

March E-Newsletter

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Mark your calendars now for "Celebrating Rural Georgia" conference to be held on August 21-23 in Augusta.

Please share with your clients information about the upcoming GWEN conference in Atlanta on May 16-17 ... yes that's at the beginning of the week for our national conference. Focused on women-owned businesses this is an excellent marketing opportunity for your clients. www.gwenconference.org

Earlier in March you received individual e-news about:

- AEO conference in Atlanta registration
- Georgia DOA exporting information session
- Social enterprise conference registration and volunteer opportunities
- GRA/TAG business launch competition
- AEO/FIELD survey for organizational scale study

Credit-led Focus

Interesting 2006 get checking annual conference: providing a viable opportunity for the unbanked. June 28-30 in Scottsdale, AZ.

www.efunds.com/getcheckingconference
<<http://www.efunds.com/getcheckingconference>>

Looking for below market interest rate loans for projects that improve communities, create jobs, or provide services ... remember that FHLB's Edge program helps close the gap that can keep projects such as childcare centers, health-care facilities, or grocery stores get started. Edge application deadline is July 1, 2006. See application at www.fhlbatl.com/cis
<<http://www.fhlbatl.com/cis>>

See new "Savings for Education, Entrepreneurship, and Downpayment (SEED) Initiative" by CFED at www.seed.cfed.org <<http://www.seed.cfed.org>>

Congratulations to Charles Blackmon of Debco on being named "Georgia's 2006 Financial Services Champion of the Year" by the US-SBA Georgia district. This award will be presented at the April 20th GLQC event, for more information go to www.glqc.org/events
<<http://www.glqc.org/events>> .

Congratulations to Alvin Albert of ACCION on completing law school. Best wishes as he prepares to take the Georgia Bar Exam.

Congratulations to Grace Fricks and the team at ACE on their new bilingual brochure.

Training-led Focus

AGL Resources is inviting Engineering & Construction companies to meet with buyers for an upcoming project. The in-house trade show will take place on Wednesday, April 19th at 2pm - 4pm. For more information contact supplierdiversity@aglresources.com

There will be a free financial literacy train-the-trainer (Money Smart) class on April 28th at the FDIC regional office in Atlanta. For more information contact tstokes@fdic.gov For more resources on financial literacy contact the "Georgia Consortium for Personal Financial Literacy" at 404-240-0790.

If you have clients that have products in the following areas, make sure and contact the Georgia Department of Agriculture on exporting opportunities @ itrade@agr.state.ga.us:

- agriculture based energy products
- health & beauty products
- horticulture
- pet foods & animal foods
- regional foods
- seafood
- snack food

If you are looking to start a youth entrepreneurship component to your program, don't forget to partner with your local Georgia Council on Economic Education representative at www.gcee.org

Congratulations to AMEN, Inc of Atlanta on starting their 6th year with over 150 graduates. Four of these graduates participated in the GMEN marketing competition.

Congratulations to EDGE Connection on their Awards Gala to be held on April 29th at KSU Center. For more information go to www.theedgeconnection.com

Next e-newsletter

If you would like information about your program's activity included in this e-newsletter, please forward to me at pcwill@bellsouth.net by May 5th.

Also watch your mail for other GMEN publications:

- phase three MVP cards
- March GMEN News newsletter
- April GMEN News newsletter