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Kifowit Partnering With CMS to Host Small Business Networking and Resources Workshop

AURORA, Ill. – Working to give area small businesses the best opportunity to grow, state Rep. Stephanie Kifowit, D-Oswego, is partnering with the Department of Central Management Services (CMS) Business Enterprise Program (BES), area legislators, and other local organizations to host a ‘Make a Connection’ networking and resource program on Friday, June 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Waubensee Community College-Aurora Campus, located at 18 South River Street in Aurora.

“Our area is home to a number of diverse small businesses who help employ thousands of hardworking Illinoisans,” Kifowit said. “This untapped potential offers an opportunity for the state to invest in its residents and directly benefit the local economy.”

Businesses attending ‘Make a Connection’ will learn more information about how to participate in the state of Illinois’ procurement and contracting processes. Attendees will also have the opportunity to network with other professionals and gain access to state and local resources. Other contributors to this event include, Congressman Bill Foster, Mayor Tom Weisner City of Aurora, Sen. Linda Holmes, Rep. Linda Chapa La Via, Kane County, Small Business Development Center at Waubensee Community College, and Seize the Future Development Foundation

“With so many programs, it can sometimes be overwhelming for businesses to figure out which is right for them,” Holmes said. “The workshops and one-on-one assistance at this event will give entrepreneurs an edge over the competition.”

A variety of workshops will be offered including, certificate programs for businesses owned minorities, women, persons with disabilities, and veterans. Booth exhibitors of other state and local resources will also be on hand to share information about their programs.

“Today, networking is absolutely critical for achieving our life goals. I never even considered running for state representative until I mingled at an event like the one we are hoping to organize,” Chapa LaVia said.

“Someone came up to me, heard my story and said, ‘if you ran, I’m sure you could win.’ Because of my personal experience with networking events, I highly encourage you to come and discover what your peers think you are capable of.”

This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Registration for this event is recommended. For more information and to register, please visit www.CMS.Illinois.gov/Events. For more information, please contact Kifowit’s constituent service office by phone at [630-585-1308](tel:630-585-1308), by email at Stephanie.Kifowit@att.net, or by visiting www.ILDistrict84.com.