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A new approach to regional prosperity

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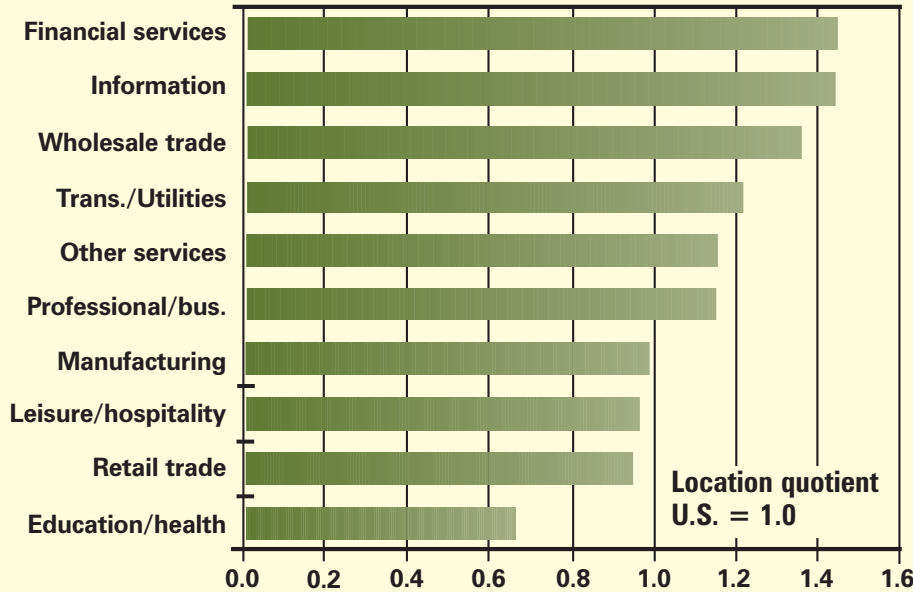
September 20, 2007!!!

Reserve a place on your calendar! The Centralina Economic Development Commission is sponsoring a **Summit on Growth** on September 20, 2007. The event will take place in the new convention center on Speedway Boulevard in Concord. This is an event you will not want to miss!!!



The Centralina Economic Development Commission (CEDC)...is a public nonprofit organization that builds collaborative partnerships to propel economic activity and promote the growth of high technology industry clusters in the greater Charlotte region. Learn more about the CEDC at: www.4noboundaries.org

Economy Supported by Mix of Modern, Traditional Industries.



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Charlotte economy is a relatively diverse one, with growth supported by a mix of modern services and traditional ones. Financial activities are the largest growth engine and supporting industries, like information, thrive in its shadow. However, even with average exposure to declining manufacturing, services such as transportation and wholesale trade, that normally support production industries, have been able to flourish, accounting for a greater than average share of the economy. Because Charlotte is the largest metro area in the area and sits on good transportation routes, goods distribution and storage are not solely dependent on local production, but on supplying regional retail trade.

ANNOUNCEMENT: *EDA Grant Funding Available*

Do you have an employer that will expand jobs, but needs improved public services like water, sewer, or other infrastructures?

Then you may be eligible for up to \$1.5 million in grant funding from the Economic Development Administration.

For more information and to find out if you are eligible for funding, contact Laura Mundell, Director, Community and Economic Development with the Centralina Economic Development Commission at:

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For more information visit: www.4noboundaries.org



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CENTRALINA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT



Small Business Owners: NEED HELP?

Gail McDonald is the first small-business Ombudsman for the North Carolina Department of Commerce. Her job is to guide business owners through state government regulations. As challenges continue in today's economy, small business owners must look for outside assistance. Ms. McDonald can explain the options and help figure out what to do.

Gail McDonald

Small Business Ombudsman
NC Department of Commerce
Business ServiCenter
(800) 228-8443

www.nccommerce.com/servicenter

Upcoming CEDC Events

July 19 – CEDC Board Meeting

Location:
Centralina Council of Governments
1300 Baxter Street, Suite 450, Charlotte
Time: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

August 21 – Development Seminar

Location:
City Cafe
128 South Main Street
Mount Holly, NC 28120
Time: 9:00 am - 11:00 am

September 20 – Summit on Growth

Location:
Concord Convention Center

October 18 – CEDC Board Meeting

Location:
Centralina Council of Governments
1300 Baxter Street, Suite 450, Charlotte
Time: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Coming Soon: WEAVING THE FABRIC...

Luncheons
Follow up to Sessions to the Workshop.
Build your skills.
• Regional Greenway/The Regional Trail
• Green Technology
• State Financing Programs
• Work Force Housing

Regional Tourism Marketing Plan in the Works:



Sixteen counties are working together to develop a regional tourism plan, according to Michael Crum from the Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority. The goal is to create quality tourism products that define and help position the region as accessible, authentic, diverse, and rich in experiences. The project will focus on developing four themes: **Motorsports, Heritage/History, Environmental and Culinary/Wine**. Meritage Consulting has been hired to inventory these assets in the 16 county region. The inventories should be completed by the end of 2007.

Regional Events

June 6-9 – 4th Annual CRI Optoelectronics Workshop The Physics of Microresonators

Location:
Grigg Hall, UNC Charlotte
Information:
www.charlotteresearchinstitute.org

Are you in the Defense Contracting Business and looking for funding?

A new and innovative loan program is available to companies interested in expand or entering in the defense contracting business.

For further information on the Defense Ventures Fund, contact:

Donald Stewart (252) 638-6724



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