne (AMEX: BTN), a movie projector manufacturer; Guild Mortgage, a San Diego based full service mortgage company; NRG Media, a Cedar Rapids based broadcast network of radio stations; and Gold Circle Films, a Los Angeles based movie production company.

#### *Education*

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, University of Arizona  
Master of Business Administration, Creighton University



## **Tom Henning**

### ***Current Business Involvement***

Tom serves as Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Assurity Life Insurance Company. He holds the Chartered Life Insurance Underwriter, Chartered Financial Consultant, and Chartered Financial Analyst designations.

### ***Past Business Involvement***

Tom was President and CEO of Overland National Bank in Grand Island and President and COO of the National Bank of Commerce in Lincoln.

### ***Community Involvement***

Tom has been active in many civic organizations including past chair of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce and the University of Nebraska Foundation. Tom continues to serve on the Foundation's investment committee and its donor advisory board. He is chair of the Lincoln Chamber Economic Development Corporation, co-chair of the Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development, and on the steering committee of Lincoln's Vision group. Tom also serves on the Nebraska Innovation Campus Development Corporation. Tom was honored in 2015 to receive the Lincoln Chamber's Burnham Yates Citizenship Award. In 2016, he was inducted into the Nebraska Business Hall of Fame.

Tom is a member of the board of directors of Nelnet, the advisory board of Lincoln Industries, the board of directors of Great Western Bancorp, Inc., and the board of managers of Resourcing Edge, Inc. in Rockwell, Texas.

Tom and his wife Candy also operate Henning Farms, which is devoted to developing wildlife habitats.

### ***Past Community Involvement***

Tom has been active in a variety of industry groups including recent service as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Council of Life Insurers (ACLI). He also served a two-year term as chair of the ACLI Political Action Committee board. He currently serves on the board of the ACLI Forum 500 and received their Distinguished Service Award. He is a two-time, past president of the Nebraska Insurance Federation.

### ***Education***

Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Stonier Graduate School of Banking



## **Larry Miller**

### ***Current Business Involvement***

Larry serves as Chief Operating Officer of Phibro Animal Health Corporation.

### ***Past Business Involvement***

Larry joined Phibro as President in May 2008 and leads the business through transformational growth comprised of organic development and acquisitions. In 2014, he was a key part of the management team that launched the Phibro I.P.O. (NASDAQ: PAHC). Prior to joining Phibro in 2008, Larry spent 17 years with Schering-Plough Animal Health where he was most recently Vice President of the Intervet/Schering-Plough Global Ruminant business. Prior to this, Larry held numerous positions with SPAH including Vice President of the U.S. Cattle Business, General Manager of Australia and New Zealand operations, and he also led the product development and launch of Nuflor® florfenicol in the U.S. Prior to SPAH, Larry held various positions in sales and marketing management with American Cyanamid's Animal Health and Nutrition business.

### ***Education***

Bachelor of Science in Animal Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Executive Master of Business Administration, City University of New York, Baruch College





## **Tonn Ostergard**

### ***Current Business Involvement***

Tonn serves as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Crete Carrier Corporation, a privately owned Lincoln, Nebraska based transportation and logistics company. Crete Carrier, along with temperature controlled division Shaffer Trucking, and flat-bed subsidiary Hunt Transportation, employs over 6,000 associates with 19 terminal locations across the U.S. operating 5,000 power units and 13,000 trailers.

### ***Past Business Involvement***

Prior to joining Crete Carrier, Tonn spent five years in public accounting with KPMG. He also held the position of chairman of the Nebraska Trucking Association from 1995-1996, and currently serves as a member and director of the American Trucking Association and Truckload Carriers Association.

### ***Community Involvement***

In addition to his industry-related positions, Tonn currently serves on the Board of Directors of Union Bank and Trust Company, Ameritas Mutual Holding Company, and NEBCO, Inc. He was appointed by the Nebraska Legislature to serve on the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board.

