Business Interests

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Linda Sutton (middle), business consultant for the North Central Kansas Small Business Development Center accepts a $25,000 business development grant check from Phil Gilliland, CEO The Citizens National Bank, member of the FHLBank which awarded the grant. Donna Barrett, CloudCorp executive assistant, looks on. (Blade photo by Jessica LeDuc)

Citizens National receives grant

The Citizens National Bank has received a $25,000 business development grant to fund operations and activities completed by the North Central Kansas Small Business Development Center (NCK SBDC). FHLBank, a wholesale financial institution of which The Citizens National Bank is a member, awarded the grant through its Joint Opportunities for Building Success (JOBS) program. JOBS helps financial institutions throughout Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma promote jobs and economic growth in their communities.

The NCK SBDC Outreach Center, located at the CloudCorp/Concordia Area Chamber of Commerce office, provides free and confidential one-on-one consultation to small businesses and entrepreneurs. The Center also holds several seminars for job training and development and employs one full-time consultant.

Approximately 100 jobs are created each year and 150 jobs are retained through the businesses NCK SBDC supports. JOBS funds will be used to keep the Center in operation through December 2011.

FHL Bank Topeka is one of 12 wholesale banks nationwide that provide liquidity and various programs that help community financial institutions meet the residential housing finance and economic development needs of their communities. FHL serves more than 870 members throughout Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma.