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**Area Chambers of Commerce, Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois  
& U.S. Bank to host Building Blocks for Business Recovery Series**

**Granite City, IL., June 14, 2010...** The Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce, along with Troy/Maryville/St. Jacob Chamber of Commerce, Collinsville Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Commerce of Southwestern Madison County, O'Fallon-Shiloh Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois, and U.S. Bank, the #1 Small Business Association lender in the area, are bringing you a summer education series, *Building Blocks for Business Recovery*.

The series of three presentations is designed to inform small business owners, economic developers and public officials of the federal, state and local incentives, funding sources, job training assistance, and energy efficiency programs that produce cost savings and improve profitability opportunities.

"This nation's economic recovery will be built upon the foundation of small businesses, entrepreneurs and enterprising communities. To ensure their success, it is critical that we provide them with timely information and the right tools. This is why this series of presentations is so important," stated Brian Simmons, Branch Manager with U.S. Bank and program sponsor.

The June 22 session will focus on incentives, with representatives from the Internal Revenue Service and Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity speaking about incentives to hire, health care tax credits, and job creation tax credit for small businesses.

The July 20 program will cover small business and asset financing programs and a wide range of funding for job training with presentations by Madison County Treasury, Madison County Employment & Training, and SomerCore 504 Inc.RMI.

At the August 24 session, speakers from Ameren's "Act On Energy" initiative, the St. Louis Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council and Day & Night Solar, will discuss energy efficiency programs and potential savings on utility cost.

Each of the three sessions will be hosted from 7:30-9:30am at the Double Tree Inn & Conference Center in Collinsville, IL. The cost is \$18 per session, or \$45 for all three sessions. A full breakfast is included.

Call the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber office at 618.656.7600 to reserve your seat. Payment is accepted via check, MasterCard or VISA. For the most up-to-date information and to download the postcard with RSVP form, visit [www.chamberswmadisoncounty.com](http://www.chamberswmadisoncounty.com).

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