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Rural Small Business Lending Forum

"Building Rural Prosperity Through Access to Capital"

Discuss efforts to build rural prosperity by increasing access to capital in rural areas. Learn more about resources available to help reduce risks associated with lending to rural small businesses. Network with lenders and resource providers from across the region. This event is intended for banks, commercial lenders, CDFIs, and non-profit lending organizations.

Thursday, September 6, 2018
11:30am to 3:00pm

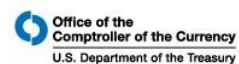
Press Room at The Herald-Mail

100 Summit Avenue Hagerstown, Maryland 21740

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Rural Small Business Lending Forum Agenda Thursday, September 6, 2018

11:30 am	Registration
12:00 pm	Welcoming Remarks / Working Lunch Begins Welcoming remarks will address the latest reforms, innovations, and partnerships to expand access to capital in rural areas and increase rural prosperity.
12:15 pm	Regulator Panel Important updates from regulators and a featured presentation about the 2017 Small Business Credit Survey. Featuring panelists from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation• Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond• Office of the Comptroller of the Currency
1:00 pm	Break
1:15 pm	Lending Resources Panel Highlighting federal, state, and regional resources available to help reduce risks associated with commercial lending in rural areas.
2:00 pm	Lender Experience Panel Lenders share their experience using available resources to help rural entrepreneurs and small businesses secure capital to start, grow, and expand.
2:30 pm	Networking Opportunity to discuss specific projects with resource providers, connect with presenters, and visit exhibit tables.
3:00 pm	Adjourn

Agenda subject to change.



Rural Small Business Lending Forum Registration and Event Information

Rural communities prosper when local businesses can access capital to start, grow, and expand. But small businesses in rural areas face unique challenges that may impede their ability to secure investment from commercial lenders.

Discuss efforts to build rural prosperity by increasing access to capital in rural areas at the Rural Small Business Lending Forum. Learn more about resources available to help reduce risks associated with lending to rural small businesses. Network with other lenders and resources providers from across the region.

Intended Audience

This educational forum is intended for banks, commercial lenders, CDFIs, and non-profit lending organizations. This forum will provide an overview of select federal, state, and local resources available to commercial lenders reduce risks associated with commercial lending in rural areas.

Registration

To register online, click [HERE](#) or visit this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/hJnxzTptpacZCa0E2>.

Registration closes on Wednesday, August 29, 2018. There is no cost to attend. Space is limited. This event is fully accessible. Reasonable accommodations will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance. For questions about registration or to make a reasonable accommodate request, please contact [Mercedes McCoy](#) at (302) 857-3616.

Exhibitor Information

Exhibit tables may be available for interested organizations. There is no cost to exhibit. Space is extremely limited. Exhibit tables will be provided on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact [Melissa Micek](#) at (302) 857-3584 for more information.

Parking & Directions

The Rural Small Business Lending Forum will be held at the [Press Room at The Herald-Mail](#) located at 100 Summit Avenue Hagerstown, Maryland 21740. There is no cost for parking. [Click here for directions.](#)