

Rural Business-Cooperative Service Informational Webinars

September is “Rural Development Month” at the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and USDA’s Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) is holding a series of informational webinars to share success stories and best practices on how customers and partner organizations have used RBS programs and resources to support businesses in rural and Tribal communities. Customers and stakeholders interested in learning more about RBS programs—and how customers have used our financing tools to support entrepreneurship—are encouraged to participate in this opportunity to engage with diverse partner organizations, ask questions, and learn more. For additional information, or to request special accommodations, please contact rdced@wdc.usda.gov.

Sept. 13, 2016

2-3:30 pm EST

Asian-American/Pacific Islanders Business Development Success Stories

Facilitator: Tim O’Connell, RBS Community Economic Development

Speaker: Tin Myaing Thein, Ph.D., Pacific Gateway Center

Webinar/Audio: <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/b5htudhc9x51&eom>

Sept. 14, 2016

2-3:30 pm EST

Nature + Commerce + Energy: Recreational Business Development Success Stories

Facilitator: Angela Callie, RBS Community Economic Development

Speaker: Rob Riley, Northern Forest Center

Webinar/Audio: <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/5dapkg6w1z1p&eom>

Sept. 15, 2016

2-3:30 pm EST

El Sueño de Ser Dueño de un Negocio - The Dream to be a Business Owner

Facilitator: Margaret Bau, RBS Cooperative Programs

Speakers: John Flory and Yolanda Cotterall, Latino Economic Development Center; Reggie Knoxx and Brett Malone, California FarmLink

Webinar/Audio: <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/3bxtviuytrzo&eom>

Sept. 16, 2016

2-3:30 pm EST

USDA Rural Development Programs for Native American Entrepreneurs

Facilitator: Tedd Buelow, USDA Rural Development

Speakers: Tedd Buelow, USDA Rural Development, Bill Hamilton, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Small Business Development Services

Webinar/Audio: <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/fjlp2av6nfs&eom>

Sept. 20, 2016

2-3:30 pm EST

Turning a National Guard Armory Into a Business Center

Facilitator: Greg Dale, RBS Community Economic Development

Speaker: Brenda Tuck, Marengo County Economic Development Authority

Webinar/Audio: <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/268jju8giif9&eom>

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Sept. 22, 2016
2-3:30 pm EST

Stronger Economies Together: Regional Planning & Business Development Success Stories

Facilitator: Hiwot Gebremariam, RBS Community Economic Development

Speakers: Larry Wright, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension;
Janice Stroud-Bickes, USDA Rural Development in Virginia, Martha Walker, Virginia Tech University
Cooperative Extension; Peggy Schlechter, South Dakota State University;
Paul Johnson, Jill Rees, USDA Rural Development in Oregon, Amanda Hoey, Mid-Columbia Economic
Development District (*tentative*)

Webinar/Audio: <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/53wa6i1fghb4&eom>

Sept. 27, 2016
1-2:30 pm EST

Cooperatives as a Tool for Community Solutions

Facilitator: Margaret Bau, USDA Rural Development, *Co-op Basics*

Speaker:

Converting existing businesses to employee ownership, Rob Brown,
Cooperative Development Institute, Maine

Turning trailer parks into resident owned communities, Diane Gasaway,
Northwest Cooperative Development Center, Washington:

From farmworkers to farm owners, John Flory,
Latino Economic Development Center, Minnesota

Home care agencies as worker co-ops, Deborah Craig,
Northwest Cooperative Development Center, Washington

When the last grocery store closes, Marnie Thompson,
Fund 4 Democratic Communities, North Carolina

Webinar/Audio: <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/7y7n5ugyh3ka&eom>

Sept. 29, 2016
2-2:30 pm EST

Local Food Financing and Cooperative Business Models

Speaker & Facilitator: Jim Barham, USDA Rural Development

Speaker: Margaret Bau, USDA Rural Development

Webinar/Audio: <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/2asq8uq2rmsd&eom>