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PRESS RELEASE

City of Abilene Updates Economic Development Website

November 9, 2012 - In an on-going effort to develop an economic development-centered focus on its website, the City of Abilene, Kansas recently completed an initial overhaul of the economic development and business-related information that is available on its website. The website now features a more user-friendly organization of the "Doing Business" section of the website that will make it easier for entrepreneurs and businesses to locate information that is of value to them.

The "Doing Business" section of the website now contains information to help business owners make decisions such as:

- Local and regional economic news;
- Local economic indicators;
- Publications and studies;
- Business assistance programs;
- Enhanced Sites and Buildings marketing;
- State and local development incentives;
- Licenses and permits; and
- Residential development information.

City Manager David Dillner said, "The City wanted to open the door to potential opportunities and one of the best ways to do this is to improve the availability of relevant information to entrepreneurs and businesses. Websites are an important tool in an economic development strategy because people get their information from the Internet. Making our website business-friendly is a continuous process that will enable the City to better communicate with existing businesses and potential opportunities."

As part of an on-going effort to improve its economic development strategy, the City will continue to research new information to publish its website that will be of value to the business community.

The City's economic development information may be easily found online at: www.abilenecityhall.com/ecodevo. Questions regarding the City's economic development efforts may be directed to City Manager David Dillner at (785) 263-2550.

The City of Abilene, Kansas is a city of the second class located approximately 45 miles west of Manhattan, Kansas and about 20 miles east of Salina, Kansas on Interstate 70 with a current population of 6,856. The City serves as the county seat for Dickinson County, Kansas and was incorporated in 1869. The City's governance structure is the Commission-Manager form of government. A five member City Commission oversees the policies and strategic direction of the community. The City Commission elects one of their members to serve as mayor each year. The City Commission appoints a City Manager who serves at the pleasure of the City Commission and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the City. The City provides public services including law enforcement, fire protection, parks and recreation services, community and economic development, street maintenance, and water and sewer utilities.

