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Series of Business Development Seminars Planned for Small Business Owners

Columbus – The Ohio Department of Development today announced a series of small business development seminars for small business owners designed to strengthen and expand small business ownership. The free seminars are sponsored by the Department's Entrepreneurship and Small Business Division, Small Business Development Centers of Ohio, and the U.S. Small Business Administration, and will be offered from April through September.

"The knowledge and guidance shared within these small business development seminars help foster a thriving business climate for all entrepreneurs," said Karen Shauri, State Director of the Small Business Development Centers of Ohio. "Valuable assets and expertise will be shared, which will assist business owners as they start, grow, and sustain successful businesses."

The series was developed specifically to address the needs of aspiring entrepreneurs. Representatives from the Small Business Development Centers of Ohio and the U.S. Small Business Administration will give in-depth overviews of small business programs and services available to assist business owners. The seminars will provide information on establishing a business, operating a business, loan programs, marketing, and procurement opportunities.

Ohio's Small Business Development Centers provide consulting and training assistance to small businesses and emerging entrepreneurs to promote growth, expansion, innovation, increased productivity, and improved management. The Centers are supported through a partnership among the Ohio Department of Development, the U.S. Small Business Administration, and several chambers of commerce, colleges and universities, and economic development agencies.

All Small Business Development Series seminars will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the locations listed below in the following cities: Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, and Mansfield. The seminars are free, but registration is required.

Additional co-sponsors of the 2010 Small Business Development Series seminars include SCORE "Counselors to America's Small Business," PNC Bank, Community Development Corporation Resource Consortium, Inc., The Entrepreneur Center, Columbus Urban League, U.S. Bank, Urban League of Greater Cincinnati, Huntington Bank, and Braintree Business Development Center.

Business owners interested in the seminar series can learn more or register by contacting the Columbus Small Business Administration office at (614) 469-6860 extension 282.

The schedule of free Small Business Development Series seminars is below. All seminars are from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Cincinnati – Community Action Agency, 1740 Langdon Farm Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237

April	27	The Resource Network/Small Business Resource Partners
May	25	Starting Right and Beyond/Legal, Accounting, Insurance
June	29	Access to Capital/Building Banking Relationships
July	27	Credit Report & Credit Score/Improvement & Management
Aug.	24	Small Business Marketing/Media and E-Commerce
Sept.	28	Small Business Procurement/Opportunities & Certifications

Columbus – Columbus Urban League, 788 Mount Vernon Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43203

April	14	The Resource Network/ Small Business Resource Partners
May	12	Starting Right and Beyond/Legal, Accounting, Insurance
June	9	Access to Capital/Building Banking Relationships
July	14	Credit Report & Credit Score/Improvement & Management
Aug.	11	Small Business Marketing/Media and E-Commerce
Sept.	8	Small Business Procurement/Opportunities & Certifications

Dayton – The Entrepreneurs Center, 714 E. Monument Ave., Suite 116, Dayton, Ohio 45402

April	19	The Resource Network/Small Business Resource Partners
May	17	Starting Right and Beyond/Legal, Accounting, Insurance
June	21	Access to Capital/Building Banking Relationships
July	19	Credit Report & Credit Score/Improvement & Management
Aug.	16	Small Business Marketing/Media and E-Commerce
Sept.	20	Small Business Procurement/Opportunities & Certifications

Mansfield – Braintree Business Development Center, 201 E. Fifth Street, Mansfield, Ohio 44902

April	20	The Resource Network/Small Business Resource Partners
May	18	Starting Right and Beyond/Legal, Accounting, Insurance
June	22	Access to Capital/Building Banking Relationships
July	20	Credit Report & Credit Score/Improvement & Management
Aug.	17	Small Business Marketing/Media and E-Commerce
Sept.	21	Small Business Procurement/Opportunities & Certifications

*The **Entrepreneurship and Small Business Division** provides innovative programs and services to Ohio entrepreneurs and small business owners through effective communication, collaboration, creativity, and technology support to encourage sustainable growth.*

*Working with our partners across business, state and local governments, academia, and the nonprofit sector, the **Ohio Department of Development** works to attract, create, grow, and retain businesses through competitive incentives and targeted investments. Engaged every day in marketing, innovating, investing, and collaborating, the **Ohio Department of Development** works at the speed of business to accelerate and support the teamwork that is necessary for success by providing financial, informational, and technical assistance to those making an investment in Ohio's future.*

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