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A new approach to regional prosperity

Spring 2009

Save the date!

Link-Up

WITH STIMULUS GRANTS!

Join us for a workshop about the American Recovery Act 2009.

Speakers from:

- US Department of Housing and Urban Development
- NC Department of Commerce
- USDA Rural Development



May 6th, 2009

9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Charles Mack Citizens Center in Mooresville

Hosted by Mayor Bill Thunberg



For more information, contact us at cedc@centralina.org



Interested in Participating in Brownfield Clean-Up?

The US Environmental Protection Agency offers grants to coalitions working to assess and plan for redevelopment of Brownfields. The CED is working with two groups in our region that intend to apply for the funds. The projects will assess and complete initial redevelopment plans for Brownfields.

Communities in Gaston County have an opportunity to join in. Please contact Laura Mundell, if you are interested.

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North Carolina Labor Market Conditions

NC unemployment rates highest, since 1976

- ◆ Construction employment down 16.7%
- ◆ Manufacturing employment down 12%
- ◆ Business/professional employment down 5.7%

Centralina regional unemployment rates are higher than the state average

- Regional Sectors facing decline are:
 - ◆ Financial activities down 10.2%
 - ◆ Manufacturing down 9.3%
 - ◆ Construction down 18.9%
 - ◆ Utilities down 7.6%
 - ◆ Hospitality down 8.1%

The major banks in the region have not yet announced layoffs. Even so approximately 1,000 layoffs were announced in financial services in Mecklenburg County in February 2009.

Announced layoffs for 2008-2010 reflect the rocky economy with 15,704 layoffs announced in the Centralina region, roughly twice the number for a normal year.

Recovery is in the Mind of the Beholder

“We continue to expect the economic recovery to start late this year. Yet we see the recovery as being different in both character (less diversified) and strength (weaker) relative to past recoveries. Therefore, we believe the recovery will be disappointing to both citizens and policymakers. Such disappointment means more difficult decisions in the next three years.”

-Wachovia Economic Group April 08, 2009-

Over-the-Year Employment Change (-48,300) -5.6%		
Charlotte/ Gastonia/ Concord NC/SC Metro Total Nonfarm Employment Feb-09	Industry	Change
814,700	Governments	7,100 6.2%
	Educational & Health Services	2,000 2.6%
	Information	-1,400 -6.4%
	Other Services	-1,600 -4.3%
	Leisure and Hospitality	-6,700 -8.1%
	Manufacturing	-7,500 -9.3%
	Financial Activities	-7,800 -10.2%
	Professional & Business Services	-8,100 -6.0%
	Nat. Resources, Mining & Const.	-10,600 -18.9%
	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-13,700 -7.6%
Rate= 11.7%		

Source: NC ESC April 1, 2009



UPCOMING EVENTS SPRING 2009

April 21

**Gaston Area Traffic & Transportation Assoc.
Spring Golf Outing**

Location: Shelby Country Club

Time: 12:30-3:30

Contact: Sheryl.morris@fmc.com

April 28

CPCC

Entrepreneurial Success: Marketing & Comm.

Location: Levine Campus

Time: 2:00-6:30

Email: Renee.Hode@cpcc.edu

May 5

Piedmont Triad Partnership

NC State Export Tech

Location: Greensboro, NC

Time: 8:30-4:30

www.ies.ncsu.edu/exportech/

May 6

Centralina COG

Link-up with Stimulus Grants

Location: Mooresville, NC

Time: 9:30-1:30

Email: cedc@centralina.org

May 20

UNC-Charlotte

Providing & Paying for Infrastructure

Location: Levine Museum of the New South

Time: 6:00

May 27

Marketplace: Procurement Opportunities for Small Businesses

Location: Research Triangle Park, NC

www.sbtcd.org/events/marketplace

June 2

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June 2-4

Community Development Academy

Location: UNC-School of Government

Register at: <http://sog.unc.edu/courses/0676/>

June 11-12

UNC-Charlotte

5th International Hydrail Conference

Location: Charlotte, NC

www.hydrail.org

July 15

UNC-Charlotte

The Changing Face of the Queen City

Location: Levine Museum of the New South

Time: 6:00



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The Centralina Economic Development Commission



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Centralina Economic Development Commission, housed in the Centralina Council of Governments, is a 501c3 organization serving the greater Charlotte region and supporting the key activities proposed in the Centralina Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The strategy outlines an approach to regional growth and prosperity that builds on the region's strengths, emphasizes key regional industry clusters, and prioritizes economic development projects. The Commission is supported by the Board of County Commissioners in nine North Carolina counties (Anson, Cabarrus, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Stanly, and Union) and by the Cities of Charlotte, Concord, and Gastonia and the Town of Mooresville.

For more information visit: www.4noboundaries.org or www.4communitydevelopment.org