



# SMALL BUSINESS WEEK 2014 KICKOFF

## EXPANDING MARKETS FOR ILLINOIS SMALL BUSINESSES

Join the U.S. Small Business Administration – Illinois District Office in collaboration with SCORE: For the Life of Your Business, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity – Small Business Development Center Network and the Women's Business Development Center to celebrate this year's Small Business Week and learn about resource opportunities available to help grow your business.

**WHEN:** May 9, 2014  
7:30am – 1:30pm

**WHERE:** Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago  
230 S LaSalle, Chicago, IL 60604

### **Agenda:**

**7:30am - 8:30am**

Registration/Continental Breakfast

**8:30am - 8:45am**

Welcome and Introduction/Keynote  
(FRBC Economist)

**8:50am - 9:00am**

Break/Transition

**9:00am - 9:50am**

Workshop Session #1  
Straight Talk with Buying Activities and Prime Contractors

**9:50am - 10:00am**

Break/Transition

**10:00am-12:00pm**

Government Contracting/Prime Contractor Matchmaking. ([Click Here to Register for Matchmaking](#))

**10:00am - 10:50am**

Workshop Session #2  
Show me the Money (Traditional Financing)

**10:50am - 11:00am**

Break/Transition

**11:00am - 11:50am**

Workshop Session #3  
Alternative Financing: Micro-Lending, Factoring, Crowd Sourcing, Bootstrapping and Financial Literacy

**11:50am - 12:00pm**

Break/Transition

**12:00pm - 12:50pm**

Workshop Session #4  
Vehicles to Procurement Opportunities

**1:00pm – 1:30pm**

Closing Remarks

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