



**F.Y.I. — 7/30/09**

### **REGISTER ONLINE FOR PROJECT ECONOMY JOB FAIR & CAREER EXPO**

Jobs, new opportunities, and an enhanced workforce are the goals of the second statewide job and career expo to be held August 27th from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS) in Loudon. More than 100 businesses have already signed up. Job seekers are invited to register online at [http://www.nh.gov/nhes/news/jobfairs\\_expos.htm](http://www.nh.gov/nhes/news/jobfairs_expos.htm). Businesses interested in taking part in the event are asked to register by visiting <http://www.wmur.com/nh-job-fair>. All questions about business registration should be directed to Business Registration Coordinator Stuart Arnett at (603) 219-0043.

### **USDA ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS TO FUND PROJECTS**

The USDA has announced the addition of \$1.7 billion to the Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan program through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Eligible applicants include cooperative organizations, corporations, partnerships, nonprofit groups, federally recognized Indian tribes, public bodies, and individuals. The funds will be targeted to create and retain quality jobs and to serve difficult to reach populations and areas hardest hit by the recent economic downturn. The USDA will accept applications until September 15, 2010. For information and application assistance, please visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/vt>

### **THE ECONOMIC CRISIS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCE**

A CDFI industry assessment has been published by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco's Center for Community Development Investments. To assess the state of affairs in community development finance in the current economic downturn, the Center recruited a team of experts including Mark Pinsky, Opportunity Finance Network; Nancy Andrews, Low Income Investment Fund; and Paul Weech, Innovative Housing Strategies, LLC. The report is available at <http://www.frbsf.org/cdinvestments> in PDF format.

### **COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT REPORT**

For more than a year, the Lakes Region Partnership for Public Health and other local health and human service agencies worked to collect information about our community in an effort to better understand the needs our region faces and to identify opportunities to work collaboratively to address some of these needs. Interested community groups, municipalities and others will find the information useful. Please visit [http://www.bcedc.org/resources\\_reports.asp](http://www.bcedc.org/resources_reports.asp) to find "2008 Lakes Region Community Needs Assessment Report."