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

**Businesses...Mark Your Calendar
for Wednesday, August 26th**



**Selling to the State of Michigan
August 26, 2009
Video Conference**

Michigan Works! Service Center
1498 O'Dovero Drive
Marquette, MI 49855

REGISTRATION IS FREE OF CHARGE!

The State of Michigan has a contract portfolio over \$19 billion. Buy Michigan First provides an outstanding opportunity for small businesses and vendors to learn about selling to the State of Michigan.

To register, please contact Trisha DeGrand at 906.789.0558 x.231 tdegrand@jobforce.org today!
[Click here](#) to learn more about Buy Michigan First.

**Medical Assistant, Radiography Programs New
this Fall**



The Finlandia University College of Health Sciences will offer two new associate of applied science (ASS) degree programs starting in the Fall 2009 semester: Medical Assistant and Radiography.

The U.S Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that job opportunities for medical assistants will grow much faster than average over the 2006-16 decade, particularly for those with formal training or experience and certification. Employment of medical assistants is expected to grow 35% from 2006 to 2016. Employment of radiologic technologists is expected to increase by about 15% from 2006 to 2016. Both statistics show much faster growth than the average for all occupations, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Students may apply for the Radiography and Medical Assistant associate degree programs any time. Visit www.finlandia.edu to apply free on-line or download and print an application.

Please contact Finlandia University Admissions at 877.202.5491 or the College of Health Sciences at 906.487.7305 for complete program and admissions information.

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Upcoming Events

**August 26, 2009
Buy Michigan First**
Michigan Works! Service
Center
Marquette, MI
For More Information
Contact
800.562.4808 x231

**September 3, 2009
Government Contracting
for Small Business**
"Understanding the Bid"
Michigan Works! Service
Center
Houghton, MI
For More Information
Contact
800.562.4808 x231

Blogging 101 Workshop Tomorrow!



James Anderson III, Director of Quality Assurance for Michigan Works! The Job Force Board, will be instructing a blogging workshop at The E Loft in Marquette on Wednesday, August 19th from 8:30 - 9:30am.

He will discuss how to use, set-up, and run a blog for business purposes (marketing, building expertise, talent recruitment).

This workshop is free of charge for all who are interested. Come as you are. If you have access to a laptop, E Loft staff will be available following the session to assist interested participants in starting a blog.

The E Loft™ is a business center in Marquette, Michigan, created for entrepreneurs by entrepreneurs. A place to go, grow and generate business dreams. Visit www.theeloft.com/ for more information.

September 16, 2009
Upper Great Lakes
Economic and Workforce
Development Summit
NMU Great Lakes Rooms
Marquette, MI
For More Information
Visit
www.jobforce.org

September 17, 2009
IT in the UP
M-TEC at Bay College
Escanaba, MI
For More Information
Contact
906.789.6902

September 30, 2009
13th Annual Education
Legislative Summit
Northern Michigan University
Marquette, MI
For More Information
Contact
906.226.5100

October 23, 2009
5th Annual UP Non Profit
Conference
Northern Michigan University
For More Information
Contact
Ann Gonyea
906.228.8919

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:

“**E**very year
I leave the Summit
renewed & re-charged!”

“**G**reat 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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Auxiliary Aids and Services Available to Individuals with Disabilities upon Request.

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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

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