### ***Past Community Involvement***

Tonn's past civic responsibilities include past chair of the University of Nebraska Foundation; chair of the UNL College of Business Capital Campaign; board member of vice chair of NICDC; past chairman and board member of St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center; past chair of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce; past director and past president of the UNL College of Business Administration Alumni Association; and alumnus of Leadership Lincoln. Tonn was honored in 1991 with the UNL College of Business's Alumni Leadership Award, and in 1994 was honored with the University of Nebraska Young Alumnus Award. He is also a member and past officer of the Young President's Organization.

### ***Education***

Bachelor of Science in Accounting, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Owner/President Management Program, Harvard Business School



## **Matt Williams**

### ***Current Business Involvement***

Matt serves as Chairman of Gothenburg State Bank, a \$145 million community bank located in Gothenburg, Nebraska. Matt is a fourth-generation banker and has been with his family owned bank since 1973.

Matt became a State Senator representing Legislative District 36 in 2015. He is vice chairman of the Banking, Commerce, and Insurance Committee, and serves on the Health and Human Services Committee and Legislative Planning Committee. He completed the Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development (BILLD) in 2015.

### ***Past Business Involvement***

Matt was chairman of the American Bankers Association (ABA) in 2012-2013, and also served on the ABA Board. He has been a member of the ABA Government Relations Council and has served as the ABA State Grassroots Coordinate for Nebraska. Matt was selected as one of 14 bankers from across the country to serve on the FDIC Advisory Committee for Community Banking. Matt was chairman of the Nebraska Bankers Association (NBA) in 2003-2004 and has served on many NBA committees.

### ***Community Involvement***

Matt serves as a University of Nebraska Foundation Trustee, UNL Ag Builder, and as a member of the UNL Finance Department Advisory Board. He is a past director of the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

### ***Past Community Involvement***

Matt has been heavily involved with economic development in Gothenburg and Dawson County, serving as chairman of the Gothenburg Improvement Company and president of the Gothenburg Area Chamber of Commerce. He has also served as a state director for the Tom and Nancy Osborne TeamMates mentoring program. Matt received the Alumni Achievement Award from UNL in 2013 and the ABA Ag Banker of the Year Award in 2014.

### ***Education***

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Juris Doctorate, University of Nebraska College of Law



## **Michael Boehm**

### ***Current Business Involvement***

Michael has served in the dual role of Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska, and Harlan Vice Chancellor for the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at UNL since January 1, 2017.

### ***Past Business Involvement***

Prior to serving in his current role, Michael was a professor of plant pathology and vice provost for academic and strategic planning at The Ohio State University. He was responsible for strategic planning for Ohio State's 15 colleges and six campuses; K-12 and community college partnerships; the University Libraries System, College of Public Affairs, and Office of Institutional Research and Planning; dean reappointment and academic unit reviews; integrated capital planning; and classroom readiness. He oversaw Ohio State's Discovery Themes initiative, a 10-year program to produce solutions to the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and served as co-lead for the Humanities and the Arts Discovery Themes.

In research, Michael is a recognized authority on the integrated management of turfgrass diseases with an emphasis on *Sclerotinia homoeocarpa*, the casual agent of dollar spot, and integrated management of Fusarium head blight of wheat and barley. Publications include 32 peer-reviewed articles, six edited book chapters, six U.S. patents (two of which have been licensed and are moving towards commercialization), and nearly 100 abstracts, reviews, and proceedings papers. Michael has secured nearly \$1.5 million in extramural funding (industry and federal grants), and advised 15 M.S. and Ph.D. students and postdoctoral researchers.

Mike also was a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve for 10 years, serving as a microbiologist; he served 10 years as a Staff Sargent in the U.S. Army Reserve.

### ***Past Community Involvement***

In 2013, Michael was president of the American Phytopathological Society

### ***Education***

Bachelor of Science in Biology, Heidelberg University  
Master of Science in Plant Pathology, The Ohio State University  
Doctor of Philosophy in Plant Pathology, The Ohio State University



## **Hank Bounds**

### ***Current Business Involvement***

Hank serves as the seventh president of the University of Nebraska. He also holds a faculty appointment in the College of Education and Human Sciences at UNL, and courtesy faculty appointments in the College of Education at UNO and UNK.

### ***Past Business Involvement***

Prior to joining the University of Nebraska, Hank served as Mississippi's commissioner of higher education. In this role, he led a system of eight public universities with 85,000 students, 26,000 faculty and staff, and an annual budget of \$4.5 million.

