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TO: PARTNERS & FRIENDS
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NATURAL CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND (NCIF) OF THE
CONSERVATION FUND
SMALL BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CENTER
(SBTDC)
RE: NEW AND INNOVATIVE CAPITAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR
SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

During the 2007 calendar year, several new and innovative capital resources became available to small business owners and entrepreneurs in North Carolina. In an effort to embrace a “no wrong door” philosophy around access to capital in North Carolina, our three organizations are collaborating to better serve our entrepreneurs and small to medium size firms across the state. We would like to share the details of this effort with you by hosting a series of information sessions to brief you on these new capital programs and opportunities. Attached is a list of dates, times and locations for the sessions. We invite you to share this announcement and invitation with any of your partners or colleagues who would find this information valuable in their work to engage entrepreneurs in need of new and expanded capital options.

These new capital resources offer unique financing options for businesses and are designed to supplement and partner with “traditional” financing options. Armed with knowledge of these new resources, we hope to partner with you to help existing, expanding and emerging businesses to create new investment and new jobs in our state. Please plan to join us for one of the information sessions and bring a colleague.

These sessions are not required to be eligible for funding. If you have any questions about a program feel free to contact the staff person below for each new capital program. If you have general questions about the outreach sessions, feel free to contact Ashley Crane at the Rural Center at 919-250-4314 or acrane@ncruralcenter.org

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