

**MEDIA ALERT**  
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From: Sue Douglass, Exec.Dir. ....740-695-9678  
RE: DOD/CIC Participates in MCBI Business Plan Competition

The Belmont County Department of Development Community Improvement Corporation ( DOD/CIC ) announces its first activity as a hub partner with the Muskingum County Business Incubator ( MCBI ). Area small businesses are invited to join in a Business Plan Competition .The applications are due by 5pm August 19<sup>th</sup>, to the MCBI in Zanesville, Ohio.

“This is an opportunity for our small business developers to go a step farther in the development of their business ideas and plans”, said Sue Douglass, executive director of the DOD/CIC. “As our office has been working intensely with area small business developers, we have emphasized having them focus on specific goals and activities. With the chance to enter into a competition, they can fine-tune their ideas which may become prize-winning. This is completely a voluntary exercise , though we do encourage businesses to try for it.”

The winner receives a \$5000 cash prize, along with \$5000 worth of individualized services, which include CPA and attorney consultations, and a one year paid MCBI Affiliate Client membership.

The St. Clairsville DOD/CIC office is a hub location for the MCBI , meaning it can offer more resources in more efficient ways to the area small business community. The local hub office will join in with MCBI and eventually also build specific local activities generated by the area hub.

For information about this specific contest, contact the MCBI at 740-453-3649, or [jsherman@mcbi.info](mailto:jsherman@mcbi.info)

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