

GMEN Member Update --- October, 2005
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This is the eighth 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.

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Find your GDEcD regional marketing manager now!!! The Georgia Department of Economic Development is surveying the entire state on small business development support organizations at the county level. It is important that GMEN members understand this process and are at the table in discussions at their county level about "entrepreneurially friendly communities." The following counties have been so designated: Coffee, Cook, Fannin, Lowndes, and Turner. Go to www.georgia.org/esbd for more details on all counties. Also plan to attend the Georgia Summit on Entrepreneurship on March 6-7 in Douglas county.

A new chapter of Business Alliance for Local Living Economies (BALLE) was recently formed in Atlanta. Go to www.inspringfutures.org/balle/programs for more information. This may be a good networking opportunity for your clients.

[Access to Capital](#)

Congratulations to Appalachian Community Enterprises (ACE) on receiving an American Express Economic Independence Fund \$30,000 grant for financial literary education.

Don't forget to learn more about the new One Georgia "loan guarantee program" @ www.onegeorgia.org This is an excellent vehicle for gap or next level funding for your entrepreneurs.

[Funding Opportunities](#)

RFP release on "Diversifying Public Markets and Farmers Markets" pre-proposals due on November 14th. Go to www.pps.org/markets/regranting/rfp_2006 or call 212-620-5660

[Upcoming Events](#)

November 7-9	Georgia Workforce Conference www.dol.state.ga.us
November 14	EADC Annual Meeting www.eadc.org
November 16	Georgia Center For Non-Profits HR conference www.gcn.org
November 16	MBDC Financial Roundtable www.financialroundtableforum.org
November 17	ACE Third Annual Awards Dinner, DCA Commissioner Mike Baetty keynote speaker www.ace loans.org/calendar.htm
December 9th	Georgia Economic Outlook @ GWCC
December 15th	Georgia Economic Outlook @ Westin Savannah Harbor Resort & Spa

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January 9th	Georgia Economic Outlook @ Radisson Riverfront Hotel
January 9-10	Georgia Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting

January 18th GMEN regional meeting in Augusta

January 24th Georgia Economic Outlook @ Hilton Garden Inn

April 30 - May 3 Conference on Business Incubation www.nbia.org

May 16-19 AEO national conference in Atlanta!!!

July 9-12 NCADV National Conference www.ncadv.org

September 19-20 CFED IDA conference