Nebraska Essential Functions (NE-EFs): The below essential functions represent the broad strategic level responsibilities of Nebraska’s State Government. The NE-EF’s support the eight National Essential Functions, and are utilized as a framework to lead and sustain the State and shall be the primary focus of the State Government’s leadership during and in the aftermath of an emergency.

NE-EF 1: **Maintain Continuity of Government.** Focus: Ensure the continued functioning of critical government leadership elements, including: succession to key offices; organizational communications; leadership and management operations; situational awareness; personnel accountability; and functional and judicial organizations (as necessary).

NE-EF 2: **Provide Visible Leadership.** Focus: Visible demonstration of leaders effectively dealing with a crisis and leading response efforts.

STEFF 3: **Support and** **Defend the Constitution of Nebraska**. Focus: Support and Defend the Constitution of the State of Nebraska.

NE-EF 4: **Maintain Effective Relationship with Neighbors and Partners.** Focus: Maintain external relationships and agreements and facilitate information sharing among federal, state, local and tribal governments, and private sector and non-profit partners.

NE-EF 5: **Maintain Law and Order.** Focus: Maintain civil order and public safety (protection people and property, and the rule of law), by ensuring basic civil rights, preventing crime, and protection critical infrastructure.

NE-EF 6: **Ensure Availability of Emergency Services.** Focus: Provide and/or assist local and tribal governments in providing critical emergency management, police, fire, ambulance, medical, search and rescue, hazmat, shelters, emergency food services, recovery operations, etc.

NE-EF 7: **Maintain Economic Stability.** Focus: Manage the overall economy of the State of Nebraska by managing the State’s finances and ensuring pecuniary solvency.

NE-EF 8: **Ensure the Availability of Basic Essential Services.** Focus: Provide and/or assist in the provision of basic services, including water, power, health care, communications, transportation services, sanitation services, environmental protection, and commerce, etc. These are services that must continue or be restored quickly to provide for basic needs.