State of Montana, Department of Commerce Prospera, Montana Manufacturing Extension Center

Resource Rendezvous

Thursday, April 27, 2017 5:30--7:30 P.M. Jabs Hall

Eight different state and local business resource organizations are available in one location on one night to provide your clients information on what services, grants, funding, programs, etc...are available to them free of charge to take their business to the next level.

5:00-5:30 Check in. Food/Drinks.

5:30-6:30 Brief presentations by each organization

6:30-7:30 Organizations will be at individual tables for you to visit with depending on your needs.

Registration Required Click here to register.

A. Why would I attend this event?

To find out what help is available to move my ideas forward.

- 1. Where do I go to get counseling on starting or expanding a business?
 - a. Small Business Development Center (SBDC) of Bozeman
 - i. Anya Petersen-Frey, SBDC Regional Director Phone 406599-0790 anya.petersenfrey@montana.edu http://sbdc.mt.gov/Bozeman
- 2. How can I get a grant to conduct research on an idea that has commercial potential?
 - a. Montana Board of Research Commercialization Technology (MBRCT)
 - i. Dave Desch, Executive Director Phone 406-841-2760 <u>ddesch@mt.gov</u> <u>http://marketmt.org/MBRCT</u>
- 3. How can I get a grant to match federal funds for research?
 - a. Montana Small Business Innovation Research Program/Small Business Technology Transfer Program (SBIR/STTR)
 - Dave Desch, Executive Director Phone 406-841-2760 ddesch@mt.gov http://marketmt.org/MSMFP
- 4. How can I get assistance to find federal funds for research and commercialization and information on protecting intellectual property?
 - a. Montana Technology Innovation Partnership
 - i. Christie Bell, SBIR Consultant Phone 406-924-8440 <u>christie@christiebell.com</u> www.christiebell.com
 - ii. Lyndsey Hagmaier, Program ManagerPhone 406-841-2734lhagmaier@mt.govhttp://marketmt.com/MTIP/Services/Assistance

- 5. What program can help me pay for studies and reports needed to take my business to the next level?
 - a. Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund Program
 - i. Karyl Tobel, Bureau Chief Phone 406-841-2732 <u>karylt@mt.gov</u> <u>http://marketmt.com/BSTF</u>
- 6. What program can help me pay for costs associated with production and hiring employees?
 - a. Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund Program
 - Karyl Tobel, Bureau Chief Phone 406-841-2732 <u>karylt@mt.gov</u> <u>http://marketmt.com/BSTF</u>
- 7. Once I start manufacturing my product, how can my operations be improved so I can grow my business?
 - a. Montana Manufacturing Extension Center
 - i. Alistair Stewart, Senior Business Advisor Phone 406-994-3812 <u>alistair.stewart@montana.edu</u> http://www.montana.edu/mmec/
- 8. Who do I go to when I need help with applications to public programs, management of grants, and find other resources to help me?
 - a. Prospera Business Network
 - i. Paul Reichert, Executive Director
 Phone 406-587-3113
 preichert@prosperabusinessnetwork.org
 https://www.prosperabusinessnetwork.org/