



Illinois State Microenterprise Initiative

"Great Ideas in Microenterprise"

... A spotlight on innovative small business programs in Illinois

Friday, April 21, 2006 ... 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Note new location

Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL

Our three panels focus on **Improving Your Programming**, **Improving Your Organization** and **Improving Your Community**.

Improving Your Programming panel discussion focuses on a variety of programs throughout Illinois that address assistance in entrepreneurship -

MarketMaker—an innovative on-line approach for obtaining marketing data

Going Solo—computer-assisted on-line entrepreneurship training

Chicago Community Ventures—a non-profit venture capital firm that promotes entrepreneurship in the Chicago area

Fox Valley Micro Loan Fund—a revamped micro loan program that lends in the Western suburbs

Improving Your Organization Learn from Harry Pestine of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and Dr. Michael Perez of the Academy for Non-Profit Excellence on training and educational programs for non-profit manager, fundraising opportunities and new CRA regulations.

Improving Your Community Why do we help others become successful entrepreneurs? Usually it is to improve the entire community, not just one entrepreneur. Duman Microenterprise Center & Loan Fund and the IL Institute for Rural Affairs will discuss rural, immigrant and Hispanic entrepreneurship and how micro-lending positively affects those communities.

Schedule

8:30 — 9:00 AM — Registration

9:00 — 9:15 AM — Opening Remarks

9:15 — 11:45 AM — Improving Your Programming

11:45 AM — 1:00 PM — Lunch

1:00 — 2:00 PM — Improving Your Organization

2:00 — 2:30 PM — Sponsor Highlight and Break

2:30 — 3:30 PM — Improving Your Community

3:30 — 4:00 PM — Sponsor Highlight and Wrap-Up

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Directions to Federal Reserve of Chicago

230 South LaSalle 3rd Floor, Chicago

I-88E becomes Eisenhower Expy E/I-290E which becomes W. Congress Pkwy. Take Wacker Dr/Franklin St exit. Take Franklin St ramp slight right onto S Franklin St. Right onto W Jackson Blvd, left onto S LaSalle St.

I-55 N Take I-90W / Ryan Expy/ I-94 W Exit 292A. Merge onto Dan Ryan Expy W/ I-90 W/ I-94 W Exit 53A. Take the I-290 W /Eisenhower Expy Ext 51H toward West Suburbs/ Congress Pkwy/Chicago Loop. Eisenhower Expy E/I-290E becomes W Congress Pkwy. Take Wacker Dr/Franklin St exit. Franklin St. ramp slight right onto S. Franklin St., Right onto W Jackson Blvd, left onto S LaSalle St.

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Our Presenters

Darlene Knipe, Extension Specialist, Marketing & Business Development
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Stephen Maduli-Williams, President
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Dr. Christopher Merrett, Director
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Dr. Michael Perez, Associate Director of Business Professional and
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