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DCEO COVID-19 Emergency Relief Webinars

Dear Valued Partner

DCEO is offering a variety of webinars for all of our communities impacted by COVID19.

COVID-19 Resources: Online with OMEE

The Business Development Managers from OMEE will provide you with the latest updates regarding federal and state programs and answer any questions regarding available resources. **This is an open online conversation with OMEE constituents (racial/ethnic minorities, women, persons with disabilities, and veteran - owned businesses).**

To register for one or more of the following dates and times, please [click here](#).

Dates and Times:

- Wednesday, April 29, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

COVID-19 Resources for African American Small Business Owners

DCEO's African American Business Development Manager Matt Simpson will be hosting a series of webinars focusing on African American small businesses. Matt will be joined by a representative from the Small Business Administration to discuss the federal programs that are

available. Please note, the below webinars are open to all Illinois small business owners. However, DCEO recognizes that there are unique challenges that African American business owners face and will speak to those concerns in this webinar series.

If you have questions, please contact Matt at matthew.simpson@illinois.gov.

Dates and Times:

- Friday, May 1, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. – Southern & Southwest Region: (East St Louis, Centerville, Carbondale, Cairo)

please register at <https://bit.ly/2yhb8TS>

- Friday, May 8, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - North Central, Northern Stateline, Northwest, West Central, and East Central Regions (Peoria, Decatur, Champaign, Quad Cities, Galesburg)

please register at <https://bit.ly/3b9Kknj>

- Friday, May 15, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. – Northeast Region (Chicago South Suburbs, Dolton, Riverdale, South Holland, Thornton, Lansing)

please register at <https://bit.ly/2RDzyhl>

COVID-19 Resources for Latinx Small Business Owners

DCEO's Latino Business Development Manager Diana Alfaro will be hosting a series of webinars focusing on Latinx small businesses in collaboration with DCEO's Team RED - Regional Economic Development member, Manuel Lopez, in English or Spanish. Please note, the below webinars are open to all Illinois small business owners. However, DCEO recognizes that there are unique challenges that Latinx business owners face and will speak to those concerns in this webinar series.

If you have questions, please contact Diana at diana.alfaro@illinois.gov. The web link will be sent the day before. Please note, if you can't make these webinars, there are additional ones focusing on Latinx small businesses coming.

- Tuesday, April 28, 2020 (Spanish) at 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m – Central Illinois Region with co-host: Greater Peoria Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

please register at [HERE](#)

- Thursday, April 30, 2020 (English) at 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Statewide with co-host: Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

please register at [HERE](#)

COVID-19 Resources for Latinx Small Business Owners (SPANISH)

El Departamento de Comercio y Oportunidad Económica (DCEO por sus siglas en inglés) tendrá un seminario web (webinar) para explicar los recursos disponibles para aquellos negocios pequeños impactados por el coronavirus. Antes del evento, usted recibirá un correo electrónico con los detalles para participar.

- *Martes, 28 de April de 2020 (Español) – Coanfitrión: Cámara de comercio hispana de Peoria (Illinois central enfocado), 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (CDT), para registrarse hacer clic [aquí](#)*
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COVID-19 Resources for Women Small Business Owners

DCEO's Women's Business Development Manager Ibie Hart will be hosting an "All in for Women" series of webinars focusing on women-owned small businesses. Ibie will be providing the latest update on federal programs, information on private grants for women-owned businesses, and additional government resources. There will also be an opportunity for participants to share the barriers women-owned businesses are facing. Please note, the below webinars are open to all Illinois small business owners. However, DCEO recognizes that there are unique challenges that women-owned business owners face and will speak to those concerns in this webinar series.

If you have questions, please contact Ibie at Ibie.Hart@Illinois.gov. The web link will be sent the day before.

Dates and Times:

- Monday, May 4, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. for African American business owners
- Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. for Asian American business owners
- Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. for Latina American business owners
- Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. for Native American business owners
- Friday, May 8, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. for Veteran and women with disabilities businesses
- Saturday, May 9, 2020 at 11:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m. for women businesses of all identities

For all webinars please register: <https://bit.ly/3eNNC1S>

For minority-owned business related questions please email OMEE at CEO.OMEE@illinois.gov.

For help reducing the impact of COVID-19 on our communities, please visit: <https://bit.ly/2z1u35x>

Sincerely,

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