

City of Cambridge Economic Development Division Newsletter

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Happy Fall from the Economic Development Division!

This newsletter provides information on fall workshops and business development news here in Cambridge.

Upcoming Fall Workshops

[Cambridge Business Assistance Programs Info Session](#)

This session presents the City of Cambridge's resources available to assist entrepreneurs and small business owners. Find out if you meet the eligibility guidelines for free business development programs and services.

Date: Thursday, September 25, 2008

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Location: Cambridge City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway, 2nd floor Community Room.

Cost: Free.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Contact Rona Holmes at 617-349-4637, rholmes@cambridgema.gov.

[Sell it On eBay](#)

Have you shopped on eBay, and now you would like to learn how to sell and ship? This class will teach you how to start your own home-based online business or diversify your existing storefront business by selling and shipping items online using eBay and the United States Postal Service.

Date: Thursday, September 30, 2008

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Cambridge City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway, 2nd floor Community Room

Cost: Free.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Contact Rona Holmes at 617-349-4637, rholmes@cambridgema.gov.

[Massachusetts Department of Revenue Small Business Workshop Tax Workshop](#)

The City of Cambridge and the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) invite you to the Small Business Workshop (SBW). The workshop is presented by DOR and is designed for the tax novice. The workshop will cover topics such as registering your business with DOR, meeting employer responsibilities, reporting business income, filing sales and use tax returns, sales tax responsibilities and more!

Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2008

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Cambridge City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway, 2nd floor Community Room

Cost: Free.

Preregistration is required. Contact the Department of Revenue at 617-877-5660 or register at: [The DOR Website](#)

Quick Links...

- [Economic Development Division's Small Business Assistance](#)
- [City of Cambridge Calendar of Events](#)
- [Economic Development Staff Contacts](#)
- [Economic Development Division Brochure](#)
- [Economic Development Division Homepage](#)

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Commercial Lending and Current Trends in Bank Financing Event

Interested in finding out about the current lending market? Want to learn more about what Cambridge local banks have to offer? At this event you will hear from representatives from Cambridge Savings Bank, East Cambridge Savings Bank and Cambridge Trust Company on their current commercial lending services. After a brief presentation you will be able to network with the bank representatives about ways to sustain and grow your business.

Date: Thursday, November 13, 2008

Time: 8:00 A. M. 9:30 A. M.

Location: Cambridge City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway, 2nd floor Community Room.

Cost: Free.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Contact Rona Holmes at 617-349-4637, rholmes@cambridgema.gov.

SOMBWA Information Session

A free SOMWBA Certification Information Session will be held by the State Office of Minority and Women Business Assistance and sponsored by the Community Development Department. This info session will present the requirements for state certification of minority (MBE) and woman business enterprises (WBE).

City and state agencies purchase millions of dollars worth of products and services from MBE and WBE-certified businesses. If your business has a product or service which city and state agencies purchase, you could benefit from this certification.

Date: October 28, 2008

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Location: City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway, 4th floor Conference Room. Free for all participants.

Cost: Free.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. [Click here to register for this event](#). For questions regarding this workshop please contact Rona Holmes at 617-349-4637, rholmes@cambridgema.gov.

Accessibility Requirements for Businesses

Earlier this year, the Cambridge City Council passed an amendment to the City's Human Rights Ordinance, patterned after the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, requiring businesses that provide goods and services to the public to eliminate barriers that impede access for people with disabilities, whenever it is readily achievable to do so. To learn more about local, state and federal access requirements, and how the City can assist Cambridge businesses to meet their obligation to provide accessibility, please follow this [link](#).

For more information on this subject, please visit the [Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities](#) website.

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