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Scholarly Engagement & Research Partnerships at UNO: Nebraska Benefits

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ABSTRACT
How do you bring to life a College’s mission that includes helping the community solve important problems?

TWO ENTITIES = ONE PARTNERSHIP

NEBRASKA STATE & LOCAL FINANCE LAB
- Provides new opportunities for other skilled researchers to engage in Nebraska public finance and economic development projects.
- Serves as a conduit for developing relationships with state authorities.

CENTER FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS RESEARCH (CPAR)
- Serves as a research and community outreach unit.
- Excites collaboration between state and local government throughout the region.
- Helps economic development groups or nonprofit organizations better analyze its data.

COLLABORATION OUTCOMES
- The Lab has produced 3 reports and 1 academic publication (under review).
- Information shared with organizations in Nebraska counties, municipalities and single-purpose districts.
- Has been contacted by local media to comment on budgeting matters.
- Recent meeting with the Director of the Nebraska Counties Association for outreach/training efforts.
- Presented to the Nebraska State Legislative Planning Committee.
- Working with CPAR Partners on data visualization projects.

THE COLLABORATION
The Lab obtained local finance data and worked with CPAR on supplementing those data with U.S. Census data.