



Workshop Schedule

SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 2020

Workshop schedule is subject to change. Advance registration highly encouraged.

COVID - 19 Business Trends & Tips | Sept. 10th 5:00-6:00pm | Oct. 22nd 5:00- 6:00PM

COVID-19 has reshaped local economies. Now more than ever, entrepreneurs and business owners need to stay aware of shifts and changes in the economy, including but not limited to, shifting consumer behavior, industry trends, public safety regulations & new demographics.

[Register](#)

Starting your Business in Illinois | Sept. 17th 5:00-6:00pm | Oct. 8th 5:00-6:00pm

For entrepreneurs in the early start-up and design stage of the business, the workshop offers a high level view of what it takes to launch your business, develop a business plan, and the many resources available to you. This workshop is made available on a monthly basis. (A recorded version is available on demand. Please contact IL SBDC Director Jason Rebello for access)

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Grant Accountability Transparency Act | Sept. 24 5:00 - 6:00pm | Oct. 15 5:00 - 6:00pm

Any organization seeking grants from the State of Illinois must meet requirements of and adhere to the Grant accountability and Transparency Act (GATA). All applicants and grantees must comply with GATA grant requirements and GATA pre-qualification requirements must be completed before a grant is submitted.

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Tech Start-Up 101 | Oct. 1st 5:00- 6:00PM | Oct. 29th 5:00 - 6:00pm | Dec. 3rd 5:00 - 6:00pm

This webinar is an opportunity for current or prospective tech entrepreneurs to ask questions from tech entrepreneurs in residence as well as learn and discuss trends in the tech startup world.

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Biz Certifications | Nov. 5th 5:00 - 6:00pm

Becoming a certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Women's Business Enterprise (WBE), or a Veteran's Business Enterprise (VBE) is another tool to add to your marketing kit that helps promote your company to major corporations that are actively seeking to conduct business with minority/woman/veteran owned business(es). These certifications are accepted by more than 1,000 corporations representing America's most prestigious brands, in addition to many states, cities and other entities.

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For more information contact Jason Rebello, Illinois Small Business Development Center Director, at jrebello@westsideforward.org or call 773-694-3029.

Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance. Email sbdc@westsideforward.org or 773-694-3029.

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