

MID IOWA GROWTH PARTNERSHIP



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MID IOWA GROWTH PARTNERSHIP (MIGP) LAUNCHES IMPLEMENTATION OF REGIONAL INNOVATION PLAN

Free, interactive workshops - August 15 - 19, 2011

(Maureen Elbert) – August 1, 2011 – Mid Iowa Growth Partnership's Regional Innovation Planning Process has yielded some valuable outcomes and resources. These outcomes and resources transition into materials that can be used in local economic development efforts. MIGP invites you to attend one of the nine, two-hour free workshops that will be held through-out the region and learn about these resources and outcomes and how they can be employed at the local level to lead to economic development activity. (See schedule of workshops below.)

Early in 2010, MIGP applied for, and was awarded through Iowa Workforce Development, a US Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration Regional Innovation Grant (RIG) to assist the region in the development of a plan to strengthen and link the assets of the region for economic growth and vitality. The grant was awarded primarily because the nine counties in the MIGP region have experienced tremendous job loss due to lay-offs and industry closures in the area.

Business, education, economic development, and workforce leaders from the nine-county region participated in the planning process at a series of regional engagement sessions. Working in core teams on four different areas: Technology & Infrastructure, Talent Development, Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Commercialization and Sustainability the group put together an implementation plan to grow the regional economy.

These workshops promise to be interactive and informative. Facilitators David Beurle and Juliet Fox, Future iQ Partners/Innovative Leaders will lead the workshops, transitioning the material products of the Regional Innovation Planning Process into valuable and workable local resources to be used in economic development efforts. MIGP encourages anyone with a stake or interest in the economic development of the region to attend including city and county personnel, county boards of supervisors, city and county economic developers, their boards of directors, elected officials and individuals from both the educational (K-16) and business sector.

Calhoun County

Monday, August 15, 2011

1:30 - 2:00 pm Registration

2:00 - 4:00 pm Workshop

Rockwell City Library/Community Center

424 Main Street

Rockwell City

Wright County

Tuesday, August 16, 2011

7:15 - 7:30 am Registration

7:30 - 9:00 am Workshop

Central Grill

1204 Central Ave E

Clarion

Hardin County

Tuesday, August 16, 2011
4:00 - 4:30 pm Registration
4:30 - 6:30 pm Workshop
Ellsworth Community College's
Equestrian/Ag Renewable Energy Center
Room 110, 707 Ellsworth Avenue
Iowa Falls

Webster County

Wednesday, August 17, 2011
2:00 - 2:30 pm Registration
2:30 - 4:30 pm Workshop
Bioscience and Health Science Building
Iowa Central Community College
Fort Dodge

Pocahontas County

Thursday, August 18, 2011
5:30 - 6:00 pm Registration
6:00 - 8:00 pm Workshop
Prairie Lakes AEA
500 NE 6th Street
Pocahontas

Hamilton County

Wednesday, August 17, 2011
9:00 - 9:30 am Registration
9:30 - 11:30 am Workshop
Webster City Council Chambers
400 Second Street
Webster City

Humboldt County

Thursday, August 18, 2011
8:30 - 9:00 am Registration
9:00 - 11:00 am Workshop
Humboldt City Hall
29 5th Street South
Humboldt

Kossuth/Palo Alto Counties

Friday, August 19, 2011
10:30 am - 12:30 pm Workshop
Welcome Center/Emmetsburg Chamber
1121 Broadway
Emmetsburg

Mid Iowa Growth Partnership assists and promotes existing business and new businesses considering the Mid Iowa region by consolidating assets and facilitating a collaborative approach to economic growth and vitality throughout the region in north central Iowa. The region includes Calhoun, Kossuth, Hamilton, Hardin, Humboldt, Pocahontas, Palo Alto, Webster and Wright Counties in north Central Iowa. To learn more about MIGP or to request assistance please visit our website at www.midiowagrowth.com.

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