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SWINE FLU INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM N.H. DHHS

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services is monitoring the Swine Influenza. Those with questions about the outbreak, possible symptoms, travel information, or other issues related to this illness can call 1-888-330-6764 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. DHHS website is updated frequently. Please visit http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/DHHS_SITE/default.htm

TOWN OF BARNSTEAD AND BCEDC RECEIVE APPROVAL FOR \$500,000 GRANT

The New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority has approved a request from the Town of Barnstead for a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant, presented on behalf of BCEDC and Lakes Region Pellets, LLC. The project will create between 20 and 29 jobs and at least 60% of the jobs, ranging from direct labor to managerial positions, are expected to be filled by low- and moderate-income employees. Approximately 20 construction jobs will be created during the retrofitting of the former TIMCO facility. The state will benefit from Lakes Region Pellets' business enterprise and business profit taxes. The Town of Barnstead will realize additional property tax revenue and increased total consumer spending. A large percentage of the raw materials used to produce the wood pellets will come from within a 50-mile radius of the property, providing benefit to area businesses and property owners.

SMALL BUSINESS SPEED COACHING TEST DRIVE

Two nationally recognized resources for small business, SCORE — America's nonprofit business counselors, and American Express OPEN, are hosting a free, invitation-only event at the Grappone Center in Concord. The workshop will be held Thursday, **April 30**, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It is designed with the current economic realities in mind to help small business owners meet both challenges and opportunities. Participants will receive one-on-one business counseling, opportunities for solution-swapping with other small business owners, and an array of incisive workshops addressing key success areas.

Read more at <http://scorelakesregion.org>. Register at:

<https://www.123signup.com/servlet/SignUp?cat:1116=1913&PG=1532586182300&P=153258600>

HOW TO BUY OR SELL A BUSINESS THE SAFE AND ORGANIZED WAY

New Hampshire Business Sales offers a free workshop on buying or selling a business. Learn to use the techniques the pros use. Learn how businesses are analyzed, valued, marketed, and how sales are negotiated and financed. The workshop will be held **April 30** at 7:00 p.m. at 8 North Main Street, 2nd Floor, Concord. Advance registration is required. For more information, please contact Leon Parker, New Hampshire Business Sales, at 603-279-5561 or email nhbs@nhbizsales.com.

2009 NEW HAMPSHIRE GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON TOURISM

The New Hampshire Travel Council will hold the 33rd Annual Governor's Conference on Tourism **May 4-6** at the Waterville Valley Conference Center. Planned is an exceptional program to provide opportunities for education, discussion, and idea exchange to improve profitability and business success. Full information about the conference is available at <http://www.nhtravelcouncil.com> or by calling t603-665-9559

2009 GOVERNOR'S MANUFACTURING LEADERSHIP SERIES

New Hampshire Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) hosts the 2009 Governor's Manufacturing Leadership Series, to be held Tuesday, **May 19**, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Southern New Hampshire University, Hospitality Center, 2500 North River Road, Manchester. Welcoming remarks and special introduction by NH Governor John Lynch precede a panel discussion on "How to Create Growth Opportunities in the Recession." A second panel discussion concerns "Lending Institutions' Approaches in a Downturn Economy." "State-wide Resources for Manufacturers" will be presented by Roy Duddy, Interim Director of NH Division of Economic Development, and a report on "The New Generation Manufacturing Study" will be offered by Zenagui Brahim, Director of Operations, NH Manufacturing Extension Partnership (NH MEP) and Roy Duddy. Tickets are \$50 per person and include lunch.

For more information, please contact NH MEP at 603-226-3200 or email Zenaguib@nhmep.org.