



Please take a moment to view our weekly update to keep current on the exciting happenings around the Upper Peninsula.

Hiawatha National Forest Brings \$4.9 Million to U.P.



Hiawatha National Forest Supervisor, Tom Schmidt, recently announced that numerous projects will be funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for road maintenance and decommissioning and associated watershed restoration that were first announced by U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary, Tom Vilsack, on June 2, 2009. Agency-wide, there are 106 projects funded at more than \$228 million and located on Forest Service land in 31 states.

In his announcement earlier this month, Vilsack said, "These road maintenance projects will provide for public health and safety." Vick added, "The rehabilitation of roads will improve water quality by reducing sediment in nearby streams and help to restore natural resources and habitat for fish in areas impacted by deterioration and erosion of road surfaces."



The Michigan Non-Entitlement Community Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant Workshop



The Michigan Bureau of Energy Systems (BES), a division of the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth, will conduct local government workshops at four locations across the state for non-entitlement* cities, townships and counties to discuss the Energy Efficiency and

Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009 (ARRA).

These workshops will inform participants of EECBG funding opportunities, program objectives, the application process & timelines and will afford opportunity for questions & answers.

BES staff, together with partner organizations, encourage all non-

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Upcoming Events

July 9, 2009 Understanding GSA & How to Market Your GSA Contract

M-TEC at Bay College
EsCANABA, MI
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July 15, 2009 Diversifying Michigan Manufacturers

Traverse City
231.995.7105
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July 23, 2009 MEDC UP Small Business Regional Forum

Bay College
EsCANABA, MI
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July 28, 2009 Government Contracting for Small Business "Maximizing Bid Match"

Forward Financial
Iron Mountain, MI

entitlement cities, townships and counties to attend.

Workshop Date and Location for the Upper Peninsula:

Monday, July 20, 2009
9:00am - 2:30pm
Escanaba City Council Chambers
410 Ludington Street
Escanaba, MI 49829

Register at www.michigan.gov/energyoffice.

For those non-entitlement communities that cannot attend on the above date, the state will hold a one-time webcast with the same agenda as the regional workshops. Registration for this event will also be at the link above.

*Non-entitlement communities are any incorporated city, township or county government that did not receive a federal EECBG allocation under the funding opportunity announcement-DE-FOA-0000013 and is listed in the U.S. Census report of estimated population of MI cities & townships by county, 2000-2007

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August 26, 2009
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September 3, 2009
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Our vision is to create and maintain a healthy and growing economy with a local workforce that has the knowledge, skills and abilities to enable local employers to compete and succeed in a global and technologically sophisticated market place.

Thank you for your continued support of economic and workforce development efforts throughout our region.

Sincerely,

Orrin Bailey
Michigan Works! The Job Force Board

2009 Upper Great Lakes Economic & Workforce Development Summit

Save the Date! September 16, 2009

Economic and Workforce Development Summit

9:00 AM – 3:30 PM EST
NMU Great Lakes Rooms, Marquette, MI
Agenda and Program to Follow –
More Information Soon at www.jobforce.org

Here is what last year's participants had to say:

“Every year I leave the Summit renewed & re-charged!”

“Great event! Informative, relevant and inspiring!”

Lodging:
A block of rooms are reserved at the Country Inn & Suites (906-225-1300), Ramada Inn (906-228-6000) and the Landmark Inn (906-228-2580).

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