

GMEN Member Update --- September, 2005
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This is the seventh in a series of e-newsletters to GMEN members only. As information, GMEN also insures the inclusion of its member organizations in the SBA's annual Georgia Resource Guide.

[Training & Technical Assistance](#)

Make sure you read and considered potential nominations for the SBA 2006 awards. See previous GMEN email with details.

AEO provides a program assessment tool entitled MicroScan. It includes a initial review, site visit, post site visit stakeholder interviews, and recommendations. For more information go to www.microenterpriseworks.org

AEO has a partnership with HP on the sale of HP products, for more information go to www.microenterpriseworks.org/links/HP-store/

Do you have a youth microenterprise program? If so are you tied into the Georgia Council on Economic Education. For more information go to www.gcee.org

[Access to Capital](#)

Congratulations to ACCION on their new marketing campaign. www.accionusa.org 1-866-245-0793.

ACCION is looking for a new spanish speaking loan officer. If you know someone who may be interested contac Alvin Albert at 404-521-0594 **by October 4th.**

Congratulations to Appalachian Community Enterprises on their successful MESO consortium meeting with the Georgia Department of Labor. The outcome of the meeting was agreement on a pilot to help determine how to work with WIA for support of self-employment.

New loan fund software MIMOTA @ www.villagesoft.com/mimota/requestdemo.htm . This is not an endoresement, as information only. AShok Devata, Marketing Director Village Software 617-695-9332 X24

Do you need a tool to faciliate a loan from family and friends for your clients? Learn about Circle Lending @ www.circlelending.com/sbb and determine if this is a tool to add to your loan service offerings.

IDA infrastructure online discussions, webcast at 2pm (for 90 minutes each) on October 7, 12, and 28. Share your thought on how to maintain your program and move the IDA field forward. For more information go to www.cfed.org or contact Kim Pate at 202-408-9788.

Mark your calendar for the 2006 IDA conference in Phoenix, Arizona on September 19-21.

Don't forget to learn more about the new One Georgia "loan guarantee program" @ www.onegeorgia.org

Have you done research on the Self-Employment Loan Fund's project "capital assistance network"? www.icanloan.com ... We're not sure of the process, but this maybe a tool to facilitate the loan packaging process. Contact Caroline Newsome 602-340-8834 for more information.

Be on the lookout for up to \$2,500 equity opportunities for women business owners through "Women and Company." For more information go to the AEO website @ www.microenterpriseworks.org This is an annual application process hurry!!!

Funding Opportunities

The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) is soliciting competitive applications for organizations to operate Minority Opportunity Centers (MOBC) For more information go to www.mbda.gov The deadline for applications is October 14th.

The AOL tech corps program matches skilled AOL employee volunteers with non-profit organizations in need of technical support, especially computer lab installations. Application deadline is October 31st. www.npowergdc.org/dcaoltechcorps.htm

Upcoming Events

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| October 3rd | Moving your Business Forward @ Hyatt Atlanta
contact Kim Knight @ 404-683-6589 |
| October 6th | Business Exchange'05 Tour for Success Atlanta Marquis (free) |
| October 6-9th | Community Food Security Coalition's Ninth Annual Conference (Atlanta) |
| October 18th | Georgia Lenders Quality Circle Annual Meeting @ 1818 Club in Duluth |
| October 19th | Financial Roundtable Forum for 2nd stage businesses
help your entrepreneurs fund their businesses
contact Donna Ennis @ 404-894-2096 |
| October 27-28 | Appalachian Entrepreneurship Policy Summit
Eleven folks registered from Georgia!!! |
| December 9th | Georgia Economic Outlook @ GWCC |
| December 15th | Georgia Economic Outlook @ Westin Savannah Harbor Resort & Spa |
| January 9th | Georgia Economic Outlook @ Radisson Riverfront Hotel |
| January 24th | Georgia Economic Outlook @ Hilton Garden Inn |