

USDA and SBA offer joint training Session on Business & Industry Programs

USDA and SBA are joining to offer a business programs seminar. It's a great opportunity to meet the State Office staff of Business programs and Area Office staff covering your area. You will learn something new and get your questions answered July 24, 2007 10 am to 12 noon. Please register at: 360-704-7736

Guaranteed Loans & Community Facilities

Lenders can take advantage of USDA Guaranteed loan funds for Community Facility construction and expansion. Eligible facilities include schools, child care, public safety (including communication centers), public services, such as adult day care, shelters, city halls, community centers, parking and street improvements, libraries, museums, fairgrounds, and more.

NOFA- Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) invites application from intermediary organizations that will provide financial and technical assistance to recipients to develop capacity/ability to undertake housing, community facilities, or community and economic development. Deadline is September 6, 2007. Information at: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/rcdi/index.htm>

Intermediary Relending Program (IRP) Fills business loan gaps



Better than a box of Chocolates

ShoreBank Enterprise Cascadia made an investment with IRP funds in Coastal Candies & Gifts in Ocean Park.

Cheryl Holtry, Owner of Coastal Candies understands the importance of creative marketing by networking with other local retailers to strengthen local business and local economy.

USDA funds provided to Intermediaries, are in turn used to finance businesses and community development projects in rural areas, which for this program includes cities with populations of 25,000 or less. Eligible Intermediaries include public bodies, nonprofit corporations, Indian tribes, and cooperatives.

IRP Lenders covering Counties in the SW Area of Washington State are:

The Lending Network covers , Lewis, Cowlitz, and southern Thurston Counties. Contact 360-740-6960 or tgunn@localaccess.com

ShoreBank Enterprise Cascadia covers Grays Harbor, Pacific, Mason, Wahkiakum, Clallam and Jefferson Counties. Call 360-642-4265 or check their website at www.sbpac.com

Evergreen Community Development Association may be reached at 260-577-1432 or ckaasa@ecda.com

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) at 206-595-0671 w.atniedc.com/programs/RLF

Questions or comments? Email carlotta.donisi@wa.usda.gov or call 360-704-7760 Or click [here](#) to visit the USDA Rural Development Washington State Website.

[USDA Rural Development National Office Website](#)

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USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Washington D.C. 20250-9410
[EEO/CR Statement](#)

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Cascade Hardwood, Chehalis
Coast Seafood, South Bend

Spotlight

"Thank you" to The Bank of the Pacific in Aberdeen for requesting E-news from the Olympia Area Office, Rural Development

Welcome to our first issue; Please make comment and offer suggestions for information you want to see.

"Increasing economic opportunity and improving the quality of life for people in rural America is the goal of USDA"