

that we can do everything in our power to make sure that these offices have some success to accomplish what I think most of you thought an economic development office out in the field ought to do. Now again, consider \$57,000 out in the field office and what you are going to accomplish if, in fact, a particular community has that office and thinks that person is going to sit there and recruit business and activity for that specific community then what we have got is four offices helping four communities and not helping statewide as we are. The Business Development Center, and I can speak specifically of my experience with the one in Wayne and I am somewhat familiar with the others in the other four institutions that have been active for about ten years. This was a model project put together by the federal government about ten years ago. It is now being used across the country. These projects have been very helpful. And, are these site specific relative to the communities they are in? No, they are servicing a very, very broad range. In fact, Chadron basically probably does as much or more work in the Scottsbluff area as they do in Chadron. They have been out there for ten years. They have a backlog of information. They work hand in hand with DED. This is not an attempt to bash DED, as I think I was accused of prior to the reconsideration motion. I support DED. DED has a very specific purpose and that is basically to administer the Economic Development plans that are in place that we put in place and the tools that we give them to use. The NBDC centers use the federal government and a lot of the activities there through the Small Business Administration, the Small Business Institute, all the activities that are there as well as then dovetail into the state DED plan. When a typical case comes, and I have got a typical small business start up, and I will use Coleridge, Nebraska, for instance, as I believe the NBDC Center worked on a project up there not long ago, as those kinds of projects come to us we immediately contact DED and we have to call a field officer from Lincoln to drive out to northeast Nebraska to work with a community that has already worked with us in terms of that initial development. There is an ongoing strong working relationship that is, one, has to be there and, two, I think it would even be stronger if physically that person is located in a situation where he had the resources, where he had the communication, where he had the familiarity with the various consultants and the directors of the NBDC centers to accomplish the tasks that are there. I think that \$235,000 might accomplish something. I think if we take that \$235,000 and it becomes politically motivated in terms of where it is located, if it becomes a situation where that