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SBA to Offer Free Workshops in Lewis County

Topics include Entrepreneurship after 50 and the Affordable Care Act

CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA – The West Virginia District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration will hold two free workshops on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at the Lewis County Senior Center in Weston. SBA Regional Administrator, Natalia Olson will be in attendance for both events. Both workshops are free and open to the public. Registration is requested at www.wvscore.org.

Encore Entrepreneur

The first workshop will begin at 10 a.m. and is targeted to those over the age of 50 who are looking to start a small business. Currently there are over 76 million people over the age of 50 in the country, and many are interested in and poised to be entrepreneurs. Research shows that one in four Americans between the ages 44 and 70 are interested in starting their own business or nonprofit venture in the next five to ten years. Nearly half of these aspiring business people desire to be encore entrepreneurs by starting a business with a positive social impact. Olson will give an overview of resources available through the SBA and counselors will be on hand to answer individual questions.

“If you are one of the 76 million people over the age of 50 and are looking for a way to turn the skills or passion you possess into a career – I encourage you to attend this free event,” stated Judy McCauley, West Virginia District Director.

The Affordable Care Act

The second workshop will begin at 12 p.m. and Olson will deliver an overview of how the Affordable Care Act will affect small businesses. Linda Vance, ACA Navigator, with the Lewis County Senior Center will discuss how navigators can assist individuals with enrolling in SHOP. Also in attendance will be Chris Heater from GJ Garton Insurance to provide information on enrollment in the individual market place.

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The mission of the SBA is to aid, counsel, assist and promote the interests of small businesses by providing financial, procurement and business development assistance and advocating on their behalf within the government. All SBA programs are extended to the public on a non-discriminatory basis. Reasonable arrangements for persons with disabilities will be made, if requested at least 2 weeks in advance.