

## ON THE HORIZON



Rockford Area Ventures at the EIGERlab is now a member of The National Business Incubation Association (NBIA) who is the world's leading organization advancing business incubation and entrepreneurship. Each year, the NBIA provides thousands of professionals with information, education advocacy and networking resources to bring excellence to the process of assisting early-stage companies while advancing the creation process to increase entrepreneurial success and individual opportunity, strengthening communities worldwide.

**November 2, 2009 Manufacturer's Council Meeting (Classroom) 7:00 a.m.**

**November 4, 2009 Make More Money In Your Business (Tee Vue) 6:00 p.m.**



The Illinois Small Business Development Center at Rock Valley College where "helping you to grow your business is our business" will be hosting a series of interactive forums for small businesses at the EIGERlab located at 605 Fulton Avenue in Rockford. Regional experts have been selected to speak on topics regarding employee relationship building; public relations; understanding the lending process; and pro-active tax planning.

Location: EIGERlab

**Date & Time: Wednesday, November 4, 2009**

**6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**Rebecca Kopf, President of PR Etc., will present "Marketing on a Shoestring."**

**Date & Time: Wednesday, November 11, 2009**

**6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**Kris King, a regional expert on SBA lending will provide participants with insights into "the mind of the banker" that will help you get the funding you need.**

**Date & Time: Wednesday, November 18, 2009**

**6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**Jim Tures, a CPA with over thirty years of experience, will be discussing why businesses should view taxes as a controllable expense.**

The cost of the series is \$40. Please call (815) 921-2081 for more information or register online at <http://ilsbdc.ecenterdirect.com>

**November 4, 2009 Patent Workshop II (Classroom) 5:30 p.m.**



**Now that you think you are ready to obtain a patent-  
Do you know.....**

- **If your idea is original.**
- **If there is a patent on your idea.**
- **Can't find these answers? What now?**
- **Do you start patent proceedings?**

**This is a free workshop and space is limited.  
Please reserve by calling 815-921-2081.**



## IN THE FUTURE

November 10, 2009 **SCORE Monthly Meeting** (Classroom/Green Vue) 9:00 a.m.

November 16, 2009 **Winnebago County Diversity Council Meeting** (Classroom) 4:00 p.m.

November 18, 2009 **OSHA Breakfast Series-**  
**OSHA Safety Committees in Action** (Green Vue) 7:30 a.m.



Every company can benefit from an effective from an effective safety committee. Unfortunately, most safety committees do not understand their purpose or the role they play in assisting management to provide a safe and healthful workplace. A successful safety committee facilitates effective hazard recognition, accurate safety recommendations, focused communications and a good relationship between employees and management. The goal is clear but the mechanism is not. Attendees will learn the benefits of the committee approach, how to develop and implement a successful safety committee, road blocks to success, how to reward a committee and how to challenge the team. To register, please contact Kelli Elliott at [kelliott@eigerlab.org](mailto:kelliott@eigerlab.org) or (815) 965-3522 for registration information.

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Please contact Mike Cobert at (815) 298-0136 for more information.

