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By the Numbers Past 20 Years

504 loans have added 19,030 jobs to the NE economy

$519 million in financing to help NE small businesses

914 entrepreneurs in NE have benefited from program

A Sample of NE 504 Borrowers

The Paw Spa Pet Resort
Control Systems, Inc.
Upstream Brewing Company, West Omaha
City Clock Company

Source: U.S. Small Business Administration

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3 Jobs Created/Retained $145,000 Nebraska Economic Development Corporation

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National Association of Development Companies

CDCs Located In NE
Community Development Resources
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American Agricultural Lab (formerly Olsen’s Laboratory, Inc.) is an independent commercial laboratory based in McCook, Nebraska. It has been providing lab testing that specializes in the analysis of soil, plant, livestock feed, fat, water, fertilizer, manure, sludge, compost, seed and wastewater for the past 38 years. Over that time, American Agricultural Laboratory’s client base has grown from the west central part of the United States, to the entire United States area, Mexico, and Canada. As the demand worldwide for food increases, the services they provide continue to grow in importance.

The current owners, Kevin and Christine Grooms purchased the business in 2007. In 2015, they decided to work with NEDCO to utilize a SBA 504 loan. This loan was used to purchase a new building and conduct the necessary renovations to make the space work for their business functions. Now, with the new facility, they are can continue growing and providing quality jobs and services to the community.