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DEKALB COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCE FAIR PLANNED TO HELP LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES AND ENTREPRENEURS

DEKALB COUNTY - The DeKalb County Small Business Resource Network is hosting a free resource fair for small businesses or those interested in starting a small business in DeKalb County on Thursday, August 30, 2018 from 4-7 p.m. at the DeKalb County Community Outreach Building located at 2500 N. Annie Glidden Rd, DeKalb, Ill.

In an effort to better coordinate entrepreneurship outreach efforts and provide small businesses with direct access to small business resources, the DeKalb County Small Business Resource Network is hosting a free Small Business Resource Fair to showcase the business-to-business services offered throughout DeKalb County. The Small Business Resource Fair will also feature three breakout sessions led by local experts addressing key topics of interest.

Exhibitors invited to attend include financial institutions, chambers of commerce, economic development organizations, municipalities, higher education, private small business consultants, and partner organizations such as Fox Valley SCORE, Waubensee Community College's IL Small Business Development Center, Kishwaukee College Workforce & Community Education, Northern Illinois University and more. The event schedule is as follows:

4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Resource Fair open

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Breakout sessions (simultaneous)

- “Access to Capital” by a panel of local financial institutions
- “ABC’s of Contracting” by Rita Haake, Illinois PTAC, College of DuPage with a focused discussion on “Contracting with NIU” by Antoinette Parker, Director of Procurement Services and Contract Management at NIU.
- “Competing in a Crowded Market” by Harriet Parker, IL SBDC – Waubensee Community College

Free registration is encouraged through <http://dekalbcounty.org/smallbusinessfair.eventbrite.com> or by visiting www.dekalbcounty.org/smallbusiness.

The DeKalb County Small Business Resource Network is a collaborative group of public and nonprofit small business assistance providers representing chamber organizations, local government, and higher educational institutions who serve DeKalb County. For more information contact, Jolene Willis, Economic Development Coordinator, DeKalb County at jswillis@dekalbcounty.org or call 815-787-8999. Additional information is available at www.dekalbcounty.org/smallbusiness.

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