

## *Association News*

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### **EntrepreneurshipWeek at the State's Capitol!**

Watch for information on pilot of **"Smart Technology for a Smarter Business"** implementation event, **May 7-11**. If you are looking for additional services to offer your clients and a source for earned income ... then make sure to mark your calendar to attend this pilot event.

**Georgia Entrepreneur & Small Business'** new website will direct you to the links for the entrepreneur & small business programs and resources - the address is long but easy to remember...

<http://www.georgia.org/business/smallbusiness>

**Georgia Department of Economic Development** has released the latest **"Entrepreneur Friendly" Awareness Map**. For more information on Georgia's "Entrepreneur Friendly" Initiative and to view the map go to <http://www.georgia.org/Business/SmallBusiness/Entrepreneur+Friendly+Communities.htm>

**Georgia Consortium on Personal Financial Literacy:** An excellent resource for GMEN members to partner with in providing financial literacy support to their small business development customers. The Consortium will be holding educational seminars in Atlanta **For more information and to RSVP contact Nancy Schwartzmiller at 404-240-0790.**

March 29	Georgia economic outlook & minority buying power
April 26	Financial literacy & workplace productivity
July 26	Financial DNA
August 30	Retirement issues

**AEO Announces the Innovation Award Program's 2007 Innovator Awards.** Deadline to apply is April 20, 2007. For more details and to download an application go to

<http://www.microenterpriseworks.org/index.asp?bid=1803>

The **Georgia Center for Nonprofits** is pleased to announce its first-ever **Revolutions Award**. The purpose of the Revolutions Award is to recognize revolutionary leaders within Georgia's nonprofit sector. [Get award information or an application.](#)

#### ***Upcoming Events:***

- March 29 – 30**    **Community Planning and Development to Attract the 50 Plus Market** at Lake Lanier Islands. For further information contact Rick Duke at 404.276.0090 or go to [http://www.pe.gatech.edu/conted/servlet/edu.gatech.conted.course.ViewCourseDetails?COURSE\\_ID=865](http://www.pe.gatech.edu/conted/servlet/edu.gatech.conted.course.ViewCourseDetails?COURSE_ID=865)
- April 1 – 4**        **National Business Incubation Association's 2007 International Conference** in Seattle, Washington [www.nbia.org](http://www.nbia.org)
- May 7 – 11**        **"Smart Technology for a Smarter Business"** seminar's pilot event
- May 15 – 18**      **AEO 2007 Annual Conference** in Kansas City, Missouri. [Register](#) now to get special early discounts
- June 21 – 22**     **GMEN 2007 Annual Conference & 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

#### ***Member News***

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**Appalachian Community Enterprises** is featured in the Gainesville Times. To read more visit <http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/stories/20070218/localnews/157018.shtml>

**Congratulations to Albany Community Together** on their **EntrepreneurshipWeek USA** spotlight event that included a youth business plan competition for high school age students.

#### ***Microenterprise Development Programs focus***

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**Core Four<sup>®</sup> Business Planning Course Instructor Training:** [Sign up now](#) for upcoming instructor trainings!

May 14 & 15 ..... Kansas City (prior to AEO Conference)  
August 13 & 14..... Minneapolis, MN

#### ***Upcoming Events:***

- May 22 – 24**        **2007 CDFA Annual Summit – Call for Entries – Best TIF Program.** Learn more at [www.cdfa.net](http://www.cdfa.net)
- March 29 – 30**    **The Federal Reserve System's Fifth Community Affairs Research Conference** at the Capital Hilton in Washington DC. For more information visit <http://www.federalreserve.gov/communityaffairs/national/2007researchconf/default.htm>
- April 17 – 19**     **8<sup>th</sup> Gathering of the Social Enterprise Alliance** in Long Beach, CA. Scholarships will be awarded to fully-eligible applicants on a first-come first-serve basis. Apply at <https://map.se-alliance.org/events/EV10Register1.aspx?eventID=2499>
- Sept 10 -11**      **Youth Microenterprise Conference 2007** in Washington DC. Breakout session submission deadline is March 23. To register and learn more visit <http://www.ymeconference.org/>

## *Fundraising*

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**HP Announces 2007 U.S. HP Microenterprise Development Program.** On May 8, 2007, HP applications are being accepted online. The deadline for submitting an application is June 5, 2007. To learn more and to download a copy of the RFP, please visit <http://www.hp.com/go/hpmicroenterprise>.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**May 16 – 17 Georgia Nonprofit Summit 2007** at the Georgia International Convention Center in College Park. Learn more at <http://www.gcn.org/Services/Events/GeorgiaNonprofitSummit2007.aspx>

## *Microenterprise Opportunities*

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**GDEcD International Trade Upcoming Programs and Events:** For monthly updates go to <http://www.georgia.org/Business/International/Trade+News.htm>

**youngStartup Ventures** will present **The 2007 US/Israel Venture Summit** in Newark, NJ on March 20. For more details go to <http://www.youngstartup.com/us-israel/index.php>

Enroll Today for the **2007 Spring Construction Business Management Class** (March 29-May 8) being held at Atlanta Metropolitan College. For more information and to enroll online [click here](#)

**U.S. Army Day Women-Owned Business Summit.** The U.S. Army is looking for women-owned small business contractors to connect with the U.S. Army for future small business contracting -- March 20 in Washington DC. Registration is now open at <http://www.uswcc.org/html/nwosb.aspx>

## *Employment Opportunities*

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**Business Programs Coordinator:** Micro Business Development Program and the Vermont Women's Business Center. See <http://www.cvcac.org> for job description. Email resume to Human Resources at [hr@cvcac.org](mailto:hr@cvcac.org).

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Do you have news about your program that you would like to share with other members? If so email [pcwill@bellsouth.net](mailto:pcwill@bellsouth.net) by the last calendar day of each month.

## *GMEN's Mission*

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To create opportunities and support for microenterprise development as an avenue for economic self-sufficiency in Georgia. To learn more about microenterprise or GMEN and the benefits of membership, please visit our website at <http://www.georgiamicroenterprise.org>.