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A joint program of the Labovitz School of Business and Economics, Natural Resources Research Institute, and Swenson College of Science and Engineering.

BUSINESS BREAKFAST SERIES



ENERGY CONSERVATION

A Sound Investment for Any Economy

Wednesday, August 19, 2009 .
7:30 am – 9:00 am . \$10.00
UMD Center for Economic Development
11 E. Superior St., Suite 210
Duluth, MN 55802

*Presented by: Tim Gallagher,
Minnesota Power*

To register: 218-726-7298 or
www.umdced.com/workshops

New Expectations in Customer Service: Is there such a thing as Customer Loyalty?

Tuesday, August 18, 2009
11:30 am – 1:30 pm \$10.00
Lunch provided
Mesabi Range Community and Technical College – Rm. C156
(By Door 2)
1001 W. Chestnut St.
Virginia, MN 55792

*Presented by: Lisa Jemtrud,
Better Business Bureau.*

To register: 218-726-7298 or
www.umdced.com/workshops

EVERYONE IS AT RISK – Combating the Increasing Threat of Online Fraud & Identity Theft

IRS National Phone Forum

Date: August 19, 2009

Cost: FREE

Location: Convenience of your home or office

This IRS phone forum is for:

- Tax professionals
- Attorneys
- Payroll professionals
- Industry partners
- Small business organizations
- Small business owners
- State and local governments

Learn about:

- IRS identity protection efforts
- Process for reporting tax-related identity theft
- Victim assistance
- IRS efforts to combat online fraud targeted at taxpayers
- How to report phishing schemes targeted at taxpayers

Earn Continuing Professional Education credit:

- Enrolled agents receive one CPE credit for a minimum 50-minute participation from the start of the forum.
- Other tax professionals may receive credit if the phone forum meets your organization's or stat's CPE requirements.
- To receive credit, register individually and use your PIN.
- Call in using your individual phone line so your attendance can be verified.
- Look for your Certificate of Completion by e-mail approximately one week after the forum. If you have met all requirements, you will receive your certificate automatically; there's no need to follow up.
- If you and others in your office do not require a CPE certificate, please have only one person register on the group's behalf and use your speaker phone to dial in. This will maximize the number of lines available for other participants and help reduce costs.

People Protecting Manoomin: Manoomin Protecting People

A Symposium Bridging Worldviews

August 25 – 27, 2009
Shooting Star Convention
Center
777 Casino Road
P.O. Box 418
Mahnomon, MN
1-800-453-7827

Reservation communities of the upper Midwest in partnership with the University of Minnesota host this symposium as an important initial step toward the emergence of mutual understanding of the significance of wild rice. The three-day symposium, at the Shooting Star Convention Center on the White Earth Reservation, will examine the role that wild rice plays within the communities of the Anishinaabe people of the upper Midwest and Cree of Canada, and the threats to wild rice in the future. A key focus will be on the potential for genetic engineering of wild rice and the risks posed by such a possibility.

For symposium program information, questions, or to register:

www.regonline.com/manoomin

Pamela Standing

218-847-9554 or

Shooting Star Casino

1-800-453-7827

IRS National Phone Forum (cont.)

Sign up now for the event of your choice.

- Select the time that works best for you (Daylight Saving Time)

Conference Access Code

760853

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Central Time

9:00 am

Noon

3:00 pm

- Register at www.attevent.com. Reservations are limited, so register early.
- You will receive a Personal Identification Number to join the conference.
- If you have never registered with AT&T for a prior phone forum, you will first need to click on **create a profile**.
- If you require special accommodations, (for example, Braille, large print, or interpreter services) please contact Brian Finn at: nationalphoneforum@irs.gov.
- You will receive presentation materials by e-mail on the day before the forum. **If you do not receive this e-mail by NOON the day before the event**, please e-mail us at: nationalphoneforum@irs.gov to request materials.

Dial in on August 19, 2009

Toll free: 1-800-683-4564

Toll: 1-913-312-2904

- Dial in at least five to ten minutes before the scheduled time. Those who are first to arrive will be assured participation. Once all available lines are taken, no additional participants will be able to join the session.
- Enter your access code, then the (#) sign.
- Enter your PIN, then the (#) sign.
- Your line will be placed on HOLD until the conference begins.

A question and answer period will follow the presentation. However, due to the public nature of the call, we will not be able to address specific client issues.

Questions? E-mail: nationalphoneforum@irs.gov

Minnesota Farmers and Small Businesses Awarded Almost \$2.5 Million in Renewable Energy Grants and Loans

61 projects in rural Minnesota awarded funding through Rural Energy for America Program

A total of 61 farmers and rural small businesses in Minnesota have been selected to receive almost \$2.5 million in grants and loans to install renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements. The funding is awarded through USDA Rural Development's Rural Energy for America Program (REAP).

