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

Green Today, Jobs Tomorrow -
www.migreenjob.com

Registration for Green Today, Jobs Tomorrow, the State of Michigan's Official Green Jobs Conference, is now open.



This one-day conference focuses on growth opportunities for companies and career opportunities for workers through Michigan's Green Jobs Initiative. It will bring together approximately 1,000 business, education and training, labor, environmental, community-and faith-based, and policy advocacy partners and stakeholders who are currently working on various facets of nurturing a green economy and talent base in Michigan. Senator Stabenow; Van Jones, Green For All; Apollo Alliance; and many green industry representatives here in Michigan have signed on to be a part of this conference as all are recognized nationally as leaders in the green economy. The emerging green economy holds great promise for Michigan's workers, businesses and cities.

This is an opportunity for you to be a part of this important dialogue. Don't miss it. **Register today.**

Free Government Contracting Seminar Offered to Small Businesses

On April 16, 2009 the Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) will be providing a workshop at the Best Western in Marinette, WI.



PTAC is a non-profit organization that provides no-fee assistance to businesses who are interested in doing business with state and federal government agencies. PTAC Procurement Counselors help businesses to understand government contracting and selling to the government.

This will be held from 9am - 12:30pm CST and is intended for businesses that would like to learn about selling and marketing to the world's largest buyer of goods and services, the Federal

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Upcoming Events

**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

Government.

Speaker, Todd Olson - Program Director for PTAC in Northwest Michigan, will give an overview of selling to the government and what PTAC Counselors can do to assist your company throughout the process.

For more information or to register, contact Sara Cole at 800.562.4808 e.233.



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

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

April 22, 2009 Buy Michigan First!

Location: Michigan Works! Service Center
Marquette, MI
Time 10:00am - 1:00pm
Fore More Information
Contact Sara Cole at 800.562.4808 e.233

May 11, 2009 Michigan Green Jobs

Location: Lansing Center
Lansing, MI
Fore More Information
Contact 517.335.1319



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