

-Affiliated Tribes of NW Indians (ATNI EDC)
 -Alliance of Portland Neighborhood Business Associations (APNBA)
 -AVITA & Associates
 -Baker County
 -Blue Mountain Community College SBDC
 -California Association for Microenterprise Opportunity (CAMEO)
 -CASA of Oregon
 -Cascades West Council of Governments
 -CASH Oregon
 -Chase
 -Chemeketa SBDC-MERIT Program
 -City of Maupin
 -Clackamas Community College SBDC
 -Clackamas County
 -Clatsop Community College SBDC
 -Columbia Gorge Community College SBDC
 -Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation
 -Danny Crossman, Independent Consultant
 -East County One Stop (ECOS)
 -Eastern Oregon University SBDC
 -Eugene Saturday Market
 -Food Innovation Center
 -Food Roots – Tillamook County
 -Governor's Office-Advocate for Minority, Women & Emerging Small Business
 -Hacienda CDC
 -Key Bank
 -Lake County Development Corporation (LCDC)
 -Lane Community College Business Development Center & Employee Training
 -Lane County Farmers Market
 -e-Dev (formerly Lane MicroBusiness)
 -Linn-Benton Community College SBDC
 -Maura Schwartz, Independent Consultant
 -McMinnville Downtown Association
 -Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon (MESO)
 -MicroMentor/Mercy Corps
 -Mt. Hood Community College SBDC
 -Neighborhood Partnerships
 -Northeast Oregon Economic Development District (NEOEDD)
 -North/Northeast Business Association
 -Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME)
 -Oregon Coast Community College SBDC
 -Oregon Council for Business Education- Oregon Crafted
 -Oregon Country Fair
 -Oregon Business Development Department
 -Oregon Employment Department – Self Employment Assistance Program (SEAP)
 -Oregon Native American Business & Entrepreneurial Network (ONABEN)
 -Oregon Opportunity Network
 -O.U.R. Federal Credit Union
 -Partnership to End Poverty
 -Polk CDC
 -Portland Business Alliance
 -Portland Community College SBDC
 -Portland Development Commission/Economic Opportunity Initiative
 -Portland Saturday Market
 -PSU-Business Outreach Program
 -REACH CDC
 -Rogue Community College SBDC
 -Rose Community Development
 -Rural Development Initiatives, Inc.
 -ShoreBank Enterprise Cascadia
 -Southern Oregon Regional Economic Development, Inc. (SOREDI)
 -Southern Oregon University SBDC
 -Sterling Savings Bank
 -Sustainable Northwest
 -Treasure Valley Community College SBDC
 -Trillium Artisans
 -US Bank
 -Umpqua Community College SBDC
 -Umpqua CDC
 -Warm Springs – Eagle Tech Systems
 -Washington State Microenterprise Assoc.
 -Wells Fargo
 -Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services
 -WyEast Resource Development Council, Inc.
 -Yamhill CDC



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Membership Renewal Reminder

Dear Entrepreneurship and Small Business Supporter:

I hope you will join OMEN for another year as we work together, helping Oregon's smallest businesses succeed. Enclosed is an invoice for your 2009-2010 membership dues. Your membership is good for one year from the date of payment.

Successes in 2008-2009!

On behalf its members and partners, OMEN recently expanded several member services:

- **MarketLink:** This year, MarketLink has continued to provide high-quality, customized market research to your clients, conducting over 230 queries. Special attention was given this year to developing creative ways that microenterprises can access new markets in a down economy. To this point, MarketLink expanded its services to helping microenterprises access social media and develop selling strategies that emphasize sales to local consumers.
- **Best Practices Training:** OMEN hosted the 2008 NW Summit on Entrepreneurship last October, featuring various keynote speakers, 15 expert training sessions and a networking reception celebrating OMEN's 10th Anniversary. Over 130 individuals attended last year's event.
- **OMEN Asset Building Corps:** Collectively, the 2008-2009 VISTAs helped raise over \$728,866 in financial resources, \$29,393 in in-kind donations and recruited 3,546 community volunteers to contribute over 18,208 hours of service to their non-profit host organizations.
- **Strategic Plan 2009-2011:** With input from members, staff and its board of directors, OMEN completed its 2009-2011 Strategic Plan to ensure a bright future for the organization and for small business and entrepreneur development in Oregon through 2011 and beyond.
- **Advocacy and Public Education:** Based upon the OMEN member Policy Priorities Survey, OMEN educated state, local and federal policymakers during the 2009 Legislative Session about the impact of your work and published the 2009 Public Education document. OMEN also conducted the Small Business Data Collection Survey. According to survey results collected in early 2009, OMEN members worked with over 12,000 entrepreneurs in 2008, creating 2,067 new jobs and retaining 10,812 existing jobs. 62% of these entrepreneurs were low-income, 54% were women and 32% were ethnic minorities.
- **Staying Alive!** The past several months have been challenging for Oregon's small business owners, as well as your organizations. We're so pleased that so many of you continue to provide skilled assistance and guidance to Oregon's small business owners at the time when it is most needed.

Looking ahead to 2010:

- **Membership Development & Training:** OMEN is hosting the 2009 Oregon Summit on Entrepreneurship on October 16th in Salem. The Summit will include 10 training opportunities on various small business and entrepreneur development topics. If you have not yet registered for the Summit, you can do so today on our website, www.oregon-microbiz.org! Members receive a discounted rate.
- **Rural Outreach:** OMEN will continue to support entrepreneurs through outreach to rural areas by providing additional training opportunities through webinars, increasing our online resources on OMEN's website and providing VISTA volunteers to build the capacity of Oregon's rural small business development organizations.
- **Expansion of the OMEN Asset Building Corps:** As a result of funding from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, twenty new VISTAs start their year of service this August at OMEN member organizations throughout the state to build the capacity of their host organizations.

It is our goal to be responsive to your changing needs. Please don't hesitate to contact us with ideas for ways we can better serve you. Please join OMEN as we support your work, to ensure that Oregon's disadvantaged entrepreneurs have access to the training, services, and capital they need for success.

In partnership,

Valerie Plummer
Executive Director