Hank was also state superintendent of education in Mississippi. In this role, he oversaw an annual student enrollment of 495,000 students, an operating budget of over \$4.3 billion, and staff numbering 62,000.

### ***Community Involvement***

Hank currently serves on the board of directors for several organizations, including the National Association of System Heads (NASH), the Robert B. Daugherty Global Water for Food Institute, the Nebraska Advanced Manufacturing Coalition, and the Consultation Committee for the U.S. Strategic Command. He is also on the Board of Governors for the Knights of AKSARBEN.

### ***Past Community Involvement***

In 2011, Hank was asked by the business community to chair Blueprint Mississippi, a statewide initiative to bring together diverse viewpoints and create an action strategy for putting Mississippi in the place of greatest opportunity. The collaborative effort was funded by the private sector in cooperation with the Mississippi Economic Council, Mississippi Partnership for Economic Development, and Momentum Mississippi.

### ***Education***

Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education, University of Southern Mississippi  
Master of Educational Administration, University of Southern Mississippi  
Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Leadership, University of Mississippi



## **Daniel Duncan**

### ***Current Business Involvement***

Dan has served as Executive Director of the Nebraska Innovation Campus Development Corporation since October 1, 2011.

### ***Past Business Involvement***

In 1987, Dan accepted the position of Operations Manager at the UNL Panhandle Research and Extension Center in Scottsbluff. In 1991, he was named Director of the UNL Agricultural Research and Development Center near Mead. On August 1, 2004, he was named an Assistant Director of the Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station on a part-time basis. In February 2008, Dan moved into the position of Assistant Dean and Assistant Director of the UNL Agricultural Research Division.

### ***Community Involvement***

Dan is a LEAD VII Fellow. He is also a member of the Nebraska Hall of Ag Achievement and the Ag Builders of Nebraska.

### ***Education***

Bachelor of Science in Animal Science and Agronomy, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Master of Science in Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, University of Nebraska-Lincoln



## **Steve Goddard**

### ***Current Business Involvement***

Steve is currently serving as Interim Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development at UNL. He is also the John E. Olsson Professor of Computer Science and Engineering.

### ***Past Business Involvement***

Prior to his current appointment, Steve served as an Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and as Chair of the Computer Science and Engineering.

He joined the UNL faculty in 1998. Prior to his faculty appointment, Steve worked in the computer industry for 13 years, including nine years as president of his own company.

### ***Education***

Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science and Mathematics, University of Minnesota, Duluth  
Master of Science in Computer Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



## **Ronnie Green**

### ***Current Business Involvement***

Ronnie was appointed as UNL's 20<sup>th</sup> chancellor on May 8, 2016.

### ***Past Business Involvement***

Prior to being named chancellor, Ronnie served for six years as the Harlan Vice Chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources. In this role, he also jointly served as the University of Nebraska Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources. From 2015-2016, Ronnie also served as UNL's Senior Vice Chancellor for

Academic Affairs, the institution's chief academic officer.

Ronnie has served on the animal science faculties of Texas Tech University and Colorado State University; he also served as the national program leader for the USDA's Agricultural Research Service. In addition, he has served as executive secretary of the White House's interagency working group on animal genomics within the National Science and Technology council where he was one of the principal leaders in the international bovine, porcine, and ovine genome sequencing projects. Prior to returning to NU, Ronnie served as senior global director of technical services for Pfizer Animal Health's animal genomics business.

### ***Past Community Involvement***

Ronnie is a past-president of both the American Society of Animal Science (ASAS) and the National Block and Bridle Club, and has served in a number of leadership positions for the U.S. Beef Improvement Federation, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, National Pork Board, Federated Animal Science Societies, and the National Research Council. In 2014, he was named a fellow of ASAS, and in 2015, he was named a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the world's largest general scientific society.

### ***Education***

Bachelor of Science in Animal Science, Virginia Tech  
Master of Science in Animal Science, Colorado State University  
Doctor of Philosophy in Animal Breeding and Genetics, University of Nebraska-Lincoln



## **Christine Jackson, NICDC Treasurer**

### ***Current Business Involvement***

Christine serves as the UNL Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance. She is responsible for facilities construction and management, accounting, audit, human resources, security, and auxiliary business services.

