

**DOD/CIC announces
public service partnership with the Martins Ferry Times Leader.....**

Starting in November 2010, the DOD/CIC will provide the paper with lists of current business resources available in the area. The notices will be for information only, with brief descriptions plus contact information. Our office will remain the prime point of contact, as usual. The request is to have the events listed on the website calendar, and then have them appear in the *print edition of the business section on the first Sunday of each month.*

This “Resource Review” partnership with the newspaper will allow for a wider distribution of the many educational/informational and support service opportunities we receive. The events will be workshops, seminars, or special class sessions. Topics will range from the business basics to special issues such as tax laws and healthcare issues, new laws, regulations, etc. *Most of them will be within a 50 mile or less travel area , and costs are usually nominal or free.*

All of the local business region may be interested in some of the topics, especially those dealing with federal legislation and basic business development. While these resources are aimed at Belmont County, they are not exclusive to the county. These opportunities are not designed to replace or replicate actual course work or academic degrees in business; they are enhanced procedures for on-going education in business. The goal is to facilitate any and all business assistance we can in order to provide new, established or potential businesses all the help they need.

While it does remain a huge challenge to fund monies to businesses, it is information which may in fact be more critical. Knowing how, when and where dollars can be used, getting maximum benefits from dollars, being able to access value-priced services, and maximizing the use of paid services can often be the difference between surviving and/or succeeding. There is a wide and comprehensive network of professional resources available; the DOD/CIC is your gateway to them.

The DOD/CIC is the local county business hub office for the 9 county MCBI Business Incubator; we are directly partnered with the local Small Business development Center (SBDC) in Cambridge, Ohio. With our extensive network of professional colleagues, we can reach out in diverse and creative ways to assist the business community.

Unless otherwise noted, the DOD/CIC office can be reached for business resources connections and/or private consultations. The DOD/CIC office also has printed materials available from all of our partners. Appointments are preferable if more than incidental information is needed. The office can be reached at 740-695-9678, and is located at 117 East Main Street, St. Clairsville, OH. Email is available through the website www.belmontcic.com or www.belmontdod.com