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

Stabenow, Levin Announce Nearly \$450,000 for Clean Energy Innovation

U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin announced that Michigan small businesses will receive \$448,032 in grants from the United States Department of Energy for the research, development and deployment of clean energy technologies. The grants are funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and will be divided among three Michigan small advanced technology firms.



"As we pave the way for Michigan's clean energy future, we must not forget our small businesses," said Stabenow. "Small businesses provide jobs to thousands of Michigan workers and are vital to our economic prosperity. This funding will provide these companies with much-needed capital in order to invest in new innovative technologies during these difficult economic times."



"These grants are good news for Michigan workers, Michigan companies and our clean-energy future," Levin said. "And they point to the importance of continuing the Small Business Innovation Research program, which I have long sought to strengthen as a member of the Senate Small Business Committee." All three grants were made through the SBIR program.

More information about these and other grantees can be found at www.energy.gov.

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December 18, 2009
**Starting a Business
Workshop (MI-SBTDC)**
**Michigan Works! Service
Center in Marquette County**
**For More Information Call
Trisha DeGrand
At 906.789.0558 x231**

January 11, 2010
Business After Hours
**For More Information Call
LSCP at 888.578.6489**

Top Reasons to Join Upper Michigan Chapter of ASTD

January 14, 2009
Federal Government
Contracting 101
To Register Contact:
Trisha DeGrand
Phone: 906.789.0558



January 20, 2010
Business After Hours
Jon's Auto and The Point
Time: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
EST
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Attention Training Managers, if you are interested in:

1. Getting connected and taking charge of your career as a trainer, manager, and consultant to make a difference!
2. Blazing the trail in setting training standards for professionals in the Northern Michigan region and beyond.
3. Networking with other training professionals and learning cutting edge training techniques from educational programs.
4. Sharing your expertise and learning from others via involvement with committees and chapter initiatives.
5. Mentoring others in the training and development field, and embracing the opportunity to grow from the expertise of others.
6. Accessing a pool of speakers and trainers to enrich your organization and your people.
7. Enhancing your skills as a trainer, manager, and consultant.

January 27, 2010
Business After Hours
WLUC TV6
Location: Pacino's
For More Information Call
Delta County Chamber of
Commerce at 906.786.2192

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To become a member Please Call ASTD Member Services:
Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET) 1.800.628.2783

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,

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