

## **Cheryl A. Burkhart-Kriesel, University of Nebraska**

Since 2001 Dr. Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel has been an Extension faculty member of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln specializing in rural small business and entrepreneurship development. She brings to the position over 25 years of adult education experience in both the private and public sector. One of her areas of research has been new rural resident recruitment and retention. In 2006 and again in 2008 she was a co- principal investigator on two USDA rural development grants directed at this issue. Currently she is working with team members from South and North Dakota, along with Nebraska to look at ways rural communities can better market themselves to new residents. Dr. Burkhart-Kriesel has served on the regional and statewide Nebraska Workforce Investment Board, and is currently on the Panhandle Resource Conservation and Development Board and vice chair of the South Platte Natural Resources District.