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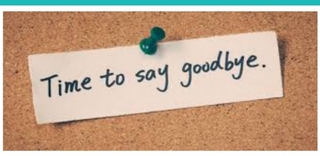
CHAMBER NEWS



The Salem Area Chamber of Commerce building, located at 713 East State has been turned over to Armadillo Development. Many memories have been made at this location and it will be greatly missed! We are excited to move forward and enable new development on the edge of historic downtown Salem.
"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in the stone monuments, but what is woven in the ***lives of others.*** *" –Pericles–*

NEW SMALL BUSINESS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Ohio PPE Retooling and Reshoring Grant Program Ohio businesses and nonprofit organizations need personal protective equipment, which remains in short supply. We are working to solve that issue through the ingenuity of Ohio companies and their employees. The Ohio PPE Retooling and Reshoring Grant Program provides funds to help businesses innovate and create solutions to the PPE shortage. Small and medium-sized manufacturers that retool existing facilities to make PPE or reshore PPE production to Ohio are eligible. The funding provides up to $500,000 per facility. Needed PPE: Surgical masks, Gowns, Gloves, Community masks, Face shields, Thermometers, Hand sanitizer, Cleaning and sanitizing products,Other products and solutions.
Click here for program guidelines.
Click here to apply.

Ohio Minority Micro-Enterprise Grant Program Many Ohio small, minority- and women-owned businesses have been hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Ohio Minority Micro-Enterprise Grant Program provides $10,000 in funding to help these companies through the current crisis and set them up for the future. To be eligible, businesses must have been certified as a Minority Business Enterprise or woman-owned EDGE-certified business as of Feb. 29, 2020; have 10 or fewer employees and up to $500,000 in annual revenue; and have not received funding under the federal CARES Act. To qualify, businesses must be current on all taxes and private or public loans. Grants will be awarded on first-come, first-served basis.
Click here to apply.

Appalachian Growth Capital Loan Program Many small businesses in Ohio's Appalachian region have been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Ohio Development Services Agency and the Governor's Office of Appalachia will provide $10 million in funding to help these businesses through the crisis. This new loan program provides funding to the Appalachian Growth Capital LLC, which is a U.S. Treasury-Certified Community Development Financial Institution that provides small business financing in the 32-county Appalachian region of eastern and southern Ohio.

- Businesses located in the 32-county region with less than $40 million of revenue in the most recently completed tax year are eligible.
- Appalachian Growth Capital will offer loans to small businesses at 2 percent interest.
- The maximum loan amount is $500,000, and businesses will have the ability to defer payment for up to six months.

Businesses can apply at appcap.org.

CHAMBER MEMBER NEWS

BWC UPCOMING WEBINARS

June 18, 2020
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Before You Hire that Contractor:
Groundwork to Reduce Safety Risks Instructor: Mary Beth Holley

Because contractors often perform higher-risk jobs, the host employer needs to understand the contractor safety performance, regulatory obligations, and safety risks associated with the job before work commences. This webinar covers the areas for consideration during the various phases of the contractor selection management, and evaluation process to aid in safety risk reduction.

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June 25, 2020
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Accident Analysis:
Why should I do it? Instructor: Lisa Houston

This course is designed to explain the accident analysis process and to provide an organized approach for identifying and correcting hazards. Attendees will learn about basic elements of a written accident analysis program, the primary causal factors of accidents, and action steps that can be taken in analyzing accidents.

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NEED HELP? CONTACT KAYLEE BLEVINGS: Kaylee.B.1@bwc.state.oh.us

JUNE BWC CAREWORKS COMP NEWS

June 2020 BWC News from CareWorks Comp

We all know that the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an escalating global health concern. We also recognize that a widespread outbreak could place increased demands on our capacity to meet those needs. At CareWorks Comp we're prepared to support our clients' needs in our areas of expertise. For the most current and up-to-date information from the Ohio BWC regarding COVID-19 topics, please visit the BWC's website at: BWC COVID-19 Information, to read the Frequently Asked Questions document.

It's Time To Apply For The 2021 Workers' Comp Group Rating Program

Our 2021 group rating saving projections will be sent out shortly. Contact Bob Nicoll, CareWorks Comp Program Manager to request an evaluation of your projected premium savings. Members in the program receive workers' comp claim management and rating services as well as unemployment insurance consulting services. You can contact Bob at 800.837.3200 ext. 8595 or Robert.nicoll@careworkscomp.com

New Policy Year Starts July 1, 2020

By now you should have received your Ohio BWC Premium Estimation Notice explaining what your estimated payroll and premium will be for the Policy Year 7/1/2020 to 6/30/2021. CareWorks Comp highly suggests that you review this notice in detail and confirm if the estimated payroll numbers the BWC is projecting match what you are projecting for your company. If you are expecting your payroll to change significantly for the 2020 Policy Year (either up or down), we suggest you contact the Ohio BWC to adjust those numbers accordingly. This will ensure a more manageable True Up in the summer of 2021.

CareWorks Comp offering 2020 Spring Seminars via Video due to COVID-19

In response to COVID-19 prevention measures and in consideration for the health and safety of our clients and our colleagues, **CareWorks Comp is offering this year's seminar content via video.** If you have already registered for an onsite seminar, a CareWorks Comp colleague will reach out to you to discuss this video option. We are committed to maintaining services critical to client success. For questions or registration please contact Marcia Dennis at 614-896-2323 or Marcia.Dennis@careworkscomp.com.

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