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Deadline nears for state quarter design submissions

LINCOLN – Time is running out for submitting design ideas for Nebraska’s commemorative quarter.

Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale, chairman of the Nebraska State Quarter Design Committee, issued a reminder that designs need to be submitted to the secretary of state’s office with a postmark no later than May 1.

“We would still like to get more design ideas,” Gale said. The committee plans to review all the submissions and then submit five design concepts to the U.S. Mint by a Sept. 30 deadline, he said.

The Mint will then produce original artwork of the concepts, focusing on aesthetics, historical accuracy, appropriateness and the ability to coin the concept. Gov. Mike Johanns will pick the final design.

“We want Gov. Johanns to have some outstanding designs to choose from that will catch the attention of America and point to a proud heritage and lasting legacy by which Nebraskans will be known,” Gale said.

Citizens can submit their design ideas in artistic or narrative form. For more information about the design process or to obtain a submission form, call (402) 471-6044, e-mail shambek@nol.org or go to the website, www.sos.state.ne.us.

As of early April, about 2,200 design submissions had been received. Many students have submitted designs, and entire classes have sent 20 to 30 at a time. Popular concepts have included agriculture (past and present), the state outline, Chimney Rock, the State Capitol and Sower, wildlife/cranes and Native Americans/early Nebraska.

The Nebraska quarter is scheduled for release in March 2006, around Nebraska’s 139th statehood birthday of March 1.

The next meeting of the Nebraska State Quarter Design Committee is set for 9:30 a.m. May 7 in Room 1525 of the State Capitol.

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