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"Small businesses are the backbone of western Pennsylvania's economy," Altmire said. "I hope my small business workshop series will help local entrepreneurs learn about resources available at the state and the federal level that can help them expand their operations. One of my top priorities as a Congressman is connecting local business owners to resources that can help them strengthen our region's economy."

As the Chairman of the House Small Business Committee on Investigations and Oversight, Congressman Altmire has been a strong advocate for small businesses. Congressman Altmire's bill to expand funding and support for veterans who own small businesses was signed into law this February. Congressman Altmire has also introduced legislation to improve small businesses' access to venture capital, which overwhelmingly passed the House in September.

Unless otherwise noted, the small business workshops are free. To reserve a place at one of the workshops or to get more information, local entrepreneurs should email altmire.workshop@mail.house.gov or call Congressman Altmire's Aliquippa District Office at (724) 378-0928.

Friday, June 13 -- SBIR: Commercializing Your Product with the U.S. Department of Defense

Regional Learning Alliance

850 Cranberry Woods Drive

Cranberry, PA 16066

7:30 a.m. -- 4:00 p.m.

The Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program has helped thousands of small businesses partner with the federal government to develop cutting-edge goods and services. At this workshop, which is being co-sponsored by the Pittsburgh Technology Council, experts will teach local entrepreneurs how to write successful SBIR proposals so they can secure funding to develop and commercialize new products.

* Registration fees are \$55 for members of the Pittsburgh Technology Council, with a \$10 discount for additional people from the same company, and \$85 for non-members. *

Monday, July 14 -- Contracting 101: How the Government Can Become One of Your Best Customers

La Roche College Square

9000 Babcock Boulevard

McCandless, PA 15237

1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The federal government spends \$400 billion each year on contracting. Local entrepreneurs can learn from experts about what services the government is looking for and how you can give your business a competitive edge in securing contracts with government agencies and large private firms in the area.

Monday, August 11 - How to Start Your Own Business

Harmar Municipal Building

701 Freeport Road

Cheswick, PA 15024

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

This workshop will cover the basics of starting a business, including how to develop a business plan, manage finances, complete required forms, establish business structures, and utilize professional support services.