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Pennsylvania SBDC Partnering with SBDCs in Colorado, North Dakota, and Montana for Shale Energy Seminars for Small Businesses

SBDC Locations

Bucknell University
Clarion University
Duquesne University
Gannon University
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
Lehigh University
Lock Haven University
Penn State University
Saint Francis University
Saint Vincent College
Shippensburg University
Temple University
University of Pittsburgh
University of Scranton
The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
Widener University
Wilkes University

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. – The [Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers](#) (SBDC) have teamed up with their counterparts in Colorado, North Dakota, and Montana to [host a series of workshops in May for small business owners on shale energy supply chain opportunities and weathering the boom/bust industry cycles](#). The no-cost events are targeted to companies currently working or those looking to find opportunities in the shale energy sector.

“We are very excited to share the knowledge of what we have learned in Pennsylvania with our colleagues in the west,” said Nancy Crickman, Director of Environmental, Energy, and Technology Services for the Pennsylvania SBDC. “The shale energy industry is constantly evolving, which is why we are encouraging all business owners in the industry to attend,” she added.

The workshops will provide attendees with an overview of the shale energy industry, and discuss current trends and statistics, while also reviewing smart steps to business resiliency and sustainability. Each session will also feature a panel discussion with local and national experts in the field.

Shale Energy Supply Chain seminars will be held in the following locations:

Colorado

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

3700 Golden Street (Riverside Public Library and Cultural Center)

Evans, Colorado 80620

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Online Registration: <http://pasbdc.ticketleap.com/shale-energy-supply-chain-sustainability-workshop-colorado/details>

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North Dakota

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

1679 6th Ave. West (Strom Center at Dickinson State University)

Dickinson, ND 58601

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Online Registration: <http://pasbdc.ticketleap.com/north-dakota-shale-energy-supply-chain-sustainability-workshop/get-there/>

Montana

Thursday, May 14, 2015

1201 West Holly Street (Community Service Building)

Sidney, MT 59270

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Online Registration: <http://pasbdc.ticketleap.com/montana/>

Admission to all of the seminars is free of charge, but pre-registration is required.

Since 2009 the Pennsylvania SBDC has provided services to small business owners across Pennsylvania working in the Marcellus Shale regions. Small businesses, regardless of proximity to a primary drilling location, may be able to take advantage of supply chain opportunities to grow their business. Through a strategic business plan to enter the market, savvy business owners are able to find new opportunities in this expanding industry in Pennsylvania.

[Shale Energy Services](#) offered by the Pennsylvania SBDC include:

- Business planning
- Marketing & identifying new markets: international and with the government
- Identifying shale energy supply chain opportunities
- Information on gas utilization opportunities
- Educational Seminars
- Information on financing and other incentives

Business owners are encouraged to contact their [local SBDC](#) today or sign up for a [workshop](#) in their area to learn more.

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About Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers (SBDC)

The Pennsylvania SBDC network is the only statewide, nationally accredited program that provides high quality one-on-one consulting, training and information resources to empower new and existing businesses. SBDC consultants work with entrepreneurs in confidential, individualized sessions to help them with a range of business issues including testing a new business proposition, shaping a business plan, investigating funding opportunities, and much more. The SBDC program is a public/private partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and 18 universities and colleges across the Commonwealth. For more information on the Pennsylvania SBDC services and impact, please visit www.pasbdc.org.