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Small Town and Rural Development Conference

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Looking for ways to make your communities and towns unique and inviting as places to live and work?

Learn new approaches from those who already have success by registering now for the Small Town and Rural Development Conference.

The 5th Annual Small Town and Rural Development Conference will be rich in examples of programs and initiatives that have allowed communities across the nation to create their own niche and encourage entrepreneurship to flourish. The conference will be April 21-23 at Crystal Mountain in Thompsonville, MI.

To register, go to <http://web2.msue.msu.edu/partners/registration.cfm>.

Featured topics will include:

- Why Some Rural Communities Prosper While Others Do Not
- The Power of Networks in Rural Development
- Branding Communities for Growth
- Social Networking for Small Town and Rural Areas
- Using the Spaces in Our Places

Upcoming Events

March 14 . 2009

***Dickinson Area Partnership
Puttin' on da Ritz***

Location: Pine Grove Country Club, Iron Mountain, MI

Time: 5:00 pm - Midnight CST
For More Information Call the Dickinson Area Partnership at 906.774.2002

March 17 . 2009

***Generations at Work
Workshop***

"Working in the Defense Community: The Small Business Challenge"



WOMEN IN DEFENSE

A National Security Organization - Affiliate of National Defense Industrial Association

Wednesday, March 18, 2009
5:00 - 8:30pm
Management Education Center
811 W. Square Lake Road
Troy, Michigan

5:00pm
Networking Cocktail Reception

6:00pm
Dinner

7:00pm
Presentation / Panel Discussion

To register, please contact events@wid-mi.org

Event Sponsor:



Are you doing business with the State of Michigan?



Whether you sell milk or electrical supplies, commodities or computers, chemicals or construction or janitorial services, you have potential as a Michigan vendor. Property owners with office space or warehouse space to rent may also find opportunities with the state.

"Doing Business with Michigan" Training Seminar

The State's contract portfolio is valued at more than \$19 billion

April 21, 2009
1:00 - 4:30pm
University Center at Gaylord
800 Livingston Blvd., Room U111
Gaylord, MI 49735

"Buy Michigan First" provides an outstanding opportunity for small businesses interested in doing business with the State of Michigan.

- Learn how to do business with the State of Michigan
- Become a registered vendor
- Learn how to bid on state contracts
- Learn about state resources

For more information and to reserve your seat, please call Tammy Moore at the PTAC of Northeast Michigan Consortium, (989) 733-8548 or e-mail tammy@miworks-nemc.gen.mi.us (put "Buy Michigan First" in subject line).

Location: Bay College
University Center
Time: 9:00 am - 1:00pm EST
For More Information Call
Bay College at 800.221.2001
ext 1227

March 18, 2009
Women in Defense (WID)
Location: Troy, MI
Time: 5:00 - 8:30pm EST
For More Information Contact
events@wid-mi.org

March 27, 2009
**Lake Superior Community
Partnership Annual Dinner**
Location: NMU Great Lakes
Room
Time: 5:30 pm EST
For More Information Call
Lake Superior Community
Partnership at 906.226.6591

March 30, 2009
**Business After Hours
Michigan Works! The Job
Force Board**
Location: American Legion,
Munising
Time: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm EST
For More Information Call
Alger Chamber of Commerce
at 906.387.2138

April 7, 2009
**Understanding
Bid Match**
Location: Boyne City
Time: 10:00 - 12:30pm EST
For More Information
Contact Sara Christensen at
231.582.6482

April 14, 2009
**Business After Hours
Michigan Works!
The Job Force Board**
Location: Pine Grove
Country Club
Time: 5:00 - 7:00pm CST
For More Information Contact
the Dickinson Area
Partnership at 906.774.2002

April 15, 2009
DSCC Training
(Defense Supply Center of
Columbus)
Location: Gaylord
Time: 8:30 - 11:30am EST
For More Information
Contact Denise Hoffmeyer at
989.733.8548

April 16, 2009
**Government Contracting
101**
Location:
Menominee, MI
For More Information Contact
Isaac Micheau at
800.562.4808 e.244
imicheau@jobforce.org



Your opinion is needed as input for an economic impact study being conducted across the Upper Peninsula and Wisconsin Counties of Marinette and Florence ... if you live or work in any of these 17 counties, please take a few minutes and participate in the survey at ...www.jobforce.org...make your opinion known, help strengthen the economy of our region...take the survey today!

Now is your chance to have a say in the future of the Upper Peninsula.



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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