"These grants and loans help Minnesota farmers and rural businesses become more efficient and competitive," said Colleen Landkamer, State Director for Rural Development in Minnesota. "The Obama Administration is committed

Renewable Energy Grants and Loans (cont.)

to making America more energy independent. This funding helps ensure that rural Minnesota remains a leader in the renewable energy field.”

Throughout the United States and the Western Pacific Islands, 365 recipients were selected to receive more than \$15 million in REAP grants and loans. The REAP program was established in the 2008 Farm Bill and is not part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Examples of energy projects that qualify for funding through the REAP program include the replacement of old grain dryers, small and large wind turbines, geothermal heating, solar systems, and replacing lighting, ventilation and pumping equipment with more energy efficient models.

For example, Wallace Bustad Excavation Service in Austin was awarded an \$18,000 grant to purchase a 20kw wind turbine to help offset energy costs. Mike Kunerth, a farmer in Brewster, was awarded a \$16,359 grant to install a geothermal heating system in his farm shop. Prairie Sun Bank in Milan was awarded a \$14,219 grant to install a 20kw wind turbine to help offset its energy costs.

Minnesota projects were awarded \$1,455,467 in grants and \$1,001,756 in loans. Additional information on the REAP program may be found at:
<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mn/RBS/Section%209006%20Renewable%20Energy%20Program.htm>.

To register for upcoming Business and Computer workshops:
www.umdced.com/workshops or 218-726-7298

BUSINESS Workshops

<u>Writing a Business Plan</u>	08/26/2009 (2:00pm-4:00pm)	\$25.00
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COMPUTER Workshops

<u>Access I - Basics of Database Management</u>	08/21/2009 (9:00am-12:00pm)	\$60.00
<u>Access II - Beyond the Basics of Database Management</u>	08/21/2009 (1:00pm-4:00pm)	\$60.00
<u>Access III - Database Relationships and Queries</u>	09/02/2009 (9:00am-12:00pm)	\$60.00
<u>Access IV - Visual Basics in Access</u>	09/02/2009 (1:00pm-4:00pm)	\$60.00
<u>Computers 101 - Basics of Computer Operations</u>	08/18/2009 (1:00pm-4:00pm)	\$60.00

<u>Computers 102 - Desktop Productivity</u>	09/01/2009 (1:00PM-4:00PM)	\$60.00
<u>Crystal Reports Basics</u>	08/18/2009 (9:00am-12:00pm)	\$60.00
<u>Dreamweaver - Web Page Design I</u>	08/27/2009 (9:00am-12:00pm)	\$60.00
<u>Dreamweaver - Web Page Design II</u>	09/03/2009 (9:00am-12:00pm)	\$60.00
<u>Dreamweaver - Web Page Design III</u>	09/10/2009 (9:00am-12:00pm)	\$60.00
<u>Dreamweaver - Web Page Design IV</u>	09/17/2009 (1:00pm-4:00pm)	\$60.00
<u>Excel I - Basics of Spreadsheets</u>	09/16/2009 (1:00pm-4:00pm)	\$60.00
<u>Excel II - Beyond the Basics of Spreadsheets</u>	09/23/09 (9:00am-12:00pm)	\$60.00
<u>Excel III - Macros and Functions</u>	09/01/2009 (9:00am-12:00pm)	\$60.00
<u>Illustrator I - Basics of Graphic Design</u>	08/26/2009 (9:00am-12:00pm)	\$60.00
<u>InDesign I - Basics of Desktop Publishing</u>	09/09/2009 (1:00pm-4:00pm)	\$60.00
<u>Photoshop I - Basics of Digital Images</u>	08/13/2009 (9:00am-12:00pm)	\$60.00
<u>Photoshop II - Beyond the Basics of Digital Images</u>	08/13/2009 (1:00pm-4:00pm)	\$60.00
<u>PowerPoint I - Basics of Creating Presentations</u>	09/03/2009 (1:00pm-4:00pm)	\$60.00
<u>PowerPoint II - Beyond the Basics of Creating Presentations</u>	09/10/2009 (1:00pm-4:00pm)	\$60.00
<u>Word I - Basics of Word Processing</u>	08/25/2009 (9:00am-12:00pm)	\$60.00
<u>Word II - Beyond the Basics of Word Processing</u>	08/25/2009 (1:00pm-4:00pm)	\$60.00

QUICKBOOKS

<u>QuickBooks</u>	09/15/2009 (9:00am-4:00pm)	\$99.00
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The University of Minnesota Duluth Center for Economic Development offers numerous workshops to help entrepreneurs and employees operate more efficiently. **All workshops are held at the Duluth Technology Village, 11 E. Superior Street, Suite 210, unless otherwise noted.** To register call: 218-726-7298, 888-387-4594 or register online: www.umdced.com/workshops.

The mission of the University of Minnesota Duluth Center for Economic Development is to assist entrepreneurs and businesses to grow and succeed.

Funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development and sponsoring centers. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance. For arrangements, contact: UMD Center for Economic Development, 11 E. Superior Street, Suite 210, 218-726-7298

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