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 406-599-0790
         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
         ddesch@mt.gov
         http://marketmt.org/MBRCT

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)
      i. 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
         christie@christiebell.com
         www.christiebell.com

      ii. Lyndsey Hagmaier, Program Manager
          Phone 406-841-2734
          lhagmaier@mt.gov
          http://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
         karylt@mt.gov
         http://marketmt.com/BSTF

6. What program can help me pay for costs associated with production and hiring employees?
   a. Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund Program
      i. Karyl Tobel, Bureau Chief
         Phone 406-841-2732
         karylt@mt.gov
         http://marketmt.com/BSTF

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
         alistair.stewart@montana.edu
         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/