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Deborah Markley, PhD, pens chapter in *An Introduction to Community Development*

Lincoln, NE – Deborah Markley, co-founder and managing director of The Center for Rural Entrepreneurship, has co-written a chapter in a popular college textbook on community development titled *An Introduction to Community Development*. Markley, along with John Gruidl, Professor, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, Western Illinois University, wrote Chapter 17, “Entrepreneurship as a Community Development Strategy.” The second edition of the textbook was released November 2014 and is edited by Rhonda Phillips and Robert H. Pittman.

The chapter covers the fundamentals of building a culture of entrepreneurship in a community, with examples from the authors’ years of experience working with communities across rural America. The book contains a total of 25 chapters all penned by authors like Markley who have hands-on and practical experience with community development and planning.

An Introduction to Community Development is available to order through Amazon.com. For more information about the contents of Chapter 17, “Entrepreneurship as a Community Development Strategy” or to interview the authors, please contact Ann Chaffin, ann@e2mail.org. We also encourage you to look at the Center’s online [e2 University](http://e2university.org) resources that expand on the introductory content shared in this chapter.

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