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The Economic Outlook

Recent news is grim. Where are our investments headed? What's the economic forecast for 2009 and beyond? Learn what the experts believe at this December 3rd workshop led by Jeff Fuhrer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston and economist Dennis Delay, NH Center for Public Policy and New England Economic Partnership. Sponsored by TD BANKNORTH and co-hosted by the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce and the Belknap County Economic Development Council, read more at http://www.bcedc.org/new_events_events.asp.

Stay Warm This Winter

Stay Warm NH is a public/private partnership focused on expanding weatherization and heating assistance programs. Coordinating this effort are the NH Office of Energy Planning, NH Department of Health and Human Service, and NH Charitable Foundation with help from non-profit organizations and private businesses. Read more at <http://www.StayWarmNH.org>. Area banks are also offering energy efficiency and home improvement loans to help maximize your fuel expenditures. Loan programs are currently being offered by Meredith Village Savings Bank and Citizens Bank, among others.

Learn How To Cope

University of New Hampshire Professional Development & Training is offering two workshops to help your business. "Recession Proof your Workforce," on December 2, focuses on practices that lead to a resilient workforce that is high performing with low stress. Learn the "secret weapon" of companies that enjoy maximum productivity, high morale, and low employee stress. On December 9, "Managing Across Generations" explores age-diversity in the workplace. Elders, Boomers, Xers, and Nexters hold different values and work ethics, which present new challenges for employee recruitment, retention, motivation, and supervision. This interactive workshop offers insight and practical solutions for bridging and overcoming the generational differences. Register online at <http://www.learn.unh.edu/forms> or call 862-2015.

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More than a third of small business owners are looking for financial assistance including grants, loans, venture capital, and tax incentives. Business.gov, a web portal to government resources, has launched a new Loans and Grants Search tool to help business owners quickly locate federal and state financing options. Find it fast at <http://www.business.gov/guides/finance/financing/index.html>