

Lafayette Urban Enterprise Association

News and opportunities for Entrepreneurs and Businesses of the Lafayette Urban Enterprise Zone



LUEA Chairman Robert Reiling, Jr. and Exec. Director Dennis Carson Honors former Chairman Michael Gibson at the March 28th meeting.

May 15

◆ Form EZ-1 (inventory exemption) is to be filed with Tippecanoe County Auditor
Deadline for receiving 30-day extension for filing EZ-1.

June 1

◆ EZB-R must be filed (zone registration form)

June 14

◆ Form EZ-1 due if an extension was granted by the auditor

July 15

◆ Form EZB-R due if an extension was granted by the state UEZ board.

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In the ZONE

Zone Business Education Access... Brings Training Opportunities

Through a recent partnership with the Regional Educational Network (REN), zone businesses are able to take advantage of the Zone Business Education Access. This program provides technical assistance and training to businesses within the Lafayette Enterprise Zone.

The Regional Education Network (REN), is a non-profit group providing customized education services to businesses. Businesses located within the zone are eligible to take advantage of classes, seminars and networking opportunities

"Helping to strengthen our existing zone businesses is a primary goal," said Dennis Carson, LUEA's executive director. "One way we can do this is to help these businesses, many of them small, access affordable educational opportunities for the owners and their employees. REN realizes the benefits of a zone-wide membership and the potential for increased enrollment in its classes, so we negotiated a zone-wide membership fee that LUEA is paying." This saves each company from \$1,200 to \$2,000 annually in membership fees.

REN's seminars range from two-hour, single-topic lunch sessions to multi-session classes on specific subjects requested by a business. These include problem solving, planning and organizing, communications, project management, safety, supervisor training and others. Class fees depend on length and content.

Zone businesses interested in the following REN classes or other opportunities should contact Kelly Thomas or John Ragan, Regional Education Network Consultants, at 742-7892:

9:00a.m. to 11:00a.m.	04/20/01	Microsoft Outlook Training
12:30p.m. to 3:30p.m.	04/23/01	Business Writing
8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.	05/16/01	LEAN Manufacturing

Established in 1993, LUEA is a not-for-profit group with offices in the Swezey Commerce Center, 337 Columbia St. It works to enhance, revitalize and encourage businesses and neighborhoods in Lafayette's enterprise zone, which encompasses downtown and surrounding areas.

Other Zone **News**

Small Business Development Center...Offers

Free Workshops on "How to Start a Business"

Do you think you are ready to open your business...Do you have a business plan? Are you operating on an accrual or cash basis? Is your business a sole proprietor LLP or are you incorporating? If you would like the answers to these questions, please call and reserve your spot at the *Free* "How to Start Your Business Workshop." Dates and times for the workshops are :

April 25, 2001	8:30a.m. to 12:00p.m.
May 31, 2001	1:00p.m. to 4:30p.m.
July 31, 2001	8:30a.m. to 12:00p.m.
August 30, 2001	1:00p.m. to 4:30p.m.

Topics to be discussed at the seminar are: legal entity forms, insurance--buying it based on coverage not price, marketing--is more than advertising, financing--tradition versus nontraditional funding sources (i.e. credit cards & friends. Plus an in-depth discussion of the pros and cons of each).

To register for the *Free* workshops on "How to Start Your Business", please call Jody Crum at (765)742-0095 at ext. 233. The workshops are sponsored by the Small Business Development Center at the Swezey Commerce Center, located at 337 Columbia Street. *Please RSVP Today!!!*

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