

Making credit accessible to small businesses and entrepreneurs is crucial to our continued economic recovery. Small businesses employ one-half of all Americans and they account for about 60% of overall job creation. But knowing where to turn for help can often be an intimidating task. The Small Business & Entrepreneur Resource Expo is your opportunity to meet with representatives from many of the organizations providing loans, direct financial assistance and additional types of support to many of the businesses in McLean County.

Get the information you need to help your business grow. Attend the **Small Business & Entrepreneur Resource Expo, Tuesday, September 17, 2013 from 8:30-10:30am in the Hansen Student Center at Illinois Wesleyan University**. Speak to only the representatives you want to meet with. Get answers to your specific questions. Arrange a consultation targeted to your individual business needs and grow your business.

## **Organizations and Resources Represented include:**

Career Link

City of Bloomington

Economic Development Council of Bloomington-Normal

Heartland Community College - Customized Training

Illinois Business Financial Services

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

Illinois Department of Employment Security

Illinois Finance Authority

Illinois Manufacturing Extension Center

International Trade Center / NAFTA Opportunity Center

Procurement Technical Assistance Center

McLean County Chamber of Commerce

McLean/Livingston County SCORE

Small Business Development Center at Illinois State University

United States Department of Agriculture

U.S Small Business Administration

The Small Business & Entrepreneur Resource Expo is FREE, but advance registration is required. To register, go to www.mcleancochamber.org and, under the Events tab, click "Online Registration" or call Diane Siron at the McLean County Chamber of Commerce, 309-829-6344.







