

- Adelante Mujeres
- Affiliated Tribes of the NW Indians
- CAMEO
- CASA of Oregon
- CASH Oregon
- Chemeketa Center for Business & Industry
- City of Maupin
- Clackamas Community College SBDC
- Clackamas County
- Danny Crossman
- David B. Foster
- Eagle Tech Systems/Warm Springs
- e-Dev
- Food Innovation Center
- Food Roots – Tillamook County
- Hacienda CDC
- Illinois Valley Community Development Organization (IVCDO)
- Jon Turino
- Kathi Jaworski, Write To Know Consulting
- Lane Community College Business Development & Employee Training
- Lewis & Clark Law School Small Business Legal Clinic
- Lower Columbia Community Action Council
- Maura Schwartz
- Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon
- MERIT (MicroEnterprise Resources, Initiatives & Training)
- MicroMentor
- Native American Youth & Family Center (NAYA)
- Neighborhood Economic Development Corp (NEDCO)
- Next Door Inc.
- North Santiam Canyon Economic Development Corp (NSDEDC)
- Northeast Oregon Economic Development District (NEOEDD)
- Oregon Coast Community College SBDC
- Oregon Country Fair
- Oregon Native American Business & Entrepreneurial Network (ONABEN)
- Partnership to End Poverty
- Polk Community Development Corp
- Portland Community College SBDC
- Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives Inc (PCRI)
- Portland Development Commission – Economic Opportunity Initiative
- PSU-Business Outreach Program
- Rogue Community College SBDC
- Rural Development Initiatives, Inc.
- ShoreBank Enterprise Cascadia
- Sterling Savings Bank
- Treasure Valley Community College SBDC
- Umpqua Community College SBDC
- Umpqua CDC
- U.S. Small Business Administration
- Washington State Microenterprise Association
- Wells Fargo
- Wildhorse Resort Business Service Center
- Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services
- WyEast Resource Development Council



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OMEN Membership Renewal Reminder

Dear Entrepreneurship and Small Business Supporter:

As a valued partner, I hope you will join OMEN for another year as we work together, helping Oregon's small businesses succeed. Enclosed is an invoice for your 2011-2012 membership dues. Your membership is good for one year from the date of payment. You may also pay online at: <http://www.oregon-microbiz.org/members/join-omen/>. In order to vote for Board of Directors candidates at the OMEN Annual Meeting, dues must be paid by October 11, 2011.

Successes in 2011!

- Resource Guide & Online Resources: OMEN published its 2011-2012 Microenterprise Resource Guide and Directory, helping entrepreneurs locate your services, and helping you keep in touch with other Entrepreneurship Development leaders like yourself.
- Best Practices Training: OMEN is hosting its annual Summit on Entrepreneurship on October 12th and 13th in Portland. We look forward to seeing you there! Please visit our website for registration details and the full agenda.
- MarketLink: This year, MarketLink has conducted outreach into all 36 Oregon counties and will serve over 200 entrepreneurs, with special attention given to developing creative ways that small businesses can access new markets in a down economy.
- Advocacy and Public Education: OMEN continued to communicate the message in the 2011 Oregon legislative session that *locally grown small businesses are the key to job creation and economic recovery*. We are pleased that significant progress was made in the Economic Gardening realm, and a Pilot program should be launched in early 2012.

Looking Ahead to 2012:

- OMEN Asset Building Corps: Eighteen (18) OMEN members are hosting VISTA volunteers at their organizations for the 2011-2012 service term. These talented VISTAs are growing their host organizations' capacities to spur local economic recovery by raising funding resources and developing new services to further OMEN members' impacts.
- Expanding the CapitalLink Program: OMEN has expanded its lending territory to include all Oregon small businesses except those located within Portland's city limits. For more information on additional improvements to the CapitalLink program, visit <http://www.oregon-microbiz.org/programs/capitallink/>.
- Advocacy & Public Education: OMEN will actively promote its members and microenterprise service delivery in the 2012 state legislative session, and is committed to working at the federal level with Oregon's elected officials as well as USDA, HUD, SBA, DHHS, EDA, and the White House to ensure that your voice is heard. We need your collaboration, your wisdom, and your insights from the field to continue making the compelling case that small businesses and their economic impacts are positioned at the forefront of Oregon's recovery.

It is our goal to be responsive to your changing needs. OMEN's staff is here to serve you – to listen, to share critical information and to design programs that will inspire you and assist you with the important work you are doing. We look forward to continuing our work together.

In partnership,

Valerie Plummer

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Executive Director

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