### ***Past Business Involvement***

Prior to her appointment at UNL in 2000, Christine held chief financial positions at Cleveland State University and Oklahoma State University. In addition, her background includes financial positions at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, University of Southern California, and Hope College.

### ***Community Involvement***

Christine serves on the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) organization, NCAA Professional Development Advisory Committee, NACUBO Awards Council, and is program coordinator for the Central Association of College and University Business Officers (CACUBO) RCB Capital Markets Best Practices Program.

### ***Past Community Involvement***

Christine has served on the NACUBO board of directors, was former chair of the Council of Business Officers of the National Association of State and Land Grant Colleges and Universities, and was past president of CACUBO, and president of the Ohio Association of College and University Business Officers.

### ***Education***

Bachelor's degree, Hope College  
Master of Business Administration, Western Michigan University





## **Kate Engel, NICDC Secretary**

### ***Current Business Involvement***

Kate serves as Director of Communication and Culture for NIC. In this role, Kate is responsible for developing and implementing programs for NIC to create a culture that encourages collaboration and partnerships between NIC, the university, and the community. NIC programs are focused on creating opportunities for people with different skill sets to meet and socialize—a critical aspect in developing a culture on NIC that embraces and sparks innovation.

### ***Community Involvement***

Leadership Lincoln Fellows XXXII Class  
City of Lincoln, NE Telecommunications/Cable Television Advisory Board  
University Association of Administrative Development (UAAD) Board  
Camp Summergold Board of Directors

### ***Education***

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Nebraska Wesleyan University  
Master of Arts in Management, Doane University  
*In progress:* Doctor of Philosophy in Human Sciences, University of Nebraska-Lincoln



## **Joel Pedersen, NICDC Legal Counsel**

### ***Current Business Involvement***

Joel serves as Vice President and General Counsel for the University of Nebraska. In this role, Joel is the chief legal officer of the four-campus university and a member of its senior administrative leadership. Joel leads a group of attorneys and professional staff, providing a wide array of legal services, advice, and representation to the university community.

Joel was an incorporator and legal counsel for two university related public-private partnerships: the University Community Facility Development Corporation (owner's representative for the Baxter Arena at UNO) and the Cancer Center Development Corporation (owner's representative for the Fred and Pamela Buffett Cancer Center at UNMC). Joel represented the university in concluding the system integration agreement that formed Nebraska Medicine. He also serves as legal counsel for the University Technology Development Corporation and its research and industry partnering subsidiaries.

### ***Past Business Involvement***

Prior to his appointment as General Counsel, Joel was an Associate General Counsel for the University beginning in 2006, and worked on a broad range of initiatives, real estate transactions, construction contracts, and environmental law, including advising on compliance and removal actions at the Agricultural Research and Development Center (ARDC) Mead Superfund site. He served as legal counsel to the Joint Antelope Valley Authority (JAVA), the administrative entity created by the University, City of Lincoln, and Lower Platte South Natural Resources District to oversee the Antelope Valley Project in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Joel spent the previous 18 years as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Lincoln. He was lead counsel for the city in multiple civil litigation matters, including appellate practice before the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court of Nebraska. He was legal counsel for the City/County Health Board and also represented the city in a number of complex redevelopment projects involving tax increment financing, infrastructure, real estate acquisitions, and environmental compliance. Joel helped negotiate and create the public-private partnership that resulted in Haymarket Park, an athletic complex that is home to the UNL baseball and softball teams, as well as the Lincoln Saltdogs.

### ***Community Involvement***

Joel is a member of the Nebraska Bar Association (NSBA) and is admitted to practice in Nebraska and the Federal District Courts in Nebraska. He is a member of the National Association of College and University Attorneys (NACUA), serves on the executive committee of the Corporate Counsel section of the NSBA, and is a Master of the Bar in the Robert Van Pelt American Inns of Court.

### ***Education***

Bachelor of Arts in English, South Dakota State University  
Juris Doctorate, University of Nebraska College of Law