

April E-Newsletter

Overall

Welcome to new GMEN members: Bronner Business Institute and Appalachian Technical College (Adult Literacy Programs).

The next orientation session for the Community Foundation's grant cycle will be held on June 1st at 12 noon at Southern Polytechnic State University. Go to www.atlcf.org for more information.

Need to do a client survey, see if Zommerang can serve as a resource. They have a non-profit product at www.zoomerang.com

You are encouraged to make your clients aware of the Coca Cola "Business Opportunity Forum" to be held on May 11th at the Omni Hotel from 1pm - 4pm. For more information contact ebblackmon@na.ko.com

GMEN members are encouraged to submit articles to the AEO Exchange newsletter. Articles should be submitted to signas@assoceo.org

HUD is having a free grant writing seminar on May 10th, for more information go to www.hud.gov/event_registration/index_2cfm?eventID=119

Training-led Focus

Did you miss the Community Foundation "Managing for Excellence Award" nomination process. If so, plan for 2007 ... get more information at www.atlcf.org

Deadline May 15th !!! The Ms. Foundation for Women is now accepting proposals for its collaborative fund. This round will focus its learning and support on a strategic issue within the microenterprise field ... promoting sustainability. For more information go to www.ms.foundation.org

Have you considered partnering with a faith-based organization? Get more information on HUD's support of faith-based community development from Jovette Gadson at HUD, 202-708-0614 x3779.

Learn more about the Urban Entrepreneur Partnership with the Urban League at www.atlantaaeec.com or call 404-591-8006.

"Best Practices in Technology and Microenterprise, Volume 2," has been published. This publication highlights lessons learned from the Hewlett-Packard Microenterprise Development Program, round two.

A train-the-trainer session is scheduled for May 15-16 at the Hyatt Regency hotel in Atlanta for the CourFour Business Planning Course. For more information go to courefour@entrepreneurfund.org

Credit-led Focus

The FDIC is planning for a Money Smart train-the-trainer session at their Atlanta offices on **May 26th** with a special emphasis on microenterprise lenders **and microenterprise training programs**. For more information contact Tom Stokes, Community Affairs Officer at 678-916-2249.

MicroTest participates in the CDFI data project (CDP) and is attempting to identify all CDFIs that are involved in providing microenterprise assistance. Please email tamra.thetford@aspeninst.org if you are providing this service. We want to insure Georgia programs are included as a resource.

CFED Saving for Education, Entrepreneurship, and Downpayment Initiative has published its second edition of "Growing Knowledge from SEED." This edition focuses on the design and delivery of SEED accounts, with lessons drawn from SEED financial institution partners and the 12 SEED community partners nationwide. Go to www.seed.cfed.org to review the report.

The CDFA annual development finance summit is scheduled for May 31-June 2 in Austin, Texas. For more information go to www.cdfa.net

CFED is hosting a conference on June 13-15 in Minneapolis, Minnesota for the CDFI Native American training institute. Go to www.cfed.org/go.nida for more information.