

Win \$25,000: Enter the Accelerate Your Business Plan Contest

The Rock County Development Alliance, through the support of the Rock County 5.0 initiative, is presenting the Accelerate Your Business Plan Contest: Connecting Concepts to Capital. The Contest will be awarding a prize package valued up to \$25,000. In addition to meeting the eligibility requirements, contestants will be required to participate in a series of workshops and mentoring sessions. Existing small businesses, as well as emerging entrepreneurs, are encouraged to enter the Contest. The Contest officially kicks-off on June 1st and then is scheduled to wrap-up during the week of October 11th.

If you'd like to contribute your time or talents as a mentor, and/or pledge some form of value-added professional businesses services (e.g. accounting, communications, legal, marketing, proto-typing, etc.), then please complete the online Pledge form. For additional Contest details, including registration details and a calendar of events, [click here](#).

Strengthen Your Small Business

The Rock County Development Alliance, through the Accelerate Your Business Plan contest, is offering a series of practical workshops to support existing and emerging businesses alike. Although these workshops will be held in conjunction with the Accelerate Business Plan contest, these offerings are also open to the public. A listing of the topical workshops, scheduled from June through October, is provided below:

- How to Develop Your Business Plan's Executive Summary
- How to Conduct a Market Analysis
- How to Develop Your Financial Proformas & Secure Financial Resources
- How to Compile Your Business Plan
- How to Present Your Business Plan to Investors

For additional workshop information, [click here](#).

Biz Facts

Fact: Planning how you will exit your business at the beginning will help you stay on track once it's launched.

For a summary of business exit strategies, [click here](#).

Upcoming Events

Rock County Development Alliance
Accelerate Your Business Plan Contest
Kick-off Event
June 1, 2010; 11:30 am -1:00 pm
Blackhawk Technical College
For more info, visit
www.rockcountyalliance.com

UW-Whitewater Small Business Development Center (SBDC)
First Steps Course
NxLevel Entrepreneurial Training Program
E-Hub: Beloit & Janesville Locations
For more info, visit www.sbdc.uww.edu

Evansville Area Inventors & Entrepreneurs (I&E) Club
Eager Economy Building
Evansville, WI
For more info, contact:
Cindy Hammer (608.774.6382)
John Gishnock (608.882.6656)

Janesville Entrepreneurs MeetUp Group
For more information, visit
www.meetup.com/JanesvilleEntrepreneur-Meetup-Group/

Interested in *Accelerating Your Business*?

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