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Michigan Celebrates Small Business...



This year marks the 5th Anniversary of the Michigan Celebrates Small Business event. Business owners, entrepreneurs and supporters of small business are encouraged to join us on April 30th, 2009 to acknowledge the award winners from across the state. In light of great entrepreneurs, this year Josh Linkner, ePrize Founder and Chief Executive Officer will be the keynote speaker. The evening includes a cocktail reception, awards dinner, and an address by the Governor at the Lansing Center in Lansing on Thursday, April 30, 2009 at 6:00pm (black tie optional). Tickets for the Michigan Celebrates Small Business Awards Dinner are \$135 per person or receive a 20% discount and reserve a table of eight for \$850. Detailed information can be found at www.michigancelebrates.biz

Emerging Sectors Workshop HOMELAND SECURITY 101



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Upcoming Events

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

opportunities for Michigan businesses to expand their markets and develop new products. Whether your company is interested in selling replacement parts to the defense industry, equipping our first responders or seeking funding to develop dual use vehicle technology, this seminar will introduce you to the organizations that can help you achieve your strategic objectives.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Major General Bradley Lott, Director of the Defense Contracting Center; **Brigadier General Mike McDaniel**, Michigan Homeland Security Advisor; **John Bedz**, Defense/Vehicle Technology Consultant for Automation Alley; **Steve Potter**, Chairman of the Michigan Homeland Security Consortium will provide your company with a comprehensive overview of the homeland security and defense industry. This seminar will also include a panel of Michigan manufacturers sharing their experiences in this dynamic market.

Wednesday, April 1
1pm - 6pm
MSA Management Education Center
Troy, MI

Individual Tickets: \$60
Groups Tickets 5+: \$50 each

[Click here to register online](#) or call 313.446.0300 with questions and group reservations.



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
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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
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