

The Weekly Connection is coming to you a few days early because of the America's SBDC Annual Conference in San Francisco. To see more details check out the last item in today's Weekly Connection.



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SBDC's In The News

America's SBDC Network will be celebrating a remarkable record of outstanding service to small businesses and entrepreneurs throughout the country when the organization celebrates its 35th Anniversary Celebration at the National Conference in San Francisco next week. **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO AMERICA'S SBDCs !!!**

Maximizing Neoserra – Training Webinar 9/16/15

Join the Illinois SBDC and ITC at ICNC for the first ever ICNC Incubator Open House. With 416,000 sq. ft. across four buildings and over 100 resident small businesses, ICNC is one of the oldest and largest incubators in the country. The businesses in the incubator will be opening their doors to showcase their products and services. They include food producers, coffee roasters and beverage distillers, beauty product creators, light manufacturers, photographers, and more. You will be able to tour the businesses at your own pace or join one of our scheduled tours. ICNC will also be hosting a BBQ on the dock for networking and socializing. **Thursday, September 24, 2015 - 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM – [320 N. Damen Ave - Chicago](#) [RSVP Required](#)**

[Business Smart Toolkit Launched to Elevate Entrepreneurship](#)

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and the National Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders (NAGGL) released a ready-to-use [Business Smart Toolkit](#) that equips faith-based and community organizations with tools and workshops to help new and aspiring entrepreneurs launch and build credit-ready businesses. [Read full press release here.](#)

[America's SBDC Network Conference Newsletter](#)

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access the special issue of [America's SBDC Network Conference Newsletter](#). In this edition you will information about the upcoming America's SBDCs Annual Conference, "Gateway to Small Business Success" including a link to the Orientation Program and information on the many Conference Sponsors. Check it